



Your Community Company is changing !!

Strathglass and Affric Community Company Ltd was set up in June 2009 by the residents of the Strathglass to enable the community to take ownership of Cannich Village Hall which was threatened with closure.

The Charitable Company has approx. 280 members – almost 2/3 of the community - who are all residents of Strathglass. It is fully incorporated, listed at Companies House and a fully registered Scottish Charity. It currently has 8 directors who form the Company Board on behalf of the Strathglass community.

The company was successful in obtaining grant funds and the refurbishment of the village hall was completed in 2013. The hard work continued to ensure the long term sustainability of the building and following some lengthy negotiations a 5 year lease was agreed in Mar 2017 with the NHS allowing the relocation of the threatened GP Surgery facility in Strathglass and providing long term secure rental revenue helping to reduce the building's operating loss which is only supplemented by local fundraising.



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Following these successes the company increasingly found itself being asked to become involved in other Community projects but was finding it difficult to support those projects within it's operating structure.

The board recognized that to allow the company to grow, take on new challenges and help shape the future of Strathglass something had to change.

Following a period of consultation and advice from HiE and Just Enterprise the Directors of the Company unanimously voted at the recent AGM to transform the operating structure to reflect that of a Community Development Trust.



Development Trusts are community organisations which:

- are owned and managed by the local community (though it's membership)
- aim to achieve sustainable regeneration of a community or address a range of economic, social, environmental and cultural issues within a community
- are independent but seek to work in partnership with other private, public and third sector organisations
- aim to reduce dependency on grant support by generating income through enterprise and the ownership of assets. All trading surpluses are principally reinvested in the organisation or the community.

Community projects will now form sub groups of the Company and with clear Terms of Reference they will report regularly to the company board who in return will continue to help the groups access funding and develop their ideas as part of a wider community development plan.

Cannich Village Hall - owned by you - will continue to be a key part of SACC and similarly a management sub group will now run the hall on a day-to-day basis and be supported by the Community Company to continue delivering and improving the village hall.

What projects are Strathglass and Affric Community Co Ltd involved in currently

Community Development Plan – we will be working alongside The Highland Council and the Strathglass Community Council to fund, produce and implement a Strathglass Community Development Plan. The plan will capture the way in which we – the community – want Strathglass to develop and inform the wider Highland Development Plan.

Look out for consultation events in 2018

Nurses House Group – this sub group has been set up to look at the Community Purchase of the Nurses House hopefully providing some affordable long term secure rented housing in the area. Look out for more information soon



Affric Land Use Group – this sub group has been set up set up to investigate the various options of increased community involvement or ownership of the publicly owned land in and around Glen Affric.



Resilience Sub Group – this sub group has been set up to ensure the Strathglass community cope better when faced with major events like prolonged power failure

Events – We will continue to work with the sub groups set up to offer key Community Events such as Strathglass Gala, Xmas, Hogmanay and Bonfire events



New ideas – Are you a community group who have an idea. We will always seek to support ideas in line with the Local Community Development Plan – After School Care, Community Transport, Community Asset Purchase all come to mind

The key to any successful Development Trust/Company is having a wide membership base and a strong Board of Directors. If you are a resident of Strathglass and not a member or not sure if you are a member of the Company then please complete the enclosed membership form and pop it in the Cannich Hall postbox. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Company more and helping to shape the future of Strathglass then please contact the Chairperson Alan Hood at alan.hood@live.co.uk