

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Understanding Housing Need in Rannoch

The lack of affordable housing is a real issue in many of Scotland's rural communities, including Rannoch. In fact, the Scottish Government have set up a £25m Rural Housing Fund to help address the shortage in affordable housing. With this in mind, RCT Directors met last week with **Rural Housing Scotland** who support community organisations in remote, rural communities to assess local housing needs and secure funding for small housing developments to meet gaps in the local, affordable housing market

As a first step, Rural Housing Scotland is going to support RCT to undertake a local Housing Needs Analysis to help identify the level of local need. It may be that people cannot work in the area because they cannot access affordable housing or they may be staying in overcrowded accommodation. It may be that there is a lack of family sized homes, or accommodation for single people or supported/ sheltered housing for the elderly or vulnerable. The Housing Needs Analysis will help identify what the housing need is in Rannoch and what type of housing is required and this information can then be used to support a bid to the Rural Housing Fund. It is therefore essential as many people take part in this exercise as possible, by giving their views on what the gaps are and what type of accommodation is needed.

It is anticipated, the Housing Needs Analysis will start in the latter part of May with a questionnaire which will be distributed in hard copy (volunteers needed to help with distribution) as well as being available on-line. There will also be 'housing surgery' for people needing housing advice and a public meetings so that as many people as possible have the opportunity to share their views on what housing is needed in Rannoch. We would welcome all comments on this subject – or if you are able to help with distributing the survey questionnaire please get in contact via email at projects@ourrannoch.co.uk.

GREAT NEWS FOR THE MOTHER & BABY/PARENT & TODDLER GROUP!



Huge thanks to the Brian Souter Foundation who have very generously provided funding to Rannoch Community Trust, in partnership with Kinloch Rannoch Primary School, to support the increase of Mother and Baby/ Parent and Toddler Group Meetings, from once per month to once a week. RCT Directors are delighted to have secured this funding and we look forward to seeing more regular group activities offered in the near future.

Village Halls

More good news! Kinloch Rannoch Village Hall, with the support of RCT, has just been awarded a £2,000 grant from Foundation Scotland to have broadband installed.

Energy Efficiency Audits have been completed for the both the Kinloch Rannoch Village and Kynachan Halls and the respective committees are awaiting the reports so that they can pull together a final list of refurbishment works and apply for funding.



WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED BECOMING QUALIFIED OUTDOOR SPORTS LEADER?



We are currently reviewing opportunities to enhance access for both local people and visitors to outdoor education and coaching in activities such as mountain biking, cycling, hill-climbing/ hill-walking, kayaking, sailing etc. In order to deliver this commercially, instructors need an Outdoor Instructor/ Leader Qualification which we can access along with potential funding via Perth and Kinross Council.

If anyone is interested in discussing this further and potentially becoming a paid sessional leader in various outdoor pursuits, please get in touch. The list of activities above is in no way exhaustive so we would be interested in other activity areas too. Please contact us via projects@ourrannoch.co.uk or Gill 07562375471 or David 07503958291.



This is a really exciting time for RCT – there are a lot of Projects in development and a lot ongoing. If you are interested and feel you would be willing to learn more about this and help us to bring some of these Projects to fruition, we would be delighted to meet with you!



We are hoping to form an **RCT Community Representatives Group** as a subsidiary of the Board. This group would be facilitated by Project Officers Gill and David and it is hoped this group could be our sounding Board and could help bring some of the Projects we have in development and under consideration to completion. It is also hoped that this group would help bring ideas forward from the community and help articulate community views and aspirations for RCT. This Group's work would feed into RCT Board.

This would just be a group of people who are interested in the community, supported by RCT Project Officers, so no responsibility for Minutes/ Accounts etc, just meet up and contribute!! If you think you could give us some help (please!) and become involved, please get in touch via projects@ourrannoch.co.uk or Gill 07562375471 or David 07503958291.

Fancy a pint?

RCT Directors are currently considering opportunities to create a Community Pub in Kinloch Rannoch, . Funding is available to potentially purchase a property for community use, via the Scottish Land Fund (see picture below), for projects that will enhance or bring back into use community assets and fill a gap in local provision. It is hoped that a project of this nature would also provide local employment opportunities and would enhance the visitor offer locally. Depending on the property it may be possible to combine a social meeting space and B&B or bunkhouse type accommodation. As part of this process, RCT are discussing opportunities to acquire properties that may be on the market or may be considered for sale in the near future. If anyone has any ideas or comments or would like to suggest any properties or locations, please do not hesitate to get in touch projects@ourrannoch.co.uk. When more detail has been secured about potential options community view will be sought.



The Swan Inn in Banton, North Lanarkshire was bought by the community with a £184,000 grant from the Scottish Land Fund. They have recently secured a further £740,000 from the Big Lottery to renovate the Inn which will serve as a multi-purpose community hub as well as a village pub.

WHAT IS THE SCOTTISH LAND FUND?

The Scottish Land Fund supports rural and urban communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets.

Funded by the Scottish Government and delivered in partnership by the Big Lottery Fund and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, it offers grants of up to £1 million to help communities take ownership of the land and buildings that matter to them, as well as practical support to develop their aspirations into viable projects.

BROADBAND UPDATE

Both Rannoch Community Trust (RCT) and the Rannoch 633 Association (R633A) have received awards of funding from the Rural Broadband Fund to carry out options appraisals. The purpose of both options appraisals is to identify alternative affordable broadband solutions for those properties that will not benefit from the new fibre cabinets that are due to be installed this year in Tummel Bridge and Kinloch Rannoch. The RCT options appraisal will cover all properties between Kinloch Rannoch and Tummel Bridge and all properties east of Tummel Bridge as far as Glen Fincastle. The R633A options appraisal will cover all properties west of Kinloch Rannoch as far as Rannoch Station. Both options appraisals will be carried out by the same Technical Consultant thereby allowing information to be shared and the most technically feasible and commercially attractive solutions to be identified when it comes to negotiating with potential suppliers. Both options appraisals are already underway and should be completed by the end of the year.

DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which tightens up the law regarding data protection and privacy takes effect from May 25th 2018. GDPR applies to all organisations, regardless of size, that process and hold personal information. In order to ensure GDPR compliance RCT will be contacting all individuals on the Community Update and Community Newsletter mailing list, who are not members of the Trust asking them to confirm that they wish to remain on the mailing lists and continue to receive the emails. We have also produced a Privacy Statement which explains how we manage personal data including why the Trust collects personal information from members (address, telephone number etc...), what we do with it. If you would like a copy of the Privacy Statement please email: projects@ourrannoch.co.uk.

Dawn to Dusk Festival

Sunday 27th May from 6.30am till 4.30pm

**Join us for a one-day event at Carie
to explore one of Rannoch's Outdoor Spaces**

We've planned guided walks to suit different ages and all abilities. Hot drinks and snacks will be available all day plus a BBQ starting at 1pm. Whether you want a gentle meander to find our red squirrel feeding stations, or stretch your legs a little further with knowledgeable guides, there is a walk to suit everyone. Early birds can join our Dawn Chorus walk ending with breakfast butties and hot drinks.

Don't worry if walking doesn't appeal – we have lots of activities to suit all ages at our base camp. Talk with knowledgeable locals about Rannoch's wildlife or simply enjoy fresh air and good company. There will be a Creation Station full of ideas and crafting materials, bug hunting and a family workshop exploring the life of butterflies. Learn about geocaching and start looking for our 20+ caches around Carie. (For more information download the app from geocaching.com)

Transport will be available from Kinloch Rannoch, (details on website or shop window). There is shelter at Carie but do come with outdoor coats and stout shoes. Carie base-camp is accessible, for specific information about the walks please contact the organisers. Dogs on leads welcome except for the Dawn Chorus walk.

Times (approx.)	Guided walks
06:30 - 07:30	Dawn Chorus (Transport MUST be booked by midday Saturday 07786063678)
07:30 - 08:30	Breakfast butties and a hot drink
10:30 - 16:30	Base camp activities, talks, drinks and snacks all day
10:30 - 11:30	Explore our woods 1 (moderate walk)
11:30 - 12:30	Geocaching – hunt for treasure
11:30 - 12:30	Myths and Legends: Walk to a view point, listening to the story of the Last Wolf of Rannoch (easy walk)
13.00 - 16.00	BBQ – Starts at one o'clock and goes till the burgers run out!
13.30 - 14.30	On the Wing of a Butterfly – Fun-packed, family workshop
14:30 - 15:30	Gentle meander around base-camp (all abilities easy walk)
14:30 - 15:30	Geocaching – hunt for treasure
14:30 - 15:30	Explore our woods 2 (moderate walk)
15:30 - 16.30	Final Celebrations

More details on www.ourrannoch.co.uk - email rannochscotland@gmail.com - 07786063678

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Rannoch Paths and Open Space Group are coordinating this event with support from Rannoch Community Trust, Loch Rannoch Conservation Association and Forest Enterprise Scotland

Community Befriending Co-ordinator

Unfortunately, our Community Befriending Co-ordinator, Meena Bhagat, has resigned following a change in personal circumstances. All in the 'We Care' Group and the RCT Board wish her well for the future and thank her for her work to date. The 'We Care' Steering Group plan to meet this week to decide on their next steps to fill the role. Further details will follow in due course

Dates for Your Diary

Please note the following dates;

Sunday 27th May – Dawn to Dusk Festival

Saturday 30th June – Rannoch Community Trust **AGM** followed by a Community Party— more details to follow.

Saturday 18th August—Rannoch Highland Gathering

Jousting Extravaganza

On the weekend of the 30th of June and 1st of July 2018 Rannoch Equestrian and Outdoor Events, in conjunction with Rannoch Equestrian Centre, and with the support of the Clan Ranald Trust for Scotland, will be bringing to Rannoch a weekend of medieval jousting and merriment for all the family. There will be competitions aplenty for all the family to do and get involved in and we are also hoping to have one of Scotland's premier equestrian acrobatic teams making a special appearance over the weekend .

Admission

Adults £4.00 Children £3.00
Family £12.00 Concessions £3.00
Parking £2.00 (donations going to the Scouts)

*For further information or if you are able to help out on the day please email : Kreaoe@gmail.com
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