



Sunday, 30 September 2012

## **NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2012**

**OUR SECOND AGM IS ON THE 3RD NOVEMBER.** Once again we will combine it with **Fireworks, Dancing and a Good Time.** As well as the normal things there will be reports and feed back on the various projects, a vote on a change of rules to allow wider grant giving powers for **educational applications and the election of new directors.**

### OUR PROJECTS!

**Paths.** Pedestrian, cycle and horse route to link the Coishletter Forrest Road to the Edinbane Windfarm Road. Awaiting letter recording the agreement of the grazings committee.



Path/ bridleway links to the old roads running beside the main A road so that there is a nearly continuous safe route through the area. 2 of the 3 link sections are finished and the last is being completed just now. In collaboration with Highland Council Access Officer. Additionally an upgrade was done to the link between Upper Edinbane and the village. The pictures show these paths.

**War Memorial.** We have planning permission for this, the mason is being instructed and we are assessing widely varying prices for the inscriptions.

**School / Children's** projects. Further support has been given.

**Mobile phone reception.** We were shortlisted for a 'open access FEMTO trial' in plain english for working mobile phone reception. We did not succeed and need to find out the network plans for the area before being able to do more.

**Support for apprenticeships.** The scheme is underway and support has been given to one individual and offered to another. This is a great thing for individuals and businesses - please feel free to apply. Info is on the website and any director will be happy to discuss what is on offer. The directors wish to widen the availability of the scheme to other educational sectors and following legal advice this will be put to the vote at the AGM. More on this overleaf.



A proposal for an **allotment** at the cleared area by the school was made. The directors have a lot of work as the main work setting up all the other projects has fallen to them so are looking for a volunteer to take this forward - support and info will be given.



The **play park** is awaiting planning permission now that we have finalised the transfer of the land to the Community Co. A group is taking control of this and members are very welcome to participate. The idea is that projects will go forward under the wings of the company but with the support of the company - for instance in the case of the play park company directors provide technical backup voluntarily. Admin support is also provided. The play park group moves the project on. The recent dance and auction they ran raised over £1300 [to be confirmed at AGM] with very generous lots donated and bids received. A great night out.

In the case of the **village hall**, the committee have had fees underwritten by the Company to cover the arrangement of an upgrade project.

Proposals for new projects are always welcome

You might have noticed the **smart verges** - funded and arranged again by the Company.

If you have friends or neighbours who are not members of the company yet, do encourage them to join.

## ECC

Our Contact details:

<http://www.edinbanecommunitycompany.org/contacts.htm>



### **Funding available for young people through ECC**

We thought that it would be useful to remind you all about the funding that is currently available for young people through ECC – full details and application forms can be found on our website [www.edinbanecommunitycompany.org.uk](http://www.edinbanecommunitycompany.org.uk)

Funding for educational school trips – the application has to come from the school (the individual can complete the form themselves) but ECC can make a contribution, via the school towards, for example, the costs of a student from the Edinbane communities attending a field trip say for Biology, Geography or History.

Funding for cultural events / participation – for example participation in a Feis - payment would be made to organisation running the event.

Funding for apprenticeships – we are able to make a contribution towards the costs of apprenticeships – this will normally be towards the salary of the apprentice while they are away from work and at college.

Funding for Business start up. In collaboration with the Princes Scottish Youth Business Trust ECC is able to “match fund” PSYBT grant funding for a young person living within the Edinbane Communities starting up their own business and who has received support through PSYBT.

PLEASE DO NOT BE SHY IN COMING FORWARD AND DISCUSSING ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES WITH ANY OF THE DIRECTORS.

**Changes and development to educational and other funding applications** – Due to charity legislation ECC is restricted in funding individuals directly, hence the need to go via other organisations.

We have been advised by our lawyers that as a result of changes in Charitable legislation it should be possible to adapt our Memorandum and Articles of Association to expand the area of support for training and Education from that described above. We are bringing a resolution to the AGM that will enable us to:

- a) Provide direct funding support for young people in tertiary education
- b) Provide direct funding support for individuals within the community that have a small community development project that they would like to undertake themselves. This would probably be limited to £1,000.

If you have any concerns or comments on these proposals please contact one of the Directors.

[AGM Motion: see next page.](#)

**Changes to Company Memorandum and Articles to accommodate our requirement to be able to support people in tertiary education.**

Motion: This meeting empowers the directors to have the Memorandum and Articles changed as undernoted or with minor amendments if required by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator:

Object 3.1 stays as is.

Object 3.2 is **amended**,

Object 3.3 is **added**

and the existing Object 3.3 becomes Object 3.4.

- 3.1 To manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the community and the public in general as an important part of the protection and sustainable development of Scotland's natural environment, where "sustainable development" means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- 3.2 **To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Community, without distinction on grounds of race, political, religious, or other opinions by associating with the local statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education. Further to provide direct financial support to any inhabitant or inhabitants of the Community (i) entering into tertiary education and / or (ii) for small community development type projects.**
- 3.3 **To provide, or assist in providing, facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Community, following principles of sustainable development and in the interests of social welfare so that conditions of life may be improved.**
- 3.4 To advance the education of the Community about its environment, culture and / or history