

Kilmuir Community Trust | Urras Chille Mhoire

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Dear Kilmuir resident,

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the Kilmuir area now has its own Community Trust - called **Kilmuir Community Trust** or **Urras Chille Mhoire**.

Following on from several public meetings and consultation events during the past couple of years, it was clear that there was overwhelming support for a Community Trust to be set up in order to progress projects that will benefit the residents and community of Kilmuir. With help from SLCVO, a small team of volunteers has been working hard over the past few months, and a Trust was finally established in June. We have 7 Trustees - all of them Kilmuir residents who are keen to help make a difference in the community. The Trustees are Calum Munro (chair), Peter Reitsma (Treasurer), Iain Blair (secretary), Calum Beaton, Karen Campbell, Stephen Varwell and Sally Phelps.

Despite the difficulties we have been experiencing over the past few months, the Trustees have already made progress with a number of things, including:

- Finalising the constitution
- Registering the Trust with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) as a 'Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation' (SCIO)
- Setting up a bank account
- Progressing towards taking ownership of the Village Hall
- Submitting applications for funding - including one to the Scottish Land Fund and one to the Community Capacity Fund
- Submitting a planning application for a car park next to the Village Hall
- Writing various policy documents
- Creating a website www.kilmuircommunitytrust.co.uk

Our next important stage is to get members to join the Trust - and we would hope that everyone who is a resident of Kilmuir would consider joining the Trust. Membership is free, and it is the members that will help to decide the priorities for the Trust going forward, as well as being the people who vote for the Trustees at the AGM. We also hope that we can use the membership to set up sub-committees in due course, to work on individual projects within the community. You can register to join the trust on the new trust website or complete the membership application form, and I'd encourage you to consider joining the Trust and filling in this form.

We had hoped to hold a ceilidh to officially 'launch' the new Community Trust, but sadly that is not possible for the foreseeable future. Instead, we hope to arrange an 'online ceilidh' - further details to follow.

We look forward to welcoming members to the Trust. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the Trustees, or email kilmuircommunitytrust@gmail.com

Mise, le meas | Yours sincerely

Calum Munro, chair.