



Portpatrick Community Development Trust

PCDT—Working for the Community

Welcome

Welcome to our March Newsletter. It is a full year since the World Health Organization announced a global pandemic, but we now have very good grounds for optimism. Spring is just around the corner and nature is recovering from the winter. The vaccine programme is proving successful and we can look forward to a gradual easing of lock-down restrictions.

At PCDT we have been busy preparing for the coming year. We have updated our web site and would encourage you to have a look. You can get us at pcdt.scot

On the site you will find further details of the projects that we are involved in and you can register to be put on our mailing list .

Resilience & Recovery Response

As this work continues we will try to keep going as long as there is a need and as as restrictions ease we will be able to open up more and provide a wider range of services and activities to support economic and social recovery. Once we get through the immediate infection risks, with the roll-out of the vaccines it is apparent that the economic and social impacts will continue to be felt for some time.

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Our website

The Gaitherin Place

The Gaitherin Place will be developed as a community resource centre . The Gaitherin Place provides a small easily accessible space that can be used for a wide range of small social groups and special interest activities. We have now installed broadband, wifi access and telephone.

New Number 01776 **810 018**. We will be finishing the fit-out in the coming months

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 objectives and activities of the Trust. **Details overleaf.**

Friends and Family 100Club Draw **Winning Number No 98**. – Drawn February 22nd The first prize was £60.00 We have contacted the winner who as asked that the prize be donated

The Gaitherin Place will provide opportunity for social interaction, meeting and chatting with like minded individuals and forming new friendships. There are many possibilities from book and bridge clubs to more strenuous exercise like gardening, jogging or climbing. Why don't you drop us a email, if you have a hobby or interest that you would like to see represented.

At present we are looking for donations of suitable furniture, books, dvd's and games for a small community library. Drop in to see if there is anything of interest.



Coastal Rowing Club

Prior to lockdown, we received funding from **Kilgallioch Community Fund** which has allowed us to purchase a St Ayles Skiff Kit, although this project has been put on hold due to the Covid restrictions.

Stranraer Coastal Rowing has already built two St Ayles skiffs, while the Isle of Whithorn skiff project has just been completed.

We have received support from the Isle of Whithorn project and are planning a Machars and Rhins competition. The project is administered by PCDT who provide the governance and financial management. The project will be delivered by a new Portpatrick Coastal Rowing Club.

Why get involved with PCDT

Covid has taught us all the value of community and there are many emerging opportunities for third sector organisations to support their communities with economic and social recovery.

Looking forward it is an exciting time as we build links with other groups and look for ways to provide support.

You do not need to be a member to become involved with one or other of our projects, to access our services or even to venture and opinion on what we are doing.

We aim to listen and to be an inclusive and supportive organisation.

Our values are stated below. These are not just aspirational statements, but an agreed ethos. PCDT Board are striving to ensure that these are our guiding principles - principles that inform everything we do.

Why Join PCDT?

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

As a Full member you will have:

- Information about the Trust's activities
- Opportunities to influence what is being planned
- Opportunities to contribute to the events and projects
- Vote at Trust General Meetings
- Opportunity to elect or be elected as a Director of the PCDT

There is no commitment or need to volunteer and certainly no pressure to do so. But by joining you add to our numbers and strengthen the organisation.

However if you do want to get involved in contributing ideas and direction, or get involved with some of our groups then you will be made very welcome.

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 commu-

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