



Portpatrick Community Development Trust

PCDT - Working for the Community

All of Scotland at Level 0

On 19th July all of Scotland moved to level 0. This means that cafe's pubs, restruants, tourist accomodation and visitor attractions are all open as are all public buildings and community centers. Face coverings indoors remain compulsory for all visitors and staff.

Up to 10 people from 4 houtholds can stay overnight and you need to maintain 1m distance from all other houtholds in all indoor public settings. You do not need to physically distance from family and friends in a private home or outdoors.

The Gaithrin Place



We are gradually opening up "the gaithrin place" - 7A Main St, as a drop in centre, providing a friendly face, a chat and books, DVD's and tourist information. At present we are running a service Tuesdays, Fridays 10:00 to 12:00 and Saturday 10:00- 2:00, with further opening planned.

Website: www.pcdt.scot email: infor@pcdt.scot



We post regularly on Facebook (@pcdt.scot). The gaithrin place is a place to drop in share ideas and develop common interests.

Buddies Bothy

We have opened the workshop at the back and it is being used by the fledgling Portpatrick Coastal Rowing Group. They have laid out the building structure for what will be the Portpatrick Skiff (with the help of the Stranraer group). The group welcome anyone interested in getting involved. - Contact Tommy Montieth.



Other Activities

We are starting to develop other activities with interest in the gardening group and classes in painting, photography and computer skills. Please contact us if you would like to be involved.

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Friends and Family 100Club Draw **Winning Number No 24** - Drawn 26th July The prize was £60.00.



Village Hall Update

The Scottish Ministers have now issued a decision on the Portpatrick Harbour Community Benefit Society (PHCBS) appeal.

Scottish Ministers appointed an independent Reporter to consider the case and report to them. The Reporter concludes that PHCBS is not a community transfer body and therefore the Village Hall cannot be transferred to PHCBS. The Scottish Ministers agree with the Reporter that PHCBS is not a community transfer body. Scottish Ministers therefore found the appeal incompetent and accordingly dismissed the appeal.

You can read the full report on the DPEA web site. We have put up links on the PCDT web site www.pcdt.scot (under village hall updates).

In regard to the large number of complaints made by PHCBS about Dumfries and Galloway Council's behaviour, the Reporter has not upheld any of them, and raised questions about PHCBS leadership and governance.

Dumfries and Galloway Council have now written to both PHCBS and PCDT inviting us to meet with COSS (the Community Ownership Support Service) and we have responded positively. - As

we have throughout this process agreeing to take part in the mediation process offered on various occasions to both parties by the DGC.

The Reporter in his written judgement has identified a number of hurdles to Community Asset Transfer in particular an evaluation against the seven best value themes and found that with respect to the PHCBS submission "*none of the Best Value themes is comprehensively met, with serious deficiencies for some of the themes*" and "*the existence of the eligibility problems is an indicator of failures in governance*".

Evaluation against these seven best value themes raises the bar for any group seeking a Community Asset Transfer, so it is not at all clear, at present, how these challenges might be overcome.

The appeals process pursued by PHCBS went through two internal reviews with D&G Council followed by the direct appeal to Scottish Ministers with the application rejected at each stage.

This protracted appeals process has taken from July 2019 at considerable cost in time and effort to all involved and since July 2019 no action on the village hall has been taken. Two years later we are no further forward and the future of the village Hall remains in limbo.

On a positive note, the Reporter commented on the importance of the Village Hall to the community of Portpatrick and observed that a way to keep it open needs to be found. At PCDT we are resolved to do what we can to assist in this in whatever way we can.

If you would like to discuss options or indeed make comment please do not hesitate to drop us an email (email: info@pcdt.scot or through facebook messenger [@pcdt.scot](https://www.facebook.com/pcdt.scot)) or get in touch with one of the committee members.

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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