



Carradale Community Trust

A Newsletter from Carradale's community business.

July 2018

HARBOUR DAY

This year Harbour Day, with lots of stalls and children's activities, fortune telling, a BBQ and of course Fyne Ales poured at "The Clam Dredge". Harbour Day is on Saturday 11th August starting at noon.

CARRADALE HERITAGE CENTRE

We have received funding from the East Kintyre Windfarm Trust (EKWFT) for the maintenance of the Heritage Centre and the introduction of a new display in part of the property. The labour will be provided by trustees and members of Carradale Community Trust (CCT) and other volunteers. Thank you to all those who are donating their labour free of charge.

Maintenance will include the painting of the roof and woodwork on the exterior, maintenance to the rear of the property, painting of the inside of the property. The Naomi Mitchison display will be taken from Campbeltown on loan and displayed in the Heritage Centre along with some new displays of our own.

Many thanks to Jean Campbell for the refurbishment of the old 'Snake Pit'.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Following the Council's decision to stop the Meals on Wheels service CCT has stepped into gap and started their own project. Initially the service will be almost the same as what was provided by ABC. The meals will be prepared by the School Meals Service (as before) and delivered by the same folk who are now accredited by CCT. To make the meals more accessible the cost has been reduced from £5.50 to £5 and over the coming months we hope to enhance the service. If you, or someone you know would like to receive meals or volunteer to deliver please contact Margaret Campbell on 431272.

SENEVAL

To date we have change of use approved by the council, permission from the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency to use the designated land at Seneval for a garden waste composting site.

We have a grant approved for our part of the District Valuer's fee from Highlands and Islands Enterprise. The District Valuer will be valuing the land in early August.

At the Public Meeting on 4th July we obtained sufficient support from the local community for the project and also enrolled volunteers to work the site. Many thanks to those who registered their support and especially to those who volunteered their labour.

Meanwhile we are preparing an application for the funding to purchase the land with the help of the Scottish Land Fund along with a business plan that must be submitted along with the application.

Once the application is submitted it will take around 6 to 8 months for the funding to be approved and the land purchased. During this period we will also be looking at applications to other funding bodies for the funds to build the composting site and provide the appropriate tools. We have provisional support for funding for these from the EKWFT subject to the purchase of the land and the submission of detailed estimates should we fail to find other funding.

CARRADALE HARBOUR ENTERPRISES LIMITED

Following the Council's lack of support for community projects in 2017 we have recently started a dialogue to see if we can straighten out access to the slip and 'do something' about the surface of the car park. If these moves are successful we can look again at a further stage of the Harbour Project Plan which was put together some years ago.

PATERSON'S SHOP

Angela has confirmed that she is keen to sell the shop to the Community and CCT is now looking to obtain an independent valuation of the premises so that an approach can be made to potential funders for the purchase. Some amendments to our constitution may be required so that the CCT can declare a community interest in the shop. The Community Council (EKCC) has offered support, and will help to keep everyone informed.

What will happen with the shop on August 4th?

Heather & Jonny's lease to the shop will expire although we do not yet know whether it will remain open or will close. Angela has details of people who may wish to acquire a lease of the shop and anyone interested is encouraged to contact her as soon as possible.

What will happen to the shop in the long-term?

Once the process of purchasing the building and its assets is firmly underway, we can begin thinking of what comes next. We do not yet know whether, once the community owns the shop, there will be a new leaseholder or whether the running of the shop can be organised in some other way.

We are grateful to Jenn Lee for her hard work and for her involvement in this process. She intends to stay involved and to offer any assistance that she possibly can to ensure the shop's long-term survival.

Membership of Carradale Community Trust is through a one-off subscription of £5. this entitles you to attend and vote at Members Meetings and thus to influence the business of the Trust and also to decide who should serve as Trustees and carry on the day to day business of the Trust on your behalf. Application forms for membership are available from the Secretary, Catriona Trott. Email: carradalect@gmail.com