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SKDT

South Kintyre Development Trust



A YEAR IN REVIEW

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WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

I would like to introduce you to our 2017/18 annual report which highlights South Kintyre Development Trust's achievements over the last year – both in our projects and in our partnerships with community groups.

During the last year the funding for our Town Hall Manager post ended and we made the decision to absorb the workload within the daily duties of other staff. This proved demanding at first and was a massive learning curve for the rest of the staff, however it built staff capacity and they have risen to the challenge admirably and shown a strong team dynamic. The Community led funding from the Big Lottery secured in May 2018 will help us achieve our long term objectives of becoming a One Stop Shop and sign posting resource for the Kintyre community.

In Feb 2018 Cameron McLellan joined us, bringing with him a wealth of experience in business, IT, social media, and website design. These skills proved vital for the rejuvenation of our online presence. We were delighted to be joined in October 2017 by Patrick Stewart who undertook the duties of Company Secretary and whose expertise in governance reinforces the trusts diligence.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my fellow trustees who have each played a vital role over the last year in bringing SKDT to a much more confident and secure future.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has supported the work of SKDT. Our achievements would not be possible without the support of our funders, partners, staff and volunteers.

Felicity Kelly (Chair)

List of Current Directors

Chairperson - Felicity Kelly

Vice Chair - Ray McIntosh Walley

Treasurer - Les Van Acker

Director – Rory Colville

Director - Sandra Spence

Director – Cameron McLellan



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

When SKDT was established in 2010 it focussed mainly on Renewables projects and the purchase and redevelopment of Campbeltown Town Hall. With the hall open for business and well on its way to financial stability, the organisation has become more ambitious, working towards increased income and service delivery.

The workforce has steadily increased from a single development officer to Trust Manager, Volunteer Organiser/Admin, Financial/IT officer, 2 caretakers and cleaner with an employability placement joining us in September to help with reception and admin duties. We also provide 2 part time work placements seasonally at the Putting Green. The dedication of both staff and volunteers (including our incredible Board of Directors) has placed us in a stronger position than ever, with the Big Lottery granting us £75k to sustain and develop activities at Campbeltown Town Hall.

Over the last year a number of good ideas emerged which helped increase our project delivery, income and sustainability. The growth of the trust since its inception demonstrates its determination to improve conditions in the South Kintyre community and meet the challenges it faces. We are committed to turning those challenges into opportunities and this report is a small part of our marketing plan to let people know **who we are, what we do and why we do it.**

Zena Coffield (Trust Manager, since 2014)

**“SKDT Consider everyone to be
A Very Important Person”**



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Who are we?

SKDT is a community anchor organisation, delivering several substantial projects. It is a registered charity led by a board of volunteers with wide ranging skills and experience who all live in the South Kintyre community and want to make a difference!



OUR VISION

The Trust works towards financial sustainability, ensuring resources are in place to deliver agreed community needs and community development opportunities.

OUR MISSION

To be influential in developing South Kintyre as a vibrant and strong community working with partners both in the third sector and public bodies. To achieve this, the Trust will: take cognisance of community consultations and, with partners, prioritise action within available resources; provide a base for the dissemination of information and support for third sector organisations; identify improvements to the infrastructure and built environment; encourage renewable energy projects in the area; be a high profile facilitator working towards making South Kintyre a good place to live.

OBJECTIVES

SKDT has a broad set of charitable objectives designed to benefit both the people of South Kintyre and its environment:

- To provide or advance the accessibility of recreational facilities, and/or organising recreational activities, which will be available to members of the Community and public at large with the object of improving the conditions of life of the Community.
- Advancement of citizenship or Community development, including rural or urban regeneration.
- To advance the provisions for educational opportunities in the Community relating to environment, culture, heritage and/or history.
- To advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the Community and/or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the Community.

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ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The creation of a new website has increased our visibility. It provides access to a new streamlined booking system. New Booking Procedures have been implemented and all queries are dealt with by administrative staff increasing productivity.

There have been quite a few changes to our governance. New Articles of Association were adopted in line with Scottish Land Fund recommendations. Policies have been developed for Data protection, and Data Privacy in line with new GDPR regulations. Policies for the recruitment of x-offenders and conflict of interest have also been introduced to protect both staff and volunteers from unnecessary risk. Recruitment Procedures have been reevaluated to include a robust selection process.

MS365 has been introduced as the new email platform for SKDT. It provides the tools for online document editing, video conferencing, instant messaging and cloud storage.

A Strategy/Business Plan is being developed. It is a living, organic and dynamic document which will take us forward into the next 3 to 5 years.

The Cleaning service has been taken in house to reduce costs and additional part time caretaker recruited for extra cover during busy times.

FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Improved Financial Management ensured we ended the year with a surplus. The board are supplied with cash flow figures monthly which provides them with the information needed to make informed decisions.

With a reserves policy in place we can look forward to a more secure future.

The Town Hall has now become a major player for wedding hires and functions. Bookings for next year continue to increase and although we have been able to retain the same prices since opening the figures will be reviewed at the end of the next Financial Year.

OUR VALUES

Integrity

Ambition

Excellence

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What do we do?

COMMUNITY SPACE

SKDT purchased Campbeltown Town Hall on behalf of the local community to meet a wide range of individual needs. It does this by providing space and rooms to let for a plethora of uses. Last year saw everything from Amphibian and Reptile Conservation to Psychic Medium Events!



The fresh new website introduced in January 2018 offers quick and easy access to information and features including an online facility to book the venue. This had an immediate impact on booking numbers which continue to grow steadily. The number of block bookings and regular customers continues to increase bringing a regular income towards the running costs. There are 5 weddings booked for 2018/19 so far and we have plans to hold more exhibitions, festivals, training and community events in the coming year.



Our partnership with Explore Campbeltown and Beinn An Tuirc Distillers to launch the inaugural Gintyre Gin Festival was a complete success. Tickets sold out and plans are already in place to hold an even bigger and better event in 2019.



The first Tea Dance was held in March 2018 with another in June and December this year. Exhibitions are in the planning process including Art Exhibition in December and Agricultural Exhibition next year.



"The absolute perfect venue for any event! We had our wedding reception here, and it was stunning! The hall needs no effort as it is just simply perfect as it is, and the staff were fantastic and made us all feel so at ease. We will be back!!" Nicole-2018 bride

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SKDT helps increase levels of economic activity and stimulates growth through a range of projects and fundraising activities. Our largest community landscape project to date has been Campbeltown Gateway Park where the lighthouse and boats have proved extremely popular.

This year once again we opened the Putting Green with support from Fyne Homes People & Communities Funding and 2018 saw new additions to the activities on offer to help improve the sustainability of this much loved community asset.



A grant from Architectural Heritage Fund and Argyll & Bute Council THI helped us with a viability study to look at options to utilise the Old Post Office building and generate sufficient income to make it sustainable in the long-term. Unfortunately there were too many barriers to pursue this building; however the SSE Hydro building was identified as a possible alternative. An application to the Scottish Land Fund was successful but to date the building is still not on the market.

SKDT continue to look at development opportunities which generate income streams for the trusts sustainability.



Quarry Green kitchen garden has also been expanding and we now have vegetables and herbs.



"The job has been very good for me to get back on my feet. My colleges are very supportive and I have learned a lot of new skills that will be useful in the future. I feel I am helping improve the local community with the services this job offers and it's giving me the confidence to try out new things". Fraser – Employability Placement



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COMMUNITY COHESION

SKDT strengthens and empowers people by making sure everyone has the same chances and opportunities in life. Our volunteering activities increase people's confidence and build their skills while tackling exclusion by promoting involvement in social, recreational, cultural and civic activities and events that enrich people's lives. We try to recruit as often as possible from our Volunteer bank and accept referrals from agencies such as Addaction and NHS Mental Health.



Our **Daft About Craft** Class which started this year has proven so popular that it sometimes moves venue to Woodlands Resource centre where we join forces to make crafts which can be used to decorate the Town Hall at events or sold to raise funds.



"I really enjoyed working on the outdoor projects. It's good to work on activities that help others, AND I got a tan!" John - Volunteer

Our very successful campaign to "Give a gnome a home" raised over £900 for funds which are used to sustain the project.



"Great fun in a relaxed atmosphere at our weekly crafters night with SKDT staff and volunteers - partnership work at its best." Joan Stewart, Project Manager - Shopper-Aide

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COMMUNITY GROWTH

SKDT helps equip the community with the skills, knowledge and resources to improve quality of life by creating learning and volunteering opportunities which help people raise their aspirations and increase their chances of getting out of poverty. Our offices in the Town Hall offer an excellent training space and have provided a venue for courses for the Construction Industry and Caring Professions amongst others.



SKDT builds strong, positive relationships with other agencies to ensure Kintyre is at the centre of social and economic regeneration. We often work with partners to deliver people focussed learning activities and training. This builds on peoples skills and gives organisations a chance to learn from each other. Working with Community Education has demonstrated to us how well suited our kitchen facilities are to deliver cooking skills so this year we will be working together to deliver a range of budget cooking courses.

“Our work with SKDT has been a fantastic opportunity to work together and share a vision to engage with our local community and to plan and deliver activities for the benefit of all”. I very much look forward to developing more projects within this much valued partnership”.

Diane McCaig Area Team Leader
Adult Learning and Literacies



Our “Rooting for each other” project has enabled us to work with schools, scouts and other groups to grow seedlings which are used in local plant displays.

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Within the office of SKDT we provide employability placements covering a range of skills which often lead to full time employment for the participants. Our reception area in the front foyer provides local information and this is another area we will steadily grow towards our “One Stop Shop” vision for Campbeltown Town Hall.

A & B C Employability Team has worked closely with SKDT over the past year to provide work placements for young people in the local area. These placements provide support, on the job training and can enhance the person's confidence as well as giving them current actions to have on their CV and good references to pass on to potential employers.

Ann Gallacher - A & B C – Employability Team



Photo courtesy of the McMillan Family ©

It's also important to provide information about the past and provide people with the chance to understand and learn about their heritage. The Road to Drumleman Project (Kintyre's coalmining past) reached its conclusion in 2017 but that isn't the end. The blog continues to provide a source of information for future generations. You can find it here:

www.theroadtodrumleman.wordpress.com

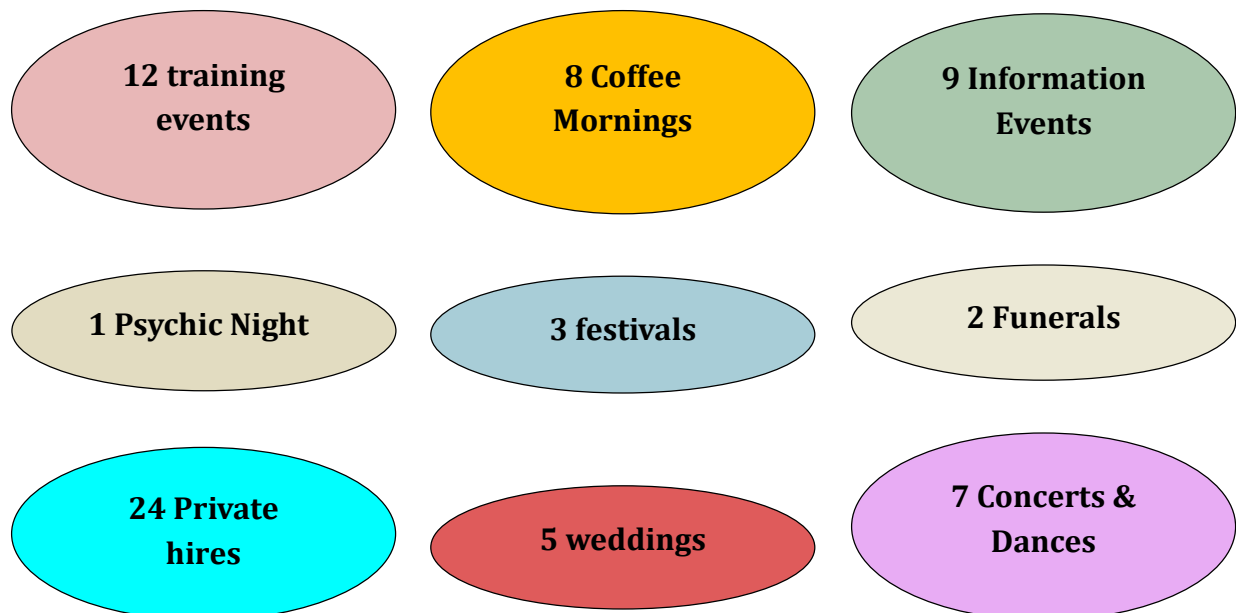
Pending suitable funding we would like our next Heritage Project to be focused around Campbeltown Shipyard. The project will aim to bring people together and find out about how the Shipyard was part of their lives to create an archive of information about this important part of Campbeltown's industrial heritage.

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In 2017/18



The Town Hall hosted (not including regular hires)



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Why do we do it?

South Kintyre Development Trust is committed to bringing about real and lasting change. We tackle the priorities that matter most in our community and empower local people to raise their aspirations.

View from inside the spire on the Town Hall.



We aim to make a sustainable impact on the quality of life for everyone, making Kintyre a fantastic Place to live.

If you would like to find out more or get involved, please get in touch

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SKDT supports REAL and LASTING change.

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What's ahead for SKDT?

Our strategic priorities for the next 3 years include:

- Grow the organisation and expand services through the Community Access project
- Maximise usage of the Town Hall
- Increasing voluntary and community activity
- Regenerate the community through physical, social and economic improvements
- Support partnerships which improve tourism
- Purchase/redevelop property which brings an income for SKDT and meets community need

The following Organisations supported the work of the trust during the 2017/18 financial year through Grant Awards or support to carry out services and projects:



West Kintyre Community Council



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Financial Summary

Year Ended 31 March 2018

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

- Income
- Expenditure
- Funds carried forward

INCOME

Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £
Donations and legacies	375	125,449	125,824
Other Trading Activities	17,106	-	17,106
Investment income	120	0	120
Total Income	17,492	125,449	142,941

EXPENDITURE

Resources Expended	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £
Raising Funds	573	-	573
Charitable activities	13,500	182,163	195,663
Total Resources Expended	14,073	182,163	196,236
Net income/(expenditure)	3,419	56,714	53,295
Transfers between funds	2,115	2,115	-
Net Movement in Funds	5,534	58,829	53,295

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Resources Expended	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £
Total funds brought forward	10,158	1,867,090	1,877,248
Total Funds Carried Forward	15,692	1,808,261	1,823,953

The full Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2018 is available for viewing in Campbeltown Town Hall.

Source: Annual Report and Financial Statements
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