

Your Community, Your Company

Strathglass and Affric Community Company (SACC) formed in 2009 to enable Strathglass residents to take ownership of Cannich Village Hall which was threatened with closure. The refurbishment of the hall was completed in 2013 after grant funding was secured and now provides a quality service for users.

2018 saw the transition of the SACC to a Community Development Trust model which allows the Company to better support projects within the community. Formal sub groups have been created which report regularly to the company board and they will work together to access funding and develop ideas.

Projects Update

Cannich Village Hall - Owned by the community and managed by the sub group on a day to day basis. The facility continues to be a key part of the SACC as it attracts new groups and the longer term bookings are progressing well. In 2017 a five year lease was secured allowing the relocation of the General Practice Doctor Surgery and this provides rental revenue that helps to support the running of the hall. The Hall Committee are seeking new members and volunteers to help with running this valuable community asset.



Community Action Plan – An exciting new project, initiated by the SACC, which will provide a strategy for the community to express its needs, identify opportunities and implement positive change. Local organisations were consulted in October and five groups have registered an interest in involvement with the development of a Community Action Plan. Twelve groups have requested to be consulted in the process which will require the definition of elements for analysis and

further consultation with the wider community. A meeting of interested parties will be held in January to establish a steering group and discuss how best to proceed.

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Strathglass Gala – The bi annual event was a great community occasion this year attracting many locals and visitors. Funding support was received from Soirbheas and Strathglass Marketing Group which assisted in the success of the event. New volunteers are always welcomed.

Nurse's House - The community purchase of the Nurse's house property could provide affordable long term secure rented housing in the area. Following an unsuccessful Stage 1 Feasibility Funding bid to the Scottish Land Fund in June, it was agreed that a Housing Needs Survey is required to be undertaken. Funding for this purpose has been obtained from the Highland Council and the Highland Small Community Housing Trust appointed to carry out the survey. Household and business survey forms will be distributed soon, with a view to resubmitting the Stage 1 application.



Affric Land Use – This group was formed to investigate the various options of increased community involvement or ownership of the publicly owned land in and around Glen Affric. The group has agreed on a scope of interest and produced and distributed a community information news sheet. It has obtained information on the existing model of operation from Forestry Commission Scotland and met with Trees For Life to review the community involvement in the East West Wild project.

Resilience Group – This group was formed to ensure the Strathglass community cope better when faced with major events such as power failure. The members will be meeting soon to review and update the Resilience Plan.



If you would like more information or to become involved with SACC, any current project or have a project idea of your own please contact Chairperson Alan Hood at alan.hood@live.co.uk

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