

Community Update

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Onwards and Upwards – RCT Secures Funding for Staff

Rannoch Community Trust (RCT) is delighted to announce the successful collation and award of a £24,000 funding package comprising finance from the Perth and Kinross LEADER Project, Perth and Kinross Council and a Private Sector Donation.

This Funding has enabled RCT to employ the services of two, part-time Development Officers to support the progression of the aims and aspirations of the Rannoch and Tummel Community articulated in the publication of our Community Plan, “Developing Rannoch’s Sustainable Future”. Our new Development Officers are Gill Law and David Lyon who both started work last week. Delighted to accept the posts, Gill and David both highlighted how much they were looking forward to getting to know the area, having only visited as tourists previously and having time to get to know as many groups and individuals within the community as possible. Gill and David plan to start making contact with key community groups in the next week or so, hopefully to set up meetings for early January 2018.

The funding is for an initial period of 6 months, but we are hopeful that additional funding can be secured to maintain this resource for the next three years.

We would like to note our thanks to Jane Dekker, our previous Project Manager who contributed greatly to the work of the Trust during her time in post.

Meet Our Staff



Gill comes from a background in the Voluntary Sector and has broad-based funding and project development experience and in the past two years has also worked with other Community Trusts on the Scottish mainland and with Island communities in Argyll and Bute.



David initially worked in the voluntary sector supporting tenants and resident’s federations in Manchester and Fife but has spent the last 20 years in local government working in housing, environment and transport. His most recent piece of work was research on green space and social housing for Scottish Natural Heritage.

Additional We Care Funding

In addition to the above we are proud to support the We Care funded befriending initiative through a successful grant application to the **NHS Community Innovation Fund** which will also facilitate lots of potential for future engagement with the Health and Social Care Partnership. Full details and a Job Description for the post can be viewed on the website (www.ourrannoch.co.uk).

Priorities for the Trust

Following discussion in the past week we have agreed our priorities for the short term as;

1. Securing broadband for the Village Hall
2. Working with the Directors to pursue improved broadband access for the area
3. Working with the Village Hall Committee to secure funding for any other desired improvements to the Village Hall to facilitate extended use and offer this facility as an interim community hub
4. Working with the Paths Group to support current and future Projects
5. Making contact with the Tourism Groups and Providers in the area to potentially support current and future Projects
6. Securing Funding for a summer/ autumn events programme
7. Identifying any gaps in local services and exploring potential project developments to address these.
8. Developing local networks and making contact with local groups
9. Progress a communication strategy to clarify how we intend to work with the community and its large number of groups to advise and guide our future work
10. Developing Trust awareness, membership and broadening Board Membership.

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GET INVOLVED

We are delighted to be able to welcome Gill and David on board and look forward to being able to update the community on Trust progress and activities. If anyone would like to get involved or has any ideas for local projects that could contribute to the Community Plan then we would very much like to hear from you. We are also actively seeking new Community Trust members, volunteers and Board Members. For further information on any of the above please contact us by email at projects@ourrannoch.co.uk or write to us at the address below. The Community Plan Themes and Objectives can be found on our website at www.ourrannoch.co.uk

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