**Tighnabruaich District Development Trust AGM 2022**

**Chairman’s Report 21st November 2022**

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 our secretary for managing all the documentation. Graeme Hogg the treasurer for his financial acumen and keeping us right in all the legislation that is required these days.

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 £4300 have been awarded to community groups including:

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| **Date** | **Amount £** | **Recipient/project** |
| Dec 21 | 677.50 | Kilfinan CC/Bruce Godsmark – Planters for Tighnabruaich/Kames |
| Apr 22 | 964.69 | Kames Hall – Indoor bowling equipment |
| Jun 22 | 1,000.00 | Dunoon Hostel aren’t Partnership – Supported homework study |
| Jun 22 | 626.50 | Kings Court – Gardening tools |
| Jul 22 | 242.00 | Peter MacBride – Refurbishing local milestones |
| Aug 22 | 2,000.00 | Kilfinan Hall – external drainage works |
| Nov 22 | 1,873.62 | Tighnabruaich Primary Parent Council – New iPads |
| Nov 22 | 1,000.00 | Dunoon Hostel Parent Partnership – Supported homework study |

The Trust directly supported the maintenance of the Tighnabruaich jetty at a net cost of £4,300, the activities of the Heritage Centre at a net cost of £2,300, the Gaelic Group associated with the Heritage Centre for £250.

The VETS programme was established during this year at a cost of £500. Upkeep of local defibrillators amounted to £250. The Trust took over responsibility from the now disbanded Community Council for spraying knotweed along the shoreline from the boatyard to Blairs Ferry at a cost of £760.

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

The Heritage Centre has proven to be a great asset to the village and thanks go to Roberta Wallace and her team for looking after it and we look forward to seeing many new displays in the years ahead

The weather has curtailed two parts of the Jetty being moved to their winter mooring but hopefully that will be rectified shortly. It has been a great asset to the village this year and the donation box has been well used. A number of repairs have been identified such as replacing a number of damaged block, it is hoped to beach the whole jetty in the spring to undertake these repairs

The trust took over the running of the Kyles Miles race in September, once again the weather was in our favour and the race was enjoyed by many runners and walkers. The race generated £10250 in funds which will be used to finance projects in the community. Our thanks go to Andy Trull and the volunteers whose time and effort made this event such a success and to Chris Trainer for his sponsorship supplying all the T-shirts and medals. We look forward to continuing with this worthwhile event for years to come.

With the response time for an ambulance to respond to an emergency being at least 40 minutes this year we launched the Volunteer Emergency Telephone System which is available in Tighnabruaich/Kames, Millhouse/Portavadie and Kilfinan/Otterferry in the event of a medical emergency. First dial 999 for an ambulance then phone 01700612611 and one of 30 plus volunteers will come to your aid. All the volunteers have had a course in the use of CPR and the many defibrillators that are situated throughout the parish. Whilst we hope the system will never be used our thanks go to all the volunteers.

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. The application forms and criteria for access to these funds is clearly detailed on the website [www.tddt.org.uk](http://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.