

# THE ANTTLER

CARRADALE'S COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

SPECIAL EDITION 2020

## VILLAGE VOICES

**A**S IT MAY be a little while before circumstances will allow for the next issue of The Antler and the AGM of Carradale Community Trust (CCT), the Trust are distributing this special edition to update everybody on what has been going on in the past four months, including this report on the progress of a number of projects.

The lockdown period has not been easy for anybody and the village is very lucky to have the Community Shop to provide for us and such a dedicated group of volunteers both in the Shop and in the Village Resilience Group.

On the reverse page of this newsletter is an application form to join CCT. It costs only £5 – a one-off payment that covers you for all the years ahead! The benefits are that you can vote at meetings and you will receive an occasional email giving you updates. Please complete and hand the form in to the Community Shop or email it to [carradalect@gmail.com](mailto:carradalect@gmail.com)

*Alan Walker, Chair CCT*

### COMMUNITY COMPOSTING CENTRE

The village composting project should soon be open for use. This project would not have been possible without digger time and hardcore being donated by SSE.

There will be eight bays at Seneval, comprising two rows of four. The rear four are hot boxes, which is where the compost will be nurtured. The front four will be clearly marked to take your garden waste in four categories: grass cuttings, hedge and mixed garden waste, wood cuttings and chipped wood.

We do not take cardboard or paper – it can be composted but really should be recycled through the normal systems as we cannot process it. The site will be under camera surveillance.

Every so often garden waste will be moved into the hot boxes by volunteers.

If you would like to assist please email [carradalect@gmail.com](mailto:carradalect@gmail.com)

### CARRADALE HERITAGE CENTRE

Our plans for 2020 have gone to pot! The aim was to write, get printed and install about 15 panels in the righthand

room at the Heritage Centre at Network by summer. Each panel will be about one aspect of village history and its personalities.

There are also plans to put up a big aerial picture of the village on one wall.

With regret it will be the New Year before the new exhibition will be ready.

### CARRADALE HARBOUR ENTERPRISES LTD

CHEL is a wholly owned subsidiary of CCT. Their focus is primarily to make the harbour area a better place to be. The lockdown has meant the moorings were not reinstalled in the spring as normal and we have had no income from them or the slip. We are very appreciative of assistance from MOWI in managing the four moorings, now re-installed.

Both our events, the Great Carradale Canter (5/10K run) in June and Harbour Day in August have been cancelled as a result of Covid19. Dates for next year will be Sunday 27th June for the Canter and Saturday 28th August for Harbour Day, so please put these in your diary.

[www.carradaleharbour.co.uk](http://www.carradaleharbour.co.uk)

## CARRADALE TEMPORARY SHOP

THE Carradale Temporary Shop (CTS) has had a very good year. At the start of the year, we introduced a card reader to allow us to take card payments and this quickly proved to be a success. Since the lockdown, it has proved invaluable, with card payments regularly exceeding 50% of the takings.

When the lockdown kicked in, the CTS came into its own, providing a vital lifeline not only for the elderly and vulnerable but also for the whole community.

We not only wish to thank them for their support but also the band of volunteers, past and present, for making the shop such a success.

Thanks to a grant from a Highlands and Islands Covid-19 Emergency Resilience Fund, we now have a new, much larger display fridge, and a new upright display freezer. This meant we could increase our stock levels, with the goods inside more easily viewed.

We are now registered and licenced to sell tobacco products; this has proved to

be even more successful than expected.

The latest improvement has been the introduction of a new Epos system to replace the old till. This is not only easier for our volunteer staff to use but also automatically updates our inventory. This means better control of stock levels and easier ordering of products.

We are continuously reviewing our stock, replacing slow-moving items with more popular or requested products, and hope to continue to provide a much-needed service to the village.



**W**ITH successful funding from the Scottish Government to support a community response to COVID-19, a small team was set up to consider the best ways to spend the funding during this current pandemic and also should there be a second wave. This Emergency Resilience Group also considered how best to support the community in times of other emergencies so that we would be prepared for most eventualities.

The aim is to ensure the community is as self sufficient as possible and that people on their own or isolated geographically are able to be supported. The team which

## ACTION PLAN

has undertaken the work consists of Elaine Batchelor, Trish Collins, Cate Trott and Margaret Richardson. The commitment and enthusiasm of the team and of the volunteers behind the scenes is greatly appreciated.

The criteria for ways in which we could spend the funding was laid down by the Government and its aim was to 'minimise the economic impact of COVID-19 on our community's fragile economy so that our community will be better equipped and able to return to "normal" when restrictions are lifted'. Emergency situations such as lack of power, being cut off by snow, road

closures, flooding and any number of smaller emergencies such as people being lost in a snow drift, lost in the hills were considered.

In a major incident, there needs to be a Hub, a central point for the Emergency team to be based and or a place of safety to which people can gather, where food and shelter can be supplied.

Carradale Village Hall will be the main Hub with Peninver Hall being a sub-Hub.

From these two Hubs, food, heat, lighting and communications will be available to ensure the communities remain safe.

To date over £5,000 of the allocated funds have been spent. Once the funding is spent, the Emergency Resilience Group will withdraw.

CCT, with the support of the EKCC and a huge number of residents, have submitted an application to Register an Interest (RoI) in Carradale Forest. Thanks so much to all of you who have already given your signatures.

We invite anyone who wishes to sign but has not yet had the chance to please do so before the end of August.

## SIGN UP TO SAVE OUR FOREST

Our application aims to ensure CCT can work to deliver what you asked for in the survey and local development plan.

Through our Community Survey, we learned many residents and visitors wanted

much more choice in terms of things such as footpath networks, cycle and bridle ways and viewpoints (of Arran, the Kilbrannan Sound and the last remnants of the Atlantic rainforest).

Many were keen to observe

wildlife, especially our golden and white tailed eagles. Visitors also wanted us to preserve East Kintyre's quiet beauty. We have been refining plans to try to meet these aims and to encourage green tourism and sustainable growth.

We invite all CCT members to join us in the process of active planning for the future of Carradale Forest.

## ENERGY BOOST

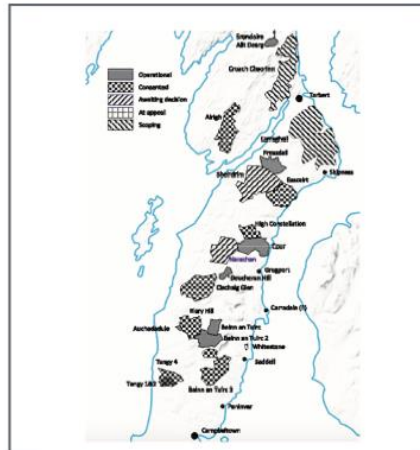
**I**T IS A YEAR now since East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group (EKREG), a small group of local volunteers, came together, as a sub-group of CCT, to explore the opportunities that consented renewable energy developments might offer the communities of East Kintyre.

In particular, the group sought to maximise the community benefits from new developments while investigating the opportunities for community shared ownership in local projects.

This was very much in line with newly published guidance from the Scottish Government and in particular its desire to see at least half of all newly consented renewable developments having an element of shared ownership by 2020.

The group quickly realised any new windfarm in Kintyre would impact on more than one community council area, while developers would require to deal with a single body to deliver shared ownership. Consequently, members of the group spoke to neighbouring community councils who agreed EKREG should work in partnership with them and represent their interests in securing shared ownership.

As well as East Kintyre, community



councils from West Kintyre, Campbeltown, Southend, The Laggan and Gigha are all now represented by EKREG.

Once Covid 19 restrictions are lifted, members will speak to representatives from Tarbert & Skipness and South Knapdale to hopefully secure a Kintyre-wide agreement to speak as one voice with developers.

The group recently received approval from the Financial Conduct Authority of model rules for multi-community shared ownership in renewable developments. Establishing this

form of shared ownership is groundbreaking work for the group, developers and regulators and the structures and processes will be trialled at the Beinn an Tuirc 3 Windfarm. Much of the foundations and infrastructure for this farm are now in place and the first turbines expected to be erected in August.

EKREG is hopeful impacted communities (East/West Kintyre and Campbeltown) will receive the details of the shared ownership offer the developer, Scottish Power Renewables (SPR), is offering in early Autumn. The financial and legal details of the offer will have to be considered in detail (funded by a CARES grant won from Local Energy Scotland) by the communities involved before the project is taken forward to the next stage.

EKREG and community representatives have already held a virtual meeting with SPR and agreed an outline for both community benefits and shared ownership.

With 7 windfarms currently operational in Kintyre, 4 consented and awaiting construction, 2 currently under construction, 2 being considered by the Scottish Government and one seeking initial consent, there are busy times ahead for the group who seek to gain some financial compensation for the community from approved developments.

For up-to-date information on the group's activities and windfarm developments visit the windfarm pages of eastkintyre.org

Carradale Community Trust Membership Application Form	
I hereby apply for membership of Carradale Community Trust. The one-off payment of £5 is enclosed and for which I will receive a formal receipt from the Treasurer Malcolm Trott.	
Please note that by completing this Application Form you consent to the Trust holding and using your contact details for the purposes set out below:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To contact you regarding any events or meetings that the Trust is organising;</li> <li>- To ask for your views on issues in relation to any business of the Trust;</li> <li>- To send you newsletters and any other relevant information regarding the activities of the Trust.</li> </ul>	
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Signature	Date:

## FUNDING FOR SHOP

**F**OLLOWING receipt of Stage 1 funding from the Scottish Land Fund we commissioned an updated survey and valuation of Paterson's Bakery and the land behind. This enabled us to submit a formal written offer to our obtaining funds from SLF to purchase the property and complete the required repairs and refurbishment.

We also obtained funds from the Windfarm Trust to instruct a firm of professionals in Glasgow (INCH) to prepare a Business Plan (BP) combined with architectural drawings showing our proposals for the property:

Phase 1 to do essential repairs, refurbish and re-open and Phase 2 to show further proposals for improvement and development in the future.

The BP, with drawings, was submitted to SLF in June for a Stage 2 application which, if successful, will provide funds for the purchase. We expect to hear by the end of August.

We have the promise of substantial funds towards the cost of repairs and refurbishment, so if we get the SLF funds we are confident, in the not too distant future, we will again have a permanent (and refurbished) shop in the village.