

PCDT — LAUNCHES DEVELOPMENT PLAN AUGUST 2019

PCDT are pleased to announce the launch of our Community Hub Development Plan. This is published in parallel with our Stage 2 , Community Asset Transfer Application for Portpatrick Hall.

About the Development Plan

The plan has been developed by Portpatrick Community Development Trust to support our Stage 2 application in consideration of the Community Asset Transfer of Portpatrick Village Hall. However it is not all about the Village Hall.

Our proposals are for the development of a vibrant and active Community Hub delivering a wide range of real and lasting Community Benefits, bringing together elements of :



- Arts and Culture
- Sport and Recreation
- Health and Well-being
- History and Heritage
- Economic Development
- Environmental Improvement

Our starting point has been community need and the opportunities and challenges that rural communities face.

You can download a copy of the full business plan:

<http://pcdt.scot/chbp/>

by emailing a request to info@pcdt.scot

or from any PCD Committee member. You can also get the Asset

Transfer Request from D&G Council on [https://](https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/16441/Community-asset-transfers)

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by email CommunityAssetTransfer@dumgal.gov.uk or from the

Community Development and Empowerment Manager on 01387 260247

The Opportunity

The business plan is about developing a **successful** and **sustainable** Community Hub, a place where groups can come together, a facility for **all community groups** and a vehicle for delivering value and empowering community activity. Our aim is to provide the opportunity to work together to repair, renew and regenerate our community.

Our Vision

Our vision has evolved through the market research and consultation with potential partner organisations, but we are not at the end of the road, this is just the start of our journey, we will continue to listen, explore and consult and seek ways to deliver a fully inclusive and successful Community Hub that meets the needs of all of our community. We have looked at successful

models elsewhere and this has shaped what we believe can be achieved in Portpatrick.

Some Highlights from the Plan

Arts and Culture

Portpatrick is under represented in regional events like Spring Fling, D&G Arts and D&G live as well as in the rural touring activities of national bodies like Scottish Youth Theatre and RSNO. We have agreed to work alongside other local Trusts and Groups on a joined up approach, giving us a stronger voice to secure more for the Village.

Sports and Recreation

We have discussed options with various existing community groups offering a range of activities including Country Dancing, Tennis, Badminton, Netball, Trampoline, Zumba, Silver Exercise, Jive, Line Dancing and adult Tap classes. We recognise that it is important that any initiative to introduce new classes or recreation activities is not to the detriment of existing groups

Health and Well-Being

The demographics of Portpatrick present particular challenges as the population of Portpatrick is on average older. We will be working with Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership. D&GHSCP is seeking to create, deliver and sustain new models of health and social care, through partnership, helping people achieve and maintain their best possible level of wellbeing and health. This provides an opportunity to deliver health and social care services through the Community Hub.

History and Heritage

Portpatrick has a rich history and heritage. This provides opportunities for projects such as: Signposting to the historical information and links with existing resources. Providing information on walks and history trails.

Economic Development

As a Development Trust , PCDT aim to bring about long-term sustainable social and economic development and regeneration in and around Portpatrick . We are working to combine community-led action with an enterprising approach. This means that we will be looking to maximise the benefit to local business when pro-

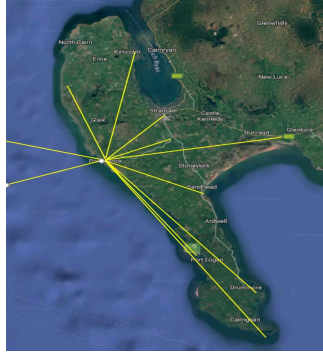
moting events or festivals and working with other event organisers in the wider area to bring benefits to Portpatrick. The very successful Skiffie Worlds in Stranraer was a case in point while we did get some benefit, a more co-ordinated response could have maximised the benefit to Portpatrick.

Environmental Improvement

Delivering environmental improvement is a key objective of PCDT. Interacting with existing and future initiatives including, operating as an information resource, about the marine and terrestrial local ecology. We can also provide and promote the opportunities to get out into the environment whether for leisure, such as walking, climbing, cycling or things to see and do locally and across the Wigtownshire and out to the wider region.

Working in partnership

An essential element of our approach is to work in partnership with other Development Trusts and Social Enterprise groups. The whole is bigger than the sum of the parts and by joining with others we will all have a stronger voice and be able to be more efficient by co-ordinating events to avoid clashes, sharing resources, joint working, joint marketing and joint fund raising.



Portpatrick Village Hall

On 31st July PCDT submitted a **Stage 2: Application for Asset Transfer** for Community Asset Transfer for the Village Hall. This is the second stage in the process and allows us to present the request for Community Asset Transfer alongside our proposed development plan.



The need for both a community based development plan and for a suitable vehicle to bring Portpatrick Village Hall into community ownership was established over three years ago, when in November 2015, Dumfries and Galloway Council

called a public meeting to seek interest from the community for the management or asset transfer of the Village Hall.

An underused hall is not an community asset but a liability, so our starting point has been community need and the development of a sound financial plan. This is presented in the full business plan. In addition, it was necessary to build community capacity. That is, a wider group of volunteers with a wider pool of resources. This is being achieved

Governance and Management

The Community Hub will be a separate project under PCDT. With its own Community Hub Management Team. This team will comprise the PCDT committee together with a volunteer group made up of active PCDT members and representatives of the partner groups and hall users. It is envisaged that the composition of this group will vary and change with time as community hub projects are developed and delivered. The Community Hub will be outward looking and will seek to engage with as wide a range of community interests as is possible.

What happens now?

This plan is only the beginning. We do hope that you will be able to join us or simply support us to develop and deliver it. You are invited to a drop-in **“Meet the Team” event on Saturday 10th August at Portpatrick Bowling Club between 10:00 and 2:00pm.**

PCDT MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to get involved in shaping our activities, delivering improvements in our local community or even just support our work? Did you know that PCDT is **open to all individuals, organisations and businesses** that support the objects and activities of the Trust.

Joining as a member of PCDT is a way of influencing, contributing and supporting PCDT’s aims and work, to make Portpatrick and the surrounding area a better place for residents, business and visitors alike.

Email: info@pcdt.scot or go onto our web site <https://pcdt.scot> where you can read about our aims and download an application form or simply register to be put on our mailing list.

There are three classes of member:

Full members (are ordinarily resident in the defined community of Portpatrick and it’s immediate environs , see web site for list of postcodes) and registered to vote in local government elections.

Associate members Associate membership is open to individuals, organisations and businesses who are not ordinarily resident in the defined Community but support the aims and objectives of PCDT.

Junior members Individuals aged between 12 and 15 who wish to become involved.



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