



Tayport Community Trust

Newsletter

November 2009

Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting of the Trust will be held on Monday 23 November at 7pm in Tayport Bowling Club. We have vacancies for Trustees. More details are in the next section. If you are interested and would like to learn more please contact Tony Gowland, David Yule or Heather Davidson.

Abertay Site, Shanwell Road

The big news is that Fife Council has accepted our proposal for the redevelopment of the whole of the Abertay site. This commitment is only for three years so there's much work to do.

As we reported in the last Newsletter, the Policy, Finance and Asset Management Committee of Fife Council were going to consider our proposal for the development at their September meeting. The previous commitment from the council was only for part of the big green shed that is on the site.

The meeting has now taken place and we are pleased to report that the Trust's proposal was accepted and we will have development control of the whole site. However, we only have this commitment for three years. In that time we have to continue to show progress in creating a development plan, engaging architects, getting the requisite funding etc. for the development to start.

Having this deadline does give the project an urgency that it maybe

didn't have before. If you feel that you can assist with the project then please get in touch with anyone on the contact list.

Now that we have effective control of the Shanwell Road Abertay site the hard work begins!

During this time we want to demonstrate that there is a strong community need for self supporting facilities on that site and also that TCT and the Tayport community are well equipped and motivated enough to take over its running.

To do this we need to enlist the help of the community and especially those who have some spare time and expertise to offer. For example, we would benefit greatly from having a wider range of local people available with fundraising, legal, financial, administrative, publicity or building procurement skills but other skills are also needed too.

Whatever we do has to be with approval of the community and so there is a significant job in developing a brief for the site that meets a wide range of community needs.

Please contact either Tony Gowland tonyg@radler.co.uk, David Yule d.m.yule@dundee.ac.uk or Heather Davidson bwd_hmd@btinternet.com if you feel you can help or come along to discuss ideas after the forthcoming AGM. Alternatively, if

you know of anyone in the DD69 area who might be willing to help then please pass this request on to them.

Harbour Café Update

Two grant applications have been submitted to complete the design work and obtain a building warrant for the Café. So far we have had one response. LEADER has agreed to fund half of the next stage to a maximum of £2000.

Tayport Community Enterprises Ltd.

The Trust has also created a subsidiary trading company to run the Café.

Charities are limited in the amount and type of trading that they can undertake. While the Trust is not a charity and could have run the café directly, we may apply for charitable status in the future, as this does have certain tax benefits. We felt that it would be easier setting up the trading company now rather than later.

Please contact Mary-Jane Duncan on 01382 553882 or email harbourcafe@hotmail.co.uk.

Energy Group.

The Energy Group, in collaboration with Transition Town Tayport are preparing an application to the Climate Challenge Fund. Other local groups in NE Fife (ENLEN and Newburgh) have been successful, and we hope to emulate that success in Tayport.

Communication Tree

The communication tree is expanding with fifteen organisations taking the

opportunity to let each other know of forthcoming Tayport Community Events. If you belong to an organisation and want to know more, read the article 'Lets Talk' on the www.tayport.org.uk website or contact Bruce Davidson on bwd_hmd@btinternet.com for further information.

Fundraising

Santa's On His Way!

Tayport Community Trust are pleased to announce that Santa Clause will be visiting Tayport on Saturday 5 December with his helpers to raise funds for the Trust and towards the Tayport Community Sports Centre. Listen for the Christmas music announcing Santa's arrival in a street near you and come and say hello!

Other Events

A fundraising evening with Tannahill Weavers will be held on 22 May 2010.

If you would like to help then please contact us.

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