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# NEWSLETTER

## *Special Points of interest*

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- **Community Renewables**

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## *Be a Volunteer*



**Volunteer and help your community – please get in touch**  
Email [info@skdt.org](mailto:info@skdt.org)

**Do you have skills in IT, website, social media, VAT, marketing etc. etc. etc.**

## Ticking Away – Town Hall progress

Refurbishment work at the Town Hall ticks on and we are now starting to see the plans of the design team come to life.

Contractor, McKinven and Colville have made significant progress in recent weeks having completed construction of the lift shaft, window repairs and much of the internal structural work.



Stonemasons continue to work on the external and the tower and spire are expected to be completed soon.



The iconic cockerel has now been reinstated on top of the weather vane and can be seen glistening in the Autumn sunshine when driving into Campbeltown.

Transformation of the main hall is underway and almost ready for painting.

The project is now at a crucial stage and SKDT have recently had the exciting task of selecting finishes, fixtures and fittings for the venue.

See next month's newsletter for further update on progress!



*Your skills could be invaluable to charitable organisations like SKDT*

*Volunteer a couple of hours a week of your spare time And help us to help others.*

## **What is a Development Trust?**

**Development Trusts are independent local organisations which are community owned, led and managed. They aim to tackle a wide range of social, economic, environmental and cultural issues. As well as being actively involved in partnerships with the public, private and Voluntary sectors, they aim to increase self-sufficiency by generating income through enterprise and the ownership of assets.**

## **Community Renewables in action!**

Our community renewables project stepped up a gear last week when we held a start-up meeting with renewable energy consultant, Malcolm Wilkinson of Locogen.



*Andrew Glenn (Saddel Farm), Ishbel MacKinnon (SKDT), Paul Quinn (Clean Wind), Malcolm Wilkinson (Locogen), Iona Hodge (LES)*

SKDT has received a grant of £7,666 from Local Energy Scotland to explore the

potential for community wind and hydro projects on Saddel and Ifferdale Farms. The grant will fund a two stage feasibility study, the first stage of which will be a desk-top study of six sites, highlighting the potential and barriers for development at each.

Stage two will involve more detailed investigation of the most promising sites, with a view to identifying one to take forward to a detailed feasibility study, where we will gather seasonal wind resource or water-flow recordings, and investigate all of the relevant planning, environmental, technical and financial factors that will help us decide if we have a viable project on our hands.

We were joined by Iona Hodge of Local Energy Scotland and guided around the sites by Terrence Glenn and Andrew Gemmill, who have kindly given permission for us to undertake the surveys on their farms. It

was a stormy day and our potential wind sites were showing plenty of promise!

Locogen will provide feedback from the Stage One survey in mid-November and we will give an update in December's newsletter.

*The team discussing one of our hydro sites*



*'I'm not joking Iona, the wind doesn't half blow in Kintyre!'*



# EVENTS CALENDAR

*The Events Calendar advertises upcoming events and training programmes. It is marketed digitally to SKDT members, contributors and promoted on Social Media and via various partner organisations. This service is FREE and SKDT will consider any information which supports the public by delivering services which benefit individuals and groups in South Kintyre.*

## **November 2015**

Date	Event	Venue	Information
05/11/15	Traditional Music get-together	Argyll Hotel Bellochantuy	Monthly get-together bring instrument or voice... or watch and listen to the others play. From 19.30pm, in the public bar <a href="http://www.argyllhotelkintyre.co.uk">www.argyllhotelkintyre.co.uk</a>
07/11/15	Bonfire Night & Firework Display	Kinloch Green	Organised by DMTRA and Fire & Rescue Starts at 18.30 hrs Food available
07/11/15	Farmers' Market	Outside Heritage Centre	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (Except January) Between 10.00 and 13.00 Hrs
07/11/15	Westport Beach Clean	Surfers Against Sewage	Between 10.00 and 13.00 Hrs This is a nationwide event Point of Contact: Ross McGregor Tel: 07876 683114
07/11/15	MACC Challenge 2015	Machrihanish Airbase	20 obstacles, 5 power stations, LOTS of mud & fun Supporting the Marie Curie group Event is now FULL <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MACCCChallenge">Facebook.com/MACCCChallenge</a>
07 to 08/11/15	The Picture House at the Victoria Hall Screenings	See website for film details	Tickets can be purchase in advance <a href="http://www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk/">http://www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk/</a>
25/10/15	Southend Community Council - Meeting	Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend	Meeting starts at 20.00 hrs Southend CC holds their monthly meetings on every last Wednesday of the month.
27 to 29/11/15	Tarbert Book Festival 2015	Tarbert area	For more info, please visit <a href="http://www.tarbertbookfestival.org">www.tarbertbookfestival.org</a>
27/11/15	Campbeltown Winterfest Switch on Xmas Lights	Campbeltown centre	
28/11/15	Zero Waste Heroes shop opening	67 Longrow, Campbeltown	Love Food Hate Waste tasters, name the Hero competition, Christmas upcycling crafts And much more. All welcome <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ZeroWasteHeroesSK">https://www.facebook.com/ZeroWasteHeroesSK</a>
29/11/15	Campbeltown Xmas Market	Malt Barns, Springbank Distillery	

*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*

*You can also view a printed copy of this Newsletter at the SKDT office, Health centre Campbeltown, Library, Argyll Voluntary Action Longrow, Campbeltown Dental Surgery, Shopper Aide, Carradale Surgery, Glenbarr Stores, Muneroy Stores Southend. If you would like a copy to be left at a drop off point near you please let us know.*

## December 2015

Date	Event	Venue	Information
01/12/15	Laggan Community Council meeting	Drumlemble School	The meeting will start at 19.00 hrs. For more info, please contact Chairman by email <a href="mailto:laggan.community.council@gmail.com">laggan.community.council@gmail.com</a>
03/12/15	Traditional Music get-together	Argyll Hotel Bellochantuy	Monthly get-together bring instrument or voice... or watch and listen to the others play. From 19.30pm, in the public bar <a href="http://www.argyllhotelkintyre.co.uk">www.argyllhotelkintyre.co.uk</a>
05/12/15	Farmers' Market	Outside Heritage Centre	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month Between 10.00 and 13.00 Hrs
06/12/15	Xmas Market	Glenbarr Abbey, Tarbert	More info to follow
12 to 13/12/15	The Picture House at the Victoria Hall Screenings	See website for film details	Tickets can be purchase in advance <a href="http://www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk/">http://www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk/</a>
13/12/15	Xmas Market	Glenbarr Abbey, Tarbert	More info to follow
30/12/15	Southend Community Council - Meeting	Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend	Meeting starts at 20.00 hrs Southend CC holds their monthly meetings on every last Wednesday of the month.
31/12/15	Hogmanay Party 2015	Argyll Hotel Bellochantuy	More info to follow Tel: 01583 421212 <a href="http://www.argyllhotelkintyre.co.uk">www.argyllhotelkintyre.co.uk</a>
31/12/15	Hogmanay Party	Royal Hotel, Campbeltown	More info to follow

## January 2016

Date	Event	Venue	Information
	Farmers' Market		<b>No Farmers 'Market</b>
07/01/16	Traditional Music get-together	Argyll Hotel Bellochantuy	Monthly get-together bring instrument or voice... or watch and listen to the others play. From 19.30pm, in the public bar <a href="http://www.argyllhotelkintyre.co.uk">www.argyllhotelkintyre.co.uk</a>
	The Picture House at the Victoria Hall Screenings	See website for film details & dates	Tickets can be purchase in advance <a href="http://www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk/">http://www.campbeltownpicturehouse.co.uk/</a>
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***If you live in the South Kintyre area (South of Clachan) and are over the age of 18 you can help us by joining the development trust. It's only £1 membership and you will be updated with information about the Trust's activities, including our AGM and other members' events, via newsletters, e-mails or post if you prefer. You will also be able to vote on matters the trust is involved in.***

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