



Portpatrick Community Development Trust

PCDT—Working for the Community

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“Tomorrow will be a Good Day”



On 2nd February, Captain Sir Tom Moore died after contracting pneumonia and covid-19. Tributes from all over have filled the media, we would simply echo the words of Justin Wellby, - “His courage, compassion, resilience, hope and generosity have been an inspiration to millions – and an example to us all.” Cpt Tom rest in peace. The word that resounds throughout all the tributes is “inspiration”. Cpt Tom inspired people of all ages to get involved and to do what they can to help others.

This news is followed by the news that the Oxford /AstraZenca vaccine may have a substantial effect on transmission of coronavirus. With almost 10million people now vaccinated in the UK and the roll-out programme proceeding at pace, we can all look forward with optimism and hope. The hope that tomorrow will indeed be a good day.

In the short term the lockdown continues, the PCDT resilience team continue to help where we can. This involves immediate aid for those who are vulnerable and shielding, such as shopping and pharmacy pickups, as well as providing advocacy, sign-posting and a listening ear service. If you need help or simply someone to talk to please contact us.



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With the refit and renovation work now complete we are now looking to kit out the space. The idea is to make this area welcoming and cosy, but flexible for a number of uses with stackable chairs and folding tables. We are looking for donations of suitable furniture, books, dvd's and games.

We had hoped to have an opening in January, but lockdown has put that on hold. However, we have had a phone line installed with a broad band connection, and will be able to offer computer and internet access and a wifi access point.



This time around the need for emergency response has diminished, but the economic and social impacts continue to be felt. Loneliness, social isolation, money worries and access to social

and medical services remain issues for many.

We are all unsure how long lockdown is continuing, so we are looking at how we might open on a restricted basis as soon as the lockdown rules permit. It is likely that this will be on a reduced access appointment basis in the short term. PCDT Board continue to have a virtual meeting each week to look at what can be done and when, and make plans for supporting other community groups and supporting economic recovery. We believe that “**tomorrow will be a good day**” and are actively looking to see what we can do to make that happen.

#SupportDG Team

030 33 33 3000 www.dumgal.gov.uk/SupportDG

Friends and Family 100Club Draw **Winning Number No 83**. – Drawn January 25th 17:54 The first prize was £57.00 We have contacted the winner who has asked that the prize be donated to **Euan's Playspace**.

SMART Stranraer

PCDT are one of the groups involved in the Smart Stranraer initiative. The SMART Stranraer group is an initiative lead by the development trusts in the area with four objects.

- To promote the development of the Town of Stranraer and its environs.
- To provide a collective voice to represent the interests of the community of Stranraer and its environs.
- To respond to requests for consultation on the future of Stranraer.
- To provide a reference group and advisory group to support the commission to co-produce a refreshed vision and prioritised short -medium term action plan for Stranraer and the West.

The notion of redeveloping Stranraer for economic and social benefit in the area has been around for a very long time, but nothing much has actually happened. The East Pier and the George Hotel are symptomatic of the problem.

The idea behind "Smart Stranraer" is to promote grass routes redevelopment of the west of the region building on recent successes and deliver real progress in a series of bite-sized chunks.

While the focus of this group is on the immediate needs in Stranraer we believe that by working together we can achieve much more for the whole area for benefit of all.

We are working alongside the Development Trusts of Stranraer, Kirkcolm, Old Luce, Kirkmaiden and the Mull doing what we can to support this initiative and ensure that the rural groups in the region are well represented.

PCDT Our Values—Policy and procedures

As we grow (having reached 92 members— 60 Full members and 32 Associates), the Board have approved a new set of policies and procedures. This includes a code of conduct, safeguarding policy sets out the values of PCDT.

Our Values

- **SUPPORT** – Recognising need and acting to assist and help others.
- **INCLUSIVENESS** - We respect people, value diversity and are committed to all forms of equality.
- **KINDNESS** – Thinking and acting with care and consideration.
- **RESPECT** – Giving to others what you would like to receive yourself.
- **INTEGRITY** – Being truthful and honest in all you say and do.
- **PARTICIPATION** – We value and recognise the contribution of volunteers within organisations and communities and will work to encourage everyone to contribute to make a difference.

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Hello,

By way of introduction my name is Grant Wilson and I work as Port Officer for a fishermen's charity and am the representative for the Solway Coast.



I would like to use this newsletter to introduce 'The Fishermen's Mission' and explain what we do and what we have to offer to fishermen and their families during these difficult times.

The main aspects of our work are:

1. **Rescued at sea, involved in an accident or taken ill while fishing;**
whatever crisis fishermen face, our port staff provide vital emergency response services to the injured and shipwrecked.
2. **When fishermen and their families hit tough times, we provide a wealth of practical support;**
Immediate financial assistance towards rent, food, utility bills, school dinners or school uniform.
3. **As an ecumenical charity the Fishermen's Mission maintains a positive, loyal, and trusted Christian presence in our fishing communities.**
We offer practical and pastoral help.

If you need the Mission to respond to an emergency, need immediate financial assistance, require emotional support, or simply want a blether because you are stuck at home then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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