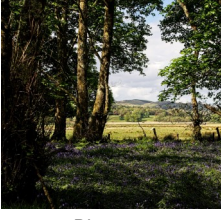


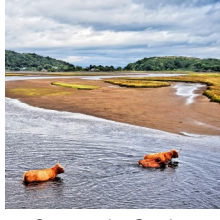
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Directors



For those of you who were unable to get to the AGM in Oct we thought it would be nice if you could see who the newly appointed Directors are. Please do not hesitate to approach one of us if you have any ideas or can help us to make Dunadd the best place to live and work in Argyll.

Left to right David Bracken, Di Roberts, Stephen Carter, Chris Carr, Alan McLean, Gary Linstead

Development Officer

As you may have seen from recent articles in the Argyll Advertiser, we have successfully secured funding for a Development Officer from the A'Chruach Windfarm Community Fund. We are pleased to say that Alison McIlroy has been contracted to work with us for a year. Alison comes with experience of working with local communities and a wealth of local contacts. One of her main tasks will be to secure funding for and carry out the feasibility study for the potential purchase of Kilmartin Church. Alison will also be looking into the development of revenue-generating projects.

Kilmartin Church



Kilmartin Museum and the Community Enterprise have been working closely together since the Church of Scotland made it clear that they would only sell the church and the glebe field together. The Museum has proposed additional parking in the field to accommodate the extra visitors once the Museum is extended. Until a comprehensive feasibility study is complete, we are not in a position to say whether we want to purchase the church or not. A benefactor has stepped forward who is willing to buy the church in the meantime. A memorandum is now in place between us and benefactor giving us plenty of time to carry out an in-depth feasibility study and to raise the necessary funding should we decide to go ahead with purchasing the church.

Community Market Garden

Having identified an ideal piece of land we were very keen to get this project underway. Unfortunately, the land owner has since decided to make use of the land themselves, so we are on the lookout for some ground that we could develop into a community market garden. The aim would be to offer local, seasonal veg to hotels and restaurants as well as to the local community. We would like to partner with Argyll College to offer work placements and will look into the potential of offering an apprenticeship. So, if you know of some land that you think would be suitable please get in touch.



Bookswap



Book swap is up and running again with a few changes. As we have lost our venue in Kilmichael and few people attended the meetings in Ford, it was decided to hold one monthly meeting in Kilmartin as it was central to the three communities. We now meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Glassary, Kilmartin, Ford Parish Church from 2pm until 4.30. We have had a lively start to the year with 25 people attending in February and 29 in March. We are also trying to bring you something fresh and different each month. Having promoted Fair Trade fortnight in March, we will be having a 'vintage tea' at our April meeting and hopefully a bedding plant sale in June. Please let us know if you would like to partner up with us.

Emerging projects

Litter picking project

We are putting together an application for funding to buy moveable signs and banners, hi-vis vests and grab sticks. The idea is that the signs can be temporarily put where littering is a problem and moved about the area as and when required. The vests and grabbers will help those groups who already clean up their community to be seen and we hope, encourage more to do so. Awareness raising to eliminate or reduce the problem is the long-term aim.

Speeding Traffic

Speeding traffic in our villages has been an issue for some time. Despite regular discussions at Dunadd Community Council and it being brought to the attention of Argyll and Bute Council little has been able to be done without some quantifiable evidence. We are applying for a Dunadd Community Council Micro Grant to purchase a hand-held speed gun. The idea is not to identify individuals, but to get some idea of how often it happens and what kind of speeds vehicles are travelling within the 30 mile per hour areas in our villages.

Smart Village Scotland

Smart Village Scotland is a part of this strategy aiming to provide small towns and rural villages with their own websites and digital tourism portals as well as integrating active feeds. We are presently exploring participating in the first stream of this project.

Keeping Contact with Members

The most effective way to keep in touch with all of our members is via email. We have email address for all except three of our members. However, some of the membership forms that were returned to us had two names and one email address on a sheet. Hence the reason you may have received this newsletter more than once.

If you need to check or change your contact details please let us know through our email address website@dunadd.scot

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