

Welcome to AGM 23rd November 2021

Good evening I would like to welcome you and thank you for joining us for the 7th AGM of Tighnabruaich District Development Trust. I would like to thank David Mitchell for allowing us to use the church hall for this meeting. This last year has been a difficult one due to the pandemic and all our meetings have been held on line using zoom. This has allowed continuity for us to keep up the good work of the trust.

Chairman's Report 23rd November 2021

I would like take this opportunity to thank my fellow directors and project leaders for their hard work during the year. Particular thanks to Tony Bryce for managing all the documentation. Graeme Hogg for his financial acumen and keeping us right in all the legislation that is required these days and David Mitchell for organising our zoom meetings

Due to the pandemic it has been a difficult year but we have still managed to put our funds to good use.

The flow of income to the charity from its investment in Srondoire Wind Farmers Ltd through its subsidiary company Tighnabruaich District Community Renewables Limited has enabled the Trust to support more community projects and continue to develop projects in its own right during the year.

Since the last AGM and the beginning of the current calendar year, grants ranging from £200 to £8700 have been awarded to community groups including:

Friends of Glenan Wood (Final part of the equipment grant)	£469.94
Path to the Communication mast	£5280.00
Kings Court Kitchen Renovation (Final Instalment)	£5000.00
Kyles of Bute Golf Club New Tractor	£8700.00
Kilfinan Community Forest New Forest Path	£5000.00

Kilfinan Community Council, Planters for Tighnabruaich and Kames £477.50

Dunoon Grammar Hostel parents group Tuition Grant (Instalment) £1000.00

Kilfinan Community Council Payment to Bruce Godsmark for plants etc £200.00

We have also met the costs of the Heritage Centre including rent, insurance, heat and light...

I am sure you will all agree these funds have all been put to very good use.

The Heritage Centre has been closed due to the pandemic but I am pleased to report it is now back open. Thanks go Roberta Wallace leading the team looking after it and we look forward to seeing many new displays.

Two parts of the Jetty has now been moved to their winter mooring. It has been a great asset to the village this year and the donation box has been well used.

With the disbanding of The Kyles Marketing Group I am pleased to report that the trust has taken on the running of the Kyles Miles event next September under the able control of Andy Trull. Andy will be looking for volunteers to help run the event on the day.

Before I finish I would like to stress that with the income being generated, the Trust would welcome applications for any worthwhile project that would benefit the community. Inevitably, in these difficult times owing to the pandemic, there are fewer projects currently in the pipeline than before. The application forms and criteria for access to these funds is clearly detailed on the website

www.tddt.org.uk

Lastly I am pleased to report that the trust is going from strength to strength and will continue to contribute to many worthwhile projects in the future.

Are there any questions before we move on?

Many thanks I will now pass on to Graeme to explain the financial position.