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South Kintyre Development Trust

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After securing funding totalling £10,000 from the Architectural Heritage Fund and Argyll & Bute Council, South Kintyre Development Trust has now appointed business consultants KGJ Initiatives to carry out a first stage options appraisal for the adaptation and re-use of the Old Post Office in Campbeltown.

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SKDT Annual General Meeting

AGM

The 8th Annual General meeting of South Kintyre Development Trust will take place in the **Town Hall Chambers**, on **Monday 6th March 2017** at **7.30pm**.
Please come along to support the Trust and our board of voluntary directors.
You will have the opportunity to find out about our recent work, and elect new directors for the forthcoming year.
Following an extensive review and the requirement to undertake functions under the Land Reform Act, we will be submitting a Special Resolution for members to approve the new Articles of Association which can be found on the website www.skdt.org. Copies of the Annual Report will also be available.

We look forward to seeing you there!

AHF The Architectural Heritage Fund

Argyll & Bute Council

Advancing Sustainable Development and Regeneration SKDT South Kintyre Development Trust

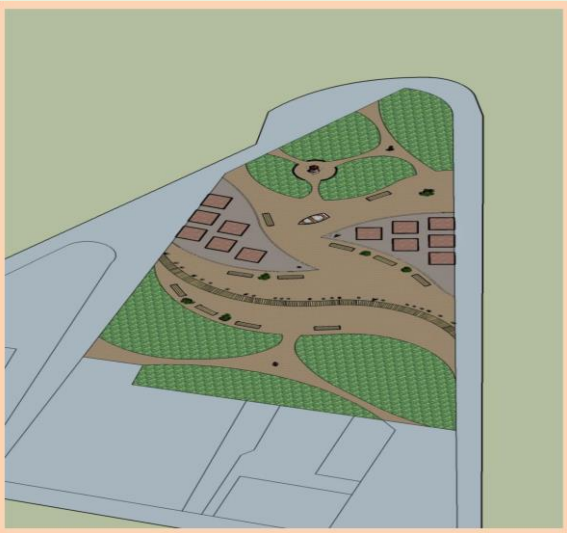
SKDT are pleased to announce the receipt of a **Project Viability Grant** in their mission to redevelop the **Old Post Office** building in Main Street.
The grant from the Architectural Heritage **Fund (AHF**) has been match funded by **Argyll & Bute Council CARS scheme**.
The AHF is a registered charity, working since 1976 to promote the conservation and sustainable re-use of historic buildings for the benefits of communities across the UK.

Campbeltown Picture House

We invite you to an exploring archives session on **Saturday 25th March, 1pm – 4pm** at **Campbeltown Town Hall**. We will reveal the secrets of a time capsule that was hidden in the Picture House's boiler room for decades! You will get hands-on with heritage, share memories and perspectives and explore stories.

If you would like to attend, or would like to know more, please contact **Robin Patel** the Community Archivist: collections@campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk / 01786 860 691

Kinloch Road Stalled Space Project



The work at the Kinloch Road site is progressing well. Volunteers welcome! More details in next month's Newsletter! Contact Duncan at duncan@skdt.org

Volunteering!

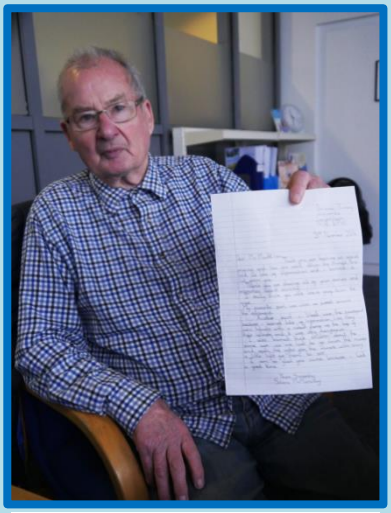
SKDT have secured a **Micro Grant for £500** to be used to increase our volunteering opportunities to include creative and innovative roles.

It will provide **various craft materials, ink, paint** etc. which will enable us to support and teach some of our volunteers new skills, give them the opportunity to create **portfolios** of their work, highlighting current volunteering projects and activities.
They will use the materials to develop their ideas for **possible future projects**, increasing their confidence and building on their skills.

If you would like to get involved, contact **Duncan Ainscough** at duncan@skdt.org or **Morag McMillan** at morag@skdt.org

Would you like to join us?

The Road to Drumleman Community Exhibition & Archive Project



Former collier, Willie McMillan, with a letter of thanks from Drumlemble Primary School

Thanks to the hard work and commitment of **Jan Nimmo**, our arts and heritage project has been progressing well since it started in October 2016.

3 drop-in sessions have taken place at Campbeltown Library to gather images and stories for the **exhibition in April 2017** and for the archive blog. The sessions have been well attended and generated lots of new stories and unearthed photos and memorabilia.

Most of these items have now been added to the blog which has had almost 5000 visitors viewing it from 38 countries! View it here: https://theroadtodrumlemanman.wordpress.com/

The project delivered creative workshops in two local primary schools, **Drumlemble** and **Dalintober,** and 3rd year art pupils at **Campbeltown Grammar**. Three former employees from Argyll Colliery started our schools sessions off with a talk about their experiences working at the Machrihanish mine.

Check out **The Road to Drumleman Facebook page here:** https://www.facebook.com/The-Road-to-Drumleman-497879500311300/?fref=ts

Former collier, George McMillan, talking to the children at Dalintober Primary School

The children at Drumlemble Primary School showing off their mining themed Gala Day bunting!

THANK YOU JAN!

Diary of Events

Date	Event	Venue	Information
1/3/17	SOS Fitness - Piyo	TH – Main Hall	18.00
	SOS Fitness - Glowercise	TH – Main Hall	20.00
2/3/17	Jobs Fayre - DWP	TH – Main Hall	09.30 – 13.30
3/3/17	SOS Fitness - Glowercise	TH – Main Hall	18.30 & 19.30
6/3/17	SKDT AGM	TH - Chambers	19.00
8/3/17	SOS Fitness - Piyo	TH – Main Hall	18.00
	SOS Fitness - Glowercise	TH – Main Hall	20.00
10/3/17	SOS Fitness -Glowercise	TH – Main Hall	18.30 & 20.00
15/3/17	SOS Fitness - Glowercise	TH – Main Hall	20.00
17/3/17	SOS Fitness - Glowercise	TH – Main Hall	19.30
25/3/17	Picture House Archive Session	TH - Chambers	12.30
26/3/17	Brier Rose – Puppet Animation Scotland	TH – Main Hall	All day
28/3/17	Parkinsons UK	TH - Chambers	09.00 – 13.00
30/3/17	CGS Concert	TH – Main Hall	

These events are not the responsibility of SKDT. You should always check that an event is going ahead at the scheduled date, time and venue. All information was correct at time of printing.

The Trust aims to build on its recent success by working to strengthen the community through serving individual needs and improving conditions in the local area.
It has identified strategic priorities in relation to:

1. **Delivering activities as a coordinating body, facilitating, supporting and liaising with others to achieve community goals.**

2. **Delivering activities with a mix of roles and activities and the opportunity to be flexible in how it works**

3. **Delivering activities which provide opportunities to develop people as well as assets.**

SKDT will continue to support the community to achieve "real" and "lasting" change.

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