

## An Roth Notice Board



Alice Lambert



Gometra



Eorsa



Calve

**All room hire includes**  
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### Room Rates 2015

Alice Lambert - £25 per hour, £70 for 3 hours (£23 per additional hour), £125 for 6 hours (£21 per additional hour)

Eorsa, Calve & Gometra - £10 per hour, £25 for 3 hours (£8.50 per additional hour), £45 for 6 hours (£7.50 per additional hour)

### Catering

We are able to offer a range of catering to suit your needs and dietary requirements including tea, coffee, biscuits, fresh home baking, soup & sandwiches and light buffet lunches.

### CRIGNURE SELF STORAGE



Container storage units are available to rent in

Craignure, short term and long term lets are available at affordable rates. Containers are 20ft x 8ft offering a clean, dry and secure space from £25 per week for 12 months plus VAT. Contact Laura Percy for more information.

### Village Hall and Community Building Workshop

Saturday 30th May  
 Time TBC  
 An Roth, Craignure

Free to attend



Book a place with  
[lpercy@mict.co.uk](mailto:lpercy@mict.co.uk)



Aviva Community Fund  
 Supporting what's important to you

Mull Musical Minds need your vote to be in with a chance of receiving a grant to help with the costs of transport. You can find the link to vote on the Mull & Iona Community Trust Facebook Page!

Members are invited to attend our monthly board meetings and take part in the Member's Forum. The next meetings are on Monday 11th May and Monday 8th June 7-9pm at An Roth.  
 Please let Laura Percy know if you would like to attend.



### Message

It's great to see the lamb growth and regeneration for hydro is complete ready for rain! We are about to start development plan in conjunction with funding for the Energy Advice Clare have done a great job level for energy efficiency approved our application Sustainable Transport (see Fundraising for the Ulva Hall we're hopeful of awarding the summer. We're delighted Development are very near community. This new community steering group supporting Mull and their success is a testament have shown such determination to the National Forest Land

The Mull and Iona Community Trust working to improve the quality economic, social and environmental We are committed to being partners

## Message from Sandy Brunton

I feel proud to be a part of a community with an organisation such as the Community Trust, that has such a long history and such a bright future in delivering projects that make a real difference to the people that live here.

Some of these projects are ground breaking and can have a real impact on many other communities as well. I have just been to Jura to look at their impressive brand new community shop and realising on the way home, on the fast passenger ferry that a fair number of the people on Jura will be able to get fast broadband through one of **our** projects – GigaPlus Argyll.

So, then I began to think of the wider impact of our work here and probably one of the biggest issues that has been forever on our agenda is climate change. We must all work so hard at making sure our planet is fit for our grandchildren to live on – Garmony Hydro and the Access project are both forward thinking in various ways and so many groups and individuals want to come to Mull and Iona to see what we do here – the next big group will be 18 islanders from Estonia at the end of May.



On the subject of climate change and innovation, much of the drive (excuse the pun!) comes from Moray, who is so committed that he wanted to prove the point that electric cars can work on Mull and won't run out of charge at the foot of Ben More with not a charging point in site. So convinced he was that he was prepared to take a pay cut in order to lease a new Nissan Leaf for him and his family to drive. Moray's wife Carol was less than convinced because the overall cost to the family budget is higher compared to the diesel car sold to make way for the Nissan Leaf. However, as with every good story, the Leaf has driven 13,000 miles in the last year, never broken down or run out of charge and is just back from a visit to Edinburgh for a meeting with Michael Russell MSP, and it's annual service. Moray also volunteered to have the MICT logo on the car to help promote the work of the volunteers, staff and Directors of whom he is so proud....



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### Isle of Mull to trial innova

ACCESS (Assisting Communities to Connect to Electrical Sustainable Sources) will explore the possibility of developing a system for supplying electricity from renewable sources straight to local consumers. The project is funded through the Challenge Fund and value. It is an innovative energy project developing a system for supplying electricity straight to local consumers. The first partnership meeting was an opportunity for all to look at the project on the ground. ACCESS has recruited over 100 businesses to participate in those that expressed an interest in participation. Nancy and Anne-Claire have been working by assisting a number of households with Energy Efficiency Program replacement heating systems as part of the ACCESS project - Carol

### Did you know...

The Community Trust is offering funding advice for groups submitting funding applications within our staff team and working for the benefit of the whole community. Reciprocity cover staff costs only. Reciprocity Mull Gun Club to access storage facilities and assistance are currently in the process. Hall to source and apply for funding. Find out more – 01680 812 9

## Community Development Plan

In January I outlined plans for securing funding to produce an island wide Community Development Plan (CDP) to complement what is already in place for Ulva Ferry area and for the Ross of Mull & Iona. We've now secured most of the funding we need to be able to start work. The first phase will involve a series of open consultation meetings around the island supported by our staff and volunteers from Mull Community Council. The objective of these consultations is to determine what residents feel most strongly should be prioritised in the plan. The funding we have secured is from the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) and from Big Lottery, Awards for All.

A CDP is required to properly inform the Trustees of the Waterfall Fund about the needs of the community when it comes to determining the merits of applications to the Waterfall Fund.

If you're interested in being part of this or would like more information please contact Moray Finch on 01680 812905 or [mfinch@mict.co.uk](mailto:mfinch@mict.co.uk)



## Tobermory Light Industrial

A solution for business premises and storage in the Tobermory area has moved a step closer, by the time this article goes to press, we will have submitted a National Forest Land Scheme application to Forestry Commission Scotland to progress a community acquisition of a site at Ardmore, near Tobermory. The land scheme panel are due to meet in July and we should hear the (hopefully) positive outcome by August.

Site investigation works have also taken place to help us determine the development costs of the site.

To find out more contact Mairi Greig, tel. 01680 812918 or email [mgreig@mict.co.uk](mailto:mgreig@mict.co.uk). The photo below (courtesy of Cowal Design) shows the site investigation works being carried out recently.



## Giga

Since the last edition, progress has been made on the broadband project. The project will design, build and maintain the network. We are now at the contract clarification stage. Richard Thorne, the project manager, will visit the other islands covered by the project to meet with customers. The new website is running and from here you can contact us by BT. If you are interested in being part of the project please register on the website. You will be kept informed.

You will have probably seen the old site has been buried alongside the new site. Tobermory, and out towards Carignure/Lochdon, Scotland will cover the parts that



## Green

The news from Garmony is good. It is not only snow but our turbine house is in our new turbine house and will be completed by the end of the month. Work was delayed but the ground was so bad that it caused more civil engineering work than possible.

At the end of March the site was visited by the Islands and Transport. We were very impressed and he left, impressed if not surprised. By the start of April everything was back on track. We thought we were ready for the start of the project but it was delayed. SSE who monitors the power system has identified a problem with the distribution balance. This will affect the electricity until this problem is solved. Note, we have been given a start date for the scheme which is May 20th. Finally, and that Garmony hydro

## Ulva Ferry Housing Project

The Ulva Ferry community is a step closer to securing a more sustainable future for the area, with the purchase of two plots of land and plans continuing apace to build affordable rental housing for local families.

Working in partnership with the Community Trust, Ulva School Community Association recently took ownership of two plots of land, thanks to the generosity of a local landowner and a grant from the Scottish Land Fund. The first plot is next to Ulva Primary School and was purchased to build two rental houses on. The second plot at Acharonich was gifted to the community to be sold on to a local family who would then be able to build affordably in the area. All proceeds from the onward sale of the second plot will contribute to the construction costs of the rental houses.

With the building warrant now submitted for the rental houses, Housing Project Manager Helen MacDonald is working hard to close the funding gap to enable building work to start. Designed by Tobermory-based Thorne Wyness Architects, the high quality houses will offer good value for money, be sympathetic to the landscape and be highly insulated and therefore inexpensive for tenants to heat. With less than 10% of the total costs still to secure, Helen has confidence that the building work could start later on this year.

If you are interested in renting one of the houses or would like to find out more about the project, please contact Helen on 01688 500 056 or email [hmacdonald@mict.co.uk](mailto:hmacdonald@mict.co.uk). Please



consider supporting the Housing Project by buying a 'virtual' brick at: [www.justgiving.com/ulvaferryhousing](http://www.justgiving.com/ulvaferryhousing), or sending a donation to the Community Trust office at An Roth.



## Sustainable Mull & Iona

The Sustainable Mull & Iona committee cover sustainability in all its forms including helping people in fuel poverty, advanced technology to optimise the use of renewable electricity, encouraging composting and sustainable forestry on Mull. You can like us on Facebook to find out more, or come along to one of our committee meetings which are open to all. Come along and help Mull & Iona become leaders in sustainability to allow future generations to enjoy the life we do. *David Pollard*

## Island



### Tobermory Castaways is n

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interested in helping pl  
Hazel on 01680 812908

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## Focus on Staff

### Sian Scott

I joined the Community Trust in 2006 to project manage the An Roth Community Enterprise Centre build. Since then I've project managed a number of other community projects with the Trust, and at the moment I have a number of part time roles. My current role includes trying to raise funds to develop and build a long-distance walking and cycle route between Craignure and Fionnphort, and also working through the Trust's trading subsidiary An Roth Trading for other community groups, including a Broadband project and a community consultation. The monies earned from these 'off-island' contracts goes back into the Trust's operational costs. I've also been working with local training providers to bring trainers to the island to benefit local businesses, community groups and individuals and as part of this 'capacity building' work I helped facilitate the setting up of Mull and Iona's University of the Third Age. Outside of work, I'm passionate about volunteering, particularly in my own community in Craignure.



### Rachel Anne French

I'm employed seasonally as the Mull Eagle Watch ranger and work within the Mull and Iona Ranger Service. The unique viewing hide at Glen Seilisdeir is my main priority; we work with around 3000 visitors every season to educate the general public on the magnificent white-tailed eagle. I work hard to visit all of our primary schools - enthusing children about nature is one of my favourite parts of the job! Finally, I run numerous events including guided walks, nature clubs and specialist sessions like moth trapping. Most of this is outdoors on our fantastic island, what more could I want?



## Salen R

As you may be aware our Council have placed Salen Centre on the market. A groups contacted us asking community acquisition possible? Representatives Mull Wood Turners, Scottish Rescue, Mull Historical Archaeological Society a viewing arranged with Councillor Mary-Jean Deva initial meeting was held v Partnership who are also loc like this is to avoid displace halls) but it is clear that t permanent premises and n unless more groups are in r have sufficient income to a we are seeking out any other office/room/facility in orde sustainably. Moray Finch 016

## Public Acc

We have now signed the Scottish Ambulance Service already installed will now system for anyone calling taken on the role coo defibrillators and advising working order - I'd like to r all! A further two defibrillo these will be deployed so Iona. Applications are p weatherproof cabinets to parts of the islands. The A recruiting volunteers for networks that will be base Iona. It is great news that S and will fully fund the prov Community First Responde money for this. Moray Finch

