



Background

South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) was formed in the autumn of 2008, following a community consultation exercise carried out by the South Kintyre Area Development Group (*Formally the Campbeltown Area Development Group*).

Formed for the benefit of the South Kintyre community our aim is to advance sustainable development and local regeneration. Currently has 6 directors.

The trust has the powers to support, promote, develop, implement and maintain services, assets and projects in the South Kintyre area. To date the trust has secured £106,289 of funding, assisted other groups in securing £67,510 and have a further £215,000 pending.

Community Powerdown Project

Currently, SKDT have one full time employee until March 2011 to carry out the Community Powerdown project within South Kintyre. The project's purpose is to reduce the communities carbon footprint.

Four projects were identified for progression under the Powerdown project:

- A pilot community tidal power generation scheme,
 - A feasibility study was completed in April 2010
- An energy efficiency project,
 - 2,539 homes contacted,

- 210 offered free/subsidised insulation
- Reduction of food miles,
 - Local food coffee mornings being held on the third Thursday of every month in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown. 10AM till 1PM
- Making local recycling more sustainable
 - Waste vegetable oil converted to biodiesel and used in Kintyre Recycling's kerbside collection vehicles
 - 1000 litres produced so far, 5000 litres waiting to be processed
 - Secure supply of waste vegetable oil still required

South Kintyre Community Plan

Recently, SKDT, the South Kintyre Area Development Group and Argyll Voluntary Action have been investigating the potential for creating a Community Plan.

We held a public meeting on the 1st September to present the idea to the community. Twenty one people attended and there was majority support for the proposal with several volunteers coming forward to help get things started. A follow up meeting is being held on the evening of the 27th September in the Argyll Voluntary Action premises to take the project forward.

It is expected that the plan will take 6 to 12 months to complete and during this time we hope to consult with members of the MAKI LACPG.

If any of the members are interested in finding out more please contact Malcolm McMillan of SKDT – 07852 956 645 or malcolm.mcmillan@skdt.org

Self Storage Facility

One of the main objectives of the trust is to establish an income stream that does not depend on grant funding. This will ensure the trusts long term survival and enable us to bring greater benefits to the area for a longer period of time.

In pursuit of this objective we have recruited Eric Spence Consultancy Services to carry out research into the potential for a community owned self storage facility. Mr. Spence has started work on this project and the conclusions of his report will be available in December 2010.

All members of the public, public organisations and private businesses with a requirement for storage are encouraged to participate at this stage of the study.

Interested parties can get in contact with SKDT – info@skdt.org or call Malcolm – 07852 956 645.

Alternatively, you can complete our short survey:

<http://www.kintyreforum.com/viewtopic.php?f=12&t=10843>

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9BHSBWL>

Renewable Energy Project

SKDT are in talks with a renewable energy developer regarding establishing a revenue stream from the sale of electricity. This is at a very early stage and there is still a substantial amount of work to be done. If successful this project could generate a long term income stream for the community.