

AGM



The AGM was held on the 25th January and we were delighted to welcome 27 members and five guests. We sadly said goodbye to our outgoing Chair, Harry Whiteside. Felix Paterson thanked Harry, on behalf of the community, for her years of service. Her determination, enthusiasm and sheer hard work in delivering so much for the community will be sorely missed. Without Harry's foresight and efforts many of the projects, like the Medical Centre and the new homes at Caledonian Court, would not have happened.

DIRECTORS

Whilst we may have said goodbye to one person, we were fortunate to welcome two new Directors to the Board. Michael Alvey-Anderson and Lynne West. We thought you might like to know more about our new Directors so to start us off here is a bit about Michael. More on Lynne next time....

"My wife and I live near Fort Augustus with three boys plus our 2yr old lurcher: Buddy. We moved to near Fort Augustus in February 2021 and are loving it here. We're setting up a small homestead to provide us with vegetables and eggs from 9 chickens and 6 ducks with a view to being more self sustainable.

I enjoy indoor and outdoor rowing, football, mountain biking, motorsport, wildlife and bird watching, walking, being outside and spending time with my family."



AFFORDABLE HOMES

The Community Company is delighted to tell you that we took ownership of 1, Bunoich Crescent in February and we hope to welcome a new tenant in April, following some re-furbishment work on the home.



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COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

A common issue that has come up time and time again, is that residents struggle to dispose of their garden waste in a responsible manner. We have had many requests over the years to uplift grass clippings, hedge cuttings, branches etc, so it was time for more of a sustainable approach to be adopted by the Community Company.

The decision was made by the Directors to allocate a community composting space in one corner of the Old Convent land. The Caretaker team took the challenge up and have constructed some substantial composting bays to produce leaf mould, wood chip mulch and general compost. All the above will eventually be products we can use throughout the villages, to feed our floral displays, suppress unwanted weeds or just to improve the soil quality of our raised beds.

The team will use this area on a regular basis, but more importantly we want to encourage all interested residents to use the area to dispose of their own garden waste themselves and contribute to future composted products.

The location of the community composting area is just past the entrance to the homes at



Caledonian Court, down the Kilchuimen Cemetery road; you take the first left after the new houses and follow the small circular road into the community field. This will lead you directly to the composting bays that you can drive right next to. We would encourage the site to be used responsibly and garden waste such as grass clippings, leaves, soil, dead flowers, hedge clippings, branches, even your Christmas tree can all be recycled here. The caretaking team will chip all larger branches and hedge clippings etc to make a usable wood chip mulch. However, please do NOT put any food waste in the bays.

A massive thank you must go to MGL Contractors (Morgan) for donating road surfacing materials, over 4 tonnes were donated to upgrade the entrance for which we are massively grateful. The Caretaker team will continue to maintain the road throughout the year. Should anyone have any questions regarding the new facility please contact the Community Company office. Lastly, do enjoy using the composting area, we really hope it proves popular.



GRANTS

In December the Community Company were pleased to give out the following grants:

- Friends of Kilchuimen Academy - £1,800 for a whole school ski trip
- Fort Augustus and area Gaelic Group - £5,070 for lessons and a Gaelic Festival
- Fort Augustus Brownies - £1,400 for outings and craft materials

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN REVIEW

FORT AUGUSTUS AND GLENMORISTON COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2018 – 2023

FORT AUGUSTUS AND GLENMORISTON COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN STEERING GROUP

REVIEW



With just 2 years left for the Community Action Plan to run, a review was necessary and the Community Company has been facilitating that on behalf of the original steering group. This Steering Group was made up of representatives from many local organisations. The review has been undertaken via a combination of specific email requests to groups, and other interested parties from the initial plan, alongside an online survey via Facebook. This was finished off with consultation days during February, in the Village Halls at Fort Augustus, Dalchreichart and Invermoriston. We were delighted that so many of you came along to express your views on progress and what the priorities for the Steering Group should now be. Thank you to

everyone who has participated. We expect the full review document to be available in April so do keep an eye out for it.