

Dunoon Community Development Trust Update – July 2021

Dunoon Community Development Trust has been set up, with support from **Dunoon Area Alliance**, by a group of local individuals concerned about the **sustainable development** of Dunoon and our surrounding area.

Sustainable development is about improving people's quality of life, now and for future generations; it is about being **ecologically sound, economically viable and socially just**. To achieve this the Trust will initiate new community-led activities and build alliances between community groups, businesses and public bodies to work together on shared goals.

Working together since January this year, the Steering Group has developed charitable purposes and a constitution for the Trust and has successfully registered **Dunoon Community Development Trust** as a **Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation** (SCIO number SC051050) with the **Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator** (OSCR).

Now we want as many local people and constituted organisations to become members of the Trust to support action and help to **Take Dunoon Forward**

Why you should join

By becoming a member of the Trust you can have a say and actively support initiatives that will improve life for all in our town. As a member you will be able to:

- Support community-led development across Dunoon
- Keep up-to-date with plans, discussions and consultations
- Add your viewpoint to the mix
- Get involved as a volunteer within your community

Membership is free and open to anyone over 16 who lives, works or studies in Dunoon. Anyone from across the Cowal peninsula with an interest in the regeneration of our main town can also become a member. Junior members aged 14 and 15 are also encouraged to join and make their views heard.

Dunoon Community Development Trust will actively involve local organisations and public bodies. Constituted community groups and organisations will be encouraged to become Associate Members. In addition, our constitution allocates an Appointed Trustee position for Argyll & Bute Council. Our constitution also provides scope to involve Co-opted Trustees from other bodies or organisations.

All three elected Dunoon Councillors and a number of council officers have been actively involved in the Trust steering group and will continue to be engaged with our development work.

What will Dunoon Community Development Trust do?

Dunoon Community Development Trust will build on the work of [Dunoon Area Alliance](#) (DAA), which was established to help strengthen connections between individuals, groups, organisations, businesses and public bodies in considering the regeneration of our town.

Informed by the findings of the Think Dunoon Charette, DAA has supported improved communication between organisations and joint action on specific themes. This has led to developments that include Dunoon Cycle Bothy and the American Years Revisited project.

A draft Development Trust Action Plan is being drawn up by our steering group, informed by the Think Dunoon Charette, the work of DAA and by a process of mapping the town's assets. We are also considering what we have all learned about community resilience through the Covid19 pandemic.

Our initial action is focused on building the membership of the Trust and establishing good governance. With that in place, our members will then be able to inform the priorities for action through a process of community engagement. All action will be community-led and based on engagement with our community and our partners.

Our main activities will be:

- The sustainable regeneration of Dunoon's community
- Strategic planning and development through community engagement and consultation
- Local project delivery
- Partnership working with relevant agencies and organisations
- Sharing best practice and experience with other similar groups and organisations
- Local capacity building and skills development

Our Charitable Objects:

These are the purposes of Dunoon Community Development Trust, as detailed in our governing document.

The Organisation's main purpose is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development. The Organisation's Purposes are:

1. The advancement of regeneration and community development and, in particular, the promotion of the holistic regeneration of Dunoon and its surroundings through the design and delivery of a range of activities, services and infrastructure designed to help Dunoon be a sustainable, inclusive community for all who live or work in the area.
2. The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture and/or science through the creation, improvement and on-going support of associated sites, infrastructure and activities
3. To provide or advance the accessibility of recreational facilities, with a particular focus on encouraging the use of open spaces, which will be available to members of the Community and public at large, for recreational purposes to improve the community's quality of life
4. To advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the Community and/or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the Community

5. To relieve those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, particularly through the provision or support of projects working towards this aim within the Community

6. To promote, establish, operate and/or support other similar schemes which are in furtherance of charitable 'purposes for the benefit of the Community

7. And on the basis that in pursuing those purposes, the organisation will:

(a) encourage and promote:

(i) community involvement in, and direction of, Dunoon Community Development Trust;

(ii) ownership and/or leasing of buildings, offices or any other community assets and the use of these assets to generate income; and

(iii) maximisation of funding opportunities;

(b) work in partnership with public, private and voluntary agencies in the furtherance of these aims and, in particular, work in partnership with Argyll & Bute Council and its community planning partners to identify regeneration projects within Dunoon.

Join now

Simply complete this [membership form](#) and email to ann@surf.scot or send to:
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