



Luig Community Trust Member and Friend update – August 2017

Funding Success

With support from the Lorn Islands Partnership, we have managed to secure an impressive £148,980 through a National Lottery award from the Big Lottery Fund. The award covers a three year period.

We have also been awarded £7,000 from the Robertson Trust and have other applications in development. This specific funding will enable us to recruit a Development Manager and an Events and Community Engagement Officer to help us deliver the following:

- Widen and develop our pool of Volunteers
- Deliver more direct services to island residents
- Continue efforts to stabilise/increase our population size and continue to create more opportunities for people to earn income on the island
- Offer flexible support to existing groups and volunteers and support new groups to be developed

We know there is much we can do to improve communications and community engagement and we are really looking forward to having staff in post who have time, capacity and resources to involve more of the community.

Recruitment for the Development Manager post will begin soon, please do share far and wide.

Lorn Islands Partnership and the Climate Challenge Fund

The Lorn Islands Partnership (LIP), of which the Trust is one of the four island partners, was awarded a second year of funding by the Scottish Government in June, backdated to April.

Earlier this year LIP was also awarded funding from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund. A key focus of the project was to purchase and install glass imploders for each of the LIP island partners. Following recruitment of a Project Worker Rachel Stockton, a full feasibility study was carried out (something that there was not time for prior to the bid being written). A summary of the results is attached; the main findings were that the imploders were not feasible within the lifetime of this project. If anyone would like a copy of the full report please let us know.

There was a range of challenges with this project and Rachel decided, that with the removal of the imploder element, she did not wish to continue in the role and will be leaving the project at the end of August. We thank Rachel for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

The board, after much deliberation, decided that it was too risky to try and recruit again for such a short contract and that it would be better to wind the project down at the end of September.

Housing Needs Survey

Working in partnership with Rural Housing Scotland a Housing Needs Survey across the partner islands is being undertaken through LIP. We are very interested to hear about you and your families current and future needs and any information you have about those who may be interested in living on the island if housing were available. A meeting is being held after the AGM on August 29th at 8.15pm. If you are unable to attend but would like to feed in to the survey please contact Jane Churchill jane.lornislands@gmail.com



Events at the AIC

We would like to thank those who have been involved over the years in the events sub group and welcome some new members. Neil McCorrisken is now leading this group, and the group are always very keen to hear about what acts and events you and your families might be interested in seeing at the AIC, so please let Neil know if you have any requests and we will try our best to accommodate them.

Celebrating Volunteering on Luing – PARTY!

Everybody on the island is invited to join us on Saturday September 16th during the afternoon and evening for a family friendly event supported by BIG Lottery and to say thank you to all those who volunteer their time on Luing. There will be face painting, food and music provided by the wonderful Have Mercy Las Vegas. Save the date and more details will be coming out soon. The afternoon will be spent in a marquee on Toberonochy Green, and in the evening we will move to the Atlantic Islands Centre to continue the celebrations.

Finally...

Jane Churchill continues to support the Luing Community Trust two days per month through the Lorn Islands Partnership with Gill Law providing HR support.

Luing is represented at the LIP meetings by Alastair Fleming and Neil McCorrisken. If anyone else is interested in the work of the partnership or getting more involved, please let Jane know.

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