

## UPDATE NOVEMBER 2019

Update on the Community Asset Transfer decision and progress on development of our Community Hub Development Plan delivery programme.

### About the Development Plan

The plan was put together by Portpatrick Community Development Trust in support of our Stage 2 application, for Community Asset Transfer of Portpatrick Village Hall. As we said at the time it is not all about the Village Hall, as our proposals are for a wide range of Community Benefits, bringing together elements of :

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

Following the decision on the Hall by Dumfries and Galloway, summarized opposite, it would appear that the Village Hall shall remain in Council ownership in the meantime.

You can download a full copy of the Development plan:  
<http://pcdt.scot/chbp/> by emailing a request to [info@pcdt.scot](mailto:info@pcdt.scot) or from any PCDT Committee member.

### What happens now?

A plan is only a beginning. PCDT are now looking to bring forward initial projects to start to implement those elements of the plan that we can at this stage. The Board have identified a number of, what we feel are, priority areas. If you have other ideas or any projects that you feel should be considered as priorities please let us know.

### Working in partnership

An essential element of our approach is to help promote community groups and to work in partnership with other organisations, Development Trusts and Social Enterprise groups. We are continuing the engagement process.

### Rhins Schools Transport Project

We have had a series of meetings with on a joint initiative between ourselves, representatives of Drummorie/Kirkmaiden community groups and the head teachers of Kirkcolm, Portpatrick, Sandhead and Drummorie. We are putting together a 2-3 year project aimed at dealing with what has been termed the

### 29th October—Community Asset Transfer Decision

PCDT Community Asset Transfer request was considered at Dumfries and Galloway, Finance, Procurement and Transformation Committee. We await the full text of the decision, but it is understood that the Committee supported the Wigtown Area Committee recommendation. As regards PCDT, the decision was:

*not to recommend the transfer for reasons of the exceptionally high number of representations opposed to this community asset transfer request, and also AGREED to recommend that Portpatrick Village Hall remains open and in the ownership of Dumfries and Galloway Council - until an alternative arrangement can be agreed; and FURTHER AGREED that officers explore the potential to seek mediation through an independent national organisation.*

All the papers may be downloaded from D&C Council web site Finance, Procurement and Transformation page:

<https://dumfriesgalloway.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=552>

Of particular note is that a independent Officer panel was established to evaluate the submissions. The PCDT submission scored well with a total score of 104/150.

- Engagement 19/30
- Vision and Impact 43/60
- Sustainability & Financial 42/60

We had previously (at the Expression of Interest stage) intimated a willingness to engage in constructive mediation. Following this recommendation, we have written to confirm our continued willingness to engage in any form of independent mediation. This remains our position.

“experience gap”. The objective is to provide transport to provide a programme of experiences for primary age children in rural communities to raise aspirations, improve well being in our young children and improve life chances and opportunities in learning.

### Cat Strand

We have received an invitation to visit the Cat Strand project to look at how Cat Strand operates integrating Arts and Culture activities with community-based projects.

## Building Healthy Communities

We have met with the D&G Building Healthy Communities team to look at how we might engage with the Healthy Living Centre projects. Several options have been identified and these are being followed up.

### Portpatrick Skiff

The idea of a project for the construction of a local skiff, involving all ages and to build on the very successful initiative in Stranraer. The practicalities were discussed, and it was agreed that this was a good community based project that could be pursued. It would be a tangible outcome and provide a skiff could be used to for both leisure, community engagement and for competition. Healthy exercise and community working was mentioned as deliverable outcomes.

### Wider Partnership Opportunities

We are engaged with other local organisations to consider a local partnership for the Rihns specifically aimed at socio-economic development. We have looked at the model of the Machars economic partnership and are in discussions on the SoSEP and the need for voice for the Rihns. The South of Scotland Economic Partnership has been established to respond to the economic needs and opportunities of the South of Scotland in advance of the establishment of the new new **South of Scotland Enterprise Agency**. The Partnership brings together the private, third and further and higher education sectors, as well as the seven key public sector organisations supporting economic development in the South of Scotland.

It is worth looking at the funding already agreed: The South of Scotland Economic Partnership (SOSEP) has awarded **£7.68 mil-**

lion to projects across Dumfries & Galloway and the Scottish Borders, to provide careers opportunities and build community resilience.

<http://www.osep.co.uk/funding.html>

## Get Involved

If you would like to know more or become involved with any of the above projects please contact us at [info@pcdt.scot](mailto:info@pcdt.scot) or through one of the board members.

## Christmas Lunch



We are planning a Christmas lunch for Members, Associates and supporters to get together for a pre-Christmas lunch.

*We look forward to you joining us if you can.*

**Venue: The Galloway Bar and Restaurant**

**Date: 12th December 1:00 pm**

**Cost: 2 Course £19.95, 3 Course £24.94 with a glass of Fizz on arrival.**

Please contact Tommy Monteith or Katie Lammie for further details or email [info@pcdt.scot](mailto:info@pcdt.scot) to book.

## 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](mailto: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 its 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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