

# Kilmuir Community Trust | Urras Chille Mhoire

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Dear Kilmuir Community Trust and Friends of Kilmuir Member,

## **Facal toisich | First words**

We wish to update you on some of the recent activities of Kilmuir Community Trust | Urras Chille Mhoire

## **Kilmuir Hall Development – Phase 1 | Leasachadh Talla Chille Mhoire**

The Phase 1 development of Kilmuir Hall and surrounding area has taken positive steps forward. In the last 3 months progress includes:

- Successful Scottish Land Fund (SLF) Stage 2 application
- Resumption of Borneskitaig Common Grazing underway
- Planning permission granted for hall car-parking
- Asset transfer of Kilmuir Hall to Kilmuir Community Trust progressing
- Appointment of Project Officers and completion of project work
- Submission of application to Highland Coastal Communities Fund
- Grant received from CalMac Communities Fund for a Project Officer.

## **Project Officer | Oifigear Proiseict**

The SLF (Stage 2) award included some money (approx £4,000) to engage a project officer to help progress the Phase 1 development of Kilmuir Hall. In early January following a tender process Impact Hub Inverness (IHI) have been appointed as Project Officers. Kilmuir Community Council had worked with IHI in earlier community consultation and in the developing of a Feasibility Plan and Business Plan for the hall development. IHI have been asked to assist with an application to the Highland Coastal Communities Fund and to lay out an outline plan for taking Phase 2 of the hall development forward as well as identifying potential sources of funding.

## **CLIMAVORE**

The KCT trustees received a presentation from the CLIMAVORE group (Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March and some information on this group is included below.

CLIMAVORE ([www.climavore.org](http://www.climavore.org)) are gathering stories as part of our project, Collective Coast.

Working together with Radio Skye, Tobar an Dualchais and the Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre the project centres on our changing relationship with the coast and waters around the Isle of Skye and Raasay. By gathering local knowledge past and present, they hope to understand more about the island's coastal heritage and together envision new coastal futures.

They have created a series of postcards that are being distributed locally to help them collect stories, memories, recipes, songs, experiences of gathering seaweeds and shells, folklore and traditions that connect to the shore and coast. Any anecdote, memory, song or only half remembered tale is welcome!

Keep a look out for the postcards in your area, help yourself or pass them on to anyone you think would like to share their memories. Then simply pop them in the post or alternatively fill out their online form.

The memories and stories that they gather will be kept in the Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre and form the foundation of the project's larger aim to create a permanent coastal heritage centre in Skye, promoting education, historical and scientific research of coastal ecologies of the island.

If you would like to hear more about the project or its easier to chat, [katharine@climavore.org](mailto:katharine@climavore.org) would love to hear from you!

Find out more: Facebook, Instagram and on their website.



### **Sub-Groups & Projects | Fo-bhuidhnean & Proiseactan**

The Trust would like the members to select a project or sub-group they would be interested in and how you can apply will be explained below. Refer to attached (Sub-group Discussion Document). This is a 3 page Doc explaining the current proposals around the projects

1. Kilmuir Hall development
2. Recreation
3. Heritage/ History
4. Dirty Hands Environmental Group

When you have selected which group you would like to take part in go to the website [www.kilmuircommunitytrust.co.uk](http://www.kilmuircommunitytrust.co.uk) and select Members Page. Look for the Submission Form headed "Sub-Group Application Form", fill in your details and which Sub-Group you would like to join, ( you can select more than one) and submit the form by pressing the Submit button on the Form page. If you don't have access to Internet and have received this Newsletter by mail then please submit the Form attached and send it in to the Kilmuir Community Trust , Kilmuir Hall, Kilmuir . IV51 9YS. Application is open to both Members and Friends of Kilmuir Members.

If you know of anyone who would like to get involved but is not a member please ask them to send in an online membership request form along with the Sub-Group Application Form.

You will be contacted when there are sufficient numbers involved in the sub-groups and using the online medium of Zoom at the moment , a meeting will be organised to get everyone together to discuss the project and how to go forward. Those not online will be contacted by letter or phone if appropriate.

At any time you can also use the trust email address for any queries.

The Trust is always looking to increase its membership regards full members and Friends of Kilmuir and while it is currently not an option to get together physically we feel that we can still make a start online and hope that in the not too distant future we will be able to hold live meetings again and progress the various projects the community have decided we should pursue first.

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Mise, le meas | Yours sincerely

*Calum Munro*, chair.