

# Tiree Community Development Trust

## Community Newsletter

December 2008

Company No; 292902 Charity No: SC037018

## The Trust Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Tiree Community Trust are elected to the position by the members at the AGM each year.

At present there are 8 directors on the Board these are: Isabella (Tish) MacKinnon, Chairperson, John Bowler, Rosleen Campbell, Fiona Munn, Mark Vale, Roger Jarvis, Neil MacPhail and Kate MacAllum.

The Trust Board usually meets on the second Tuesday of each month, where they look over the ongoing work of the Trust staff and also consider and discuss other matters/ projects arising

## The Trust Staff

### Development Manager, Lloyd Gudgeon



*Lloyd studied Agriculture at university, but by the time he graduated his dad didn't have a farm any more for him to inherit so he has been working as a rural development manager for 20 years, most recently as the Manager of Wester Ross Alliance in Gairloch. 15 years ago he was lucky enough to get married at Kirkapoll, and has been visiting Tiree once or twice a year ever since. While on the island (first three weeks of each month) he stays at Port Ban, Coalas.*

## Big Lottery Funding

In August this year the Trust received funding from the Big Lottery Fund which has allowed the Board of Directors of the Trust to employ 3 members of staff, and take forward the Tiree Community Wind Turbine Project.



The remit of the staff will be to carry out the day to day running of the Trust, updating the community requirements of the Tiree Development plan, assisting community groups to seek and secure funding, investigate and create documents which will enable the trust Directors to distribute income received from our Community Turbine.

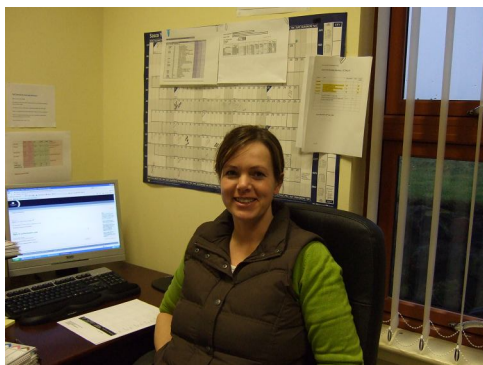
### Development Officer, Liz Lapsley



*Liz has lived on Tiree for over 15 years and has been an active member of many community groups. Liz works 15 hours per week for the Trust, and her duties at this time are mainly concentrated on supporting Tiree Renewable Energy Company, in the delivery of the Community Wind Turbine Project.*

## Finance and Governance Manager;

Jane Isaacson



*Jane came to Tiree in 1995 with her children Sophie and John. She ran a pony trekking business for the first 13 years whilst also becoming increasingly involved in development work on Tiree. She now runs her own business, Paper.works. Jane works for the Trust 18 hours per week dealing with all matters relating to finance and governance for the TRUST and TREL Boards.*

## Office Opening Hours

Tuesday 9am – 5pm  
Wednesday 9am – 5pm  
Thursday 9am -5pm

Not all staff will be in the office at all times, if you specifically want to talk to Lloyd, Liz or Jane direct, please leave a message with the other staff and they will pass on your contact details to the relevant staff member

**Telephone No: 01879 220074**

## What's going on!!

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Since the new staff has been put in place there has been discussion with a number of community groups regarding future requirements for Tiree.



## Tiree Community Wind Turbine

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Tiree Renewable Energy Company Ltd (TREL) are a subsidiary of Tiree Community Trust and are responsible for the Community Turbine Project. This group has been working alongside Trust Staff for the last 4 years to achieve the completion and erection of a community Turbine which will allow Tiree to become self sustainable from the income generated from our turbine.

TREL are hopefully on the home straight now and are at this time are looking at the signing of all the legal documents with Turbine suppliers ENERCON, Scottish & Southern Electricity Ltd, Co Op bank, Argyll & Bute Council, and Argyll Estates/local Crofters. TREL still hope to meet the completion date of September 2009 when we will see the Turbine in place at Ruaig Sliabh.

### **TREL Board Members:**

Chairperson, Bruce Kemp, Steve Thomson, Ann Kirby, Ian Tainsh, Ian MacDonald, Mark Beese/Trust Board Members; Mark Vale, Roger Jarvis and John Bowler

## Youth

TCT on behalf of Tiree Youth Club, Tiree High School and Tiree School Board made a recent application to Argyll & Bute Council's GIFREC Fund for financial assistance, which would allow the employment of a dedicated Youth Worker for Tiree. Unfortunately due to Council overspend this year the Trust has been asked to resubmit the application in the New Year. The Trust will have further consultation with representatives from these groups and look at other funding opportunities for this position.

## Access

TCT are part of the group looking at the recent Access Issues on Tiree. The Trust assisted and helped TRD secure funding from SNH and Argyll Estates which allowed the employment of an Access Ranger for this summer.

TRD and the Access group are in the process of developing new projects with the Trust.

## Environmental Project

Tiree Community Business (TCB) in the past have been looking at upgrading the Public Toilets in Scarinish and investigating the option of installing community/public toilets at specific areas around the island, Loch Bassapol, Crossapol Play area and others.

Unfortunately TCB do not have a project officer at this time and have asked the Trust staff to address the needs of this issue. The Trust Directors have agreed that TCT staff look at the requirements of this project and work in partnership/consultation with other community groups assessing where toilets maybe installed/upgraded and seeking funding to implement this project

## Housing

The Trust has worked in partnership with WHHA on the housing development at Scarinish. Now that the 18 new homes at Pier View have all been allocated and taken, the Trust Directors feel that some of the housing issues that arose 5 years ago have been addressed. There will no doubt in the future be further housing issues arising which may need community consultation/input which the Trust will regularly review.

## Harbour Development

The upgrading of the many small harbours around Tiree has been discussed many times in the past. The Trust staff are working alongside a resurrected Harbour Development Group to look at technical issues/project requirements etc and then will investigate funding options which may allow this project to move forward

## Island Visitors

Neil Mitchison, the European Commission representative in Scotland, and Jon Rathjen, the manager of the Scottish Government's Climate Change Challenge Fund, visited Tiree on 12/13<sup>th</sup> November. They left with a very good impression of us and what we have achieved, largely thanks to everyone who took time to talk to them. We hope to be working with them both in the near future on a number of development projects



L-R, Neil, Jon and Lloyd

## **Membership of Tiree Community Trust:**

### **We want new Members**

The Trust's aims are "to develop the economic, social, cultural sustainability of our community" you are all part of the Tiree Community and your voices. Ideas are important to the future of our island. As a member of Tiree Community Trust your voice will be heard, the more members that the Trust has enables them to have a more effective lobbying voice. It only costs £1 to become a member.

As a member you have the right to attend company AGMs  
vote on company proposals and also on the appointment of directors.

## **How do I become a member of Tiree Community Development Trust?**

### **Full Membership:**

Is open to any person aged 18 years and over who is ordinarily resident on Tiree and are entitled to vote at a local Government Election

### **Junior Membership:**

Is open to any individual aged between 16 and 18 years who wishes to support the aims and activities of the Trust

### **Associate Membership:**

Is open to any individual over the age of 18years, who is not open for full membership, but is willing to support the aims and activities of the Trust.

**For any membership form please contact any member of the Trust Staff**

### **Contact Us:**

If you are interested in becoming a member, would like to discuss any of the projects or even have new ideas that would benefit our community please call into the Trust Office at An Talla or contact any of the staff,

by e mail or just give us a call on **01879 220074**

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