

## DIRECTORS

This month we would like to introduce you to another new Director, Fiona MacCormick.



Fiona will be known to many of you as she grew up in Fort Augustus. She did leave for a little while to study and then to travel in Australia for a year but she is back and settled in Fort Augustus.

She is really hoping that her local knowledge will help the Board in its work, and ensure that as many views as possible are represented. Fiona joined the Board so that she could get involved in helping the community to make the most of the assets available to them from the windfarm revenues. She has already thrown herself into the Community Growing project and is really excited to see that develop.

## E-VEHICLES

Three MG ZS EV's have been purchased with funding granted by the SSE Sustainable Development Fund.

The cars along with the 2 E-bikes are going to be used by the Sunflower Home Care Team to help them to be more eco-friendly on their visits to all their clients in the 3 Glens area.

The cars will have logos on them, so if you see them on their way to a visit do give them a wave!

Our thanks go to SSE for their support of this project, which we really hope will help the Sunflower Home Care Team as they head off to visit those who need them both now and in the future.





## Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company

### AN UPDATE ON OUR PROJECTS

#### **Memorial Hall**

In common with many Asset Transfers progress is slow. We have a meeting with the council on the 1st September where we hope to find out what plans, if any, the Highland Council have for the hall. Having had a good look around the whole building now there is lots of potential for the community to make better use of it, so hopefully we can convince the council that an Asset Transfer is in their and our best interests.

#### **Glentarff House**

Progress is also slow here as well. Unlike the Highland Council, Scottish Canals do not have staff or systems in place to deal specifically with Asset Transfers, so this feels like new ground for them. We are getting a survey, valuation and options appraisal completed this month. Hopefully it will be financially feasible and we can make some progress.

#### **Campervan Waste Disposal Point**

Another project where progress is very slow. Once we get on the ground it should take less than a week to complete, if we can co-ordinate activities by Scottish Water and SSE. Unfortunately getting on the ground requires a lease from the Highland Council which has taken an inordinate amount of time to complete. Hopefully by the time you are reading this it will be ready!

#### **Community Growing**

We wanted some direction and advice on how to progress with the Lovat Lawn and Convent Land. To that end we asked a garden designer based in the Black Isle to come and take a look. They use the no dig method or hugel beds on their land which I have to say sounds ideal to me. No dig uses a layer of cardboard straight on top of the ground topped with compost and a hugel bed uses branches and compost. If you are interested I would encourage you to look them up as my explanation is very oversimplified. It was very encouraging for both sites and subsequently we commissioned topographical surveys of the sites to ascertain the lay of the land and how best to lay out the planting areas. We have no shortage of branches for the hugel beds but we could do with collecting cardboard so please donate your waste cardboard.



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### GRANTS

In the last few months the following grants were awarded:

- Trees for Life—£20,000 for an outdoor classroom and interpretation boards.
- West Glenmoriston Community Company—£56,934 to pay for repairs to the roof, fascias, guttering and plumbing at the Hub and house.
- Glenmoriston Heritage Group—£4,250 to repair the staging at St Columba's Well.
- Fort Augustus Lunch Club—£10,000 to subsidise the lunch meetings
- Kilchuimen Primary Parent Council - £4,453 For transport to swimming lessons and a visit to the pantomime at Eden Court
- Glenmoriston Bowls Group—£8,000 to purchase an automated mat rolling mechanism
- Andrea Bennett—£980.67 to get the Dalchreichart community growing group started
- Moira MacDonald—£480.99 to pay for summer activities for "Playgroup & Friends"
- Irene Holt—£1000 for new benches and planters in Invermoriston
- Simon Canning—£797.07 for TaeKwon Do equipment
- 8 Student grants—£600 each to help with their study costs

### STUDENT GRANTS

It's almost the start of another academic year. For those of you heading off to college, no matter how near or far, don't forget to apply for a student grant of £600. The application form can be found at [www.communitycompany.co.uk/grants](http://www.communitycompany.co.uk/grants).

Do take a look and get your application in soon.

You may also want to consider applying to FERN Community funds who can offer additional funding to students. See [ferncommunityfunds.com](http://ferncommunityfunds.com)

Good luck with your studies this year.

