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Happy New Year to one and all!

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An Cridhe - Update



The application to the BIG Lottery for a large percentage of the funding needed for An Cridhe, is to go before the deciding committee in the middle of Feb. At the eleventh hour, we have been asked to attempt to reduce the amount we were asking for. They were not asking us to reduce the scale of the project as this would detract from its overall sustainability, but to reduce the percentage request from the Lottery.

At this upcoming committee meeting it is known that there is 2.4 million available. It is also known that a large number of projects have fallen by the wayside and that currently of all the projects being put forward, 2.9 million is being asked for in total. Until this week, Development Coll's request was for 1 million. Following a very intense round of phone calls Emma managed to secure increases in potential funding to the extent that she was able to drop our request to just over £850,000. As far as we understand, this will now increase our chances greatly of being successful in the application.

The rest of our funding from various bodies looks like this:

We have passed stage one of ERDF funding (applying for circa £800,000), and are now embarking on stage 2 (Priority 3, ERDF)

£50,000 secured from the council (in discussion to at least double this amount)

£50,000 secured with community fundraising

£60,000 agreed in principle by Community Land Unit for site acquisition

£100,000 agreed in principle with various caveats from Highland Islands Enterprise

£50,000 in principle agreed by Community Energy Scotland (we are in discussion re 50% funding of all renewable aspects)

£8000 agreed in principle from Argyll College regarding fitting out of IT aspect of small meeting room

In discussion with Scottish Natural Heritage for up to £70,000 (this is a long shot!)

In discussion with Sport Scotland for possibly £50,000

We are in discussion with numerous trusts and foundations, and have further community fundraising planned...

Community fundraising events:

Despite a break in fundraising events over Christmas we have had donations rolling in. Val had an exhibition of her work before Christmas and auctioned off unframed works for the benefit of An Cridhe and the Children's Play Park. £230 was raised – a big thank you to Val.

The Post Office held a donations pot for signed Katie Morag Books during last summer. Emptied in early November, it was found that over £200 had been donated over the season. Thank you to Fiona and Mairi.

When we get the go-ahead from the Lottery we will have a big fundraising push. The community fundraising target is to have to another £50,000 in place by June this year. There will be some events on Coll but we are also targeting Coll's many friends and visitors. We are planning a big mail shot to all the people on our database asking people how they can help: whether it is donating a bottle to the raffle; buying tickets for our fantastic lottery; or perhaps organising an off-island event. Alison Fraser is keen to hear any ideas you might have. Hazel Campbell from Shore Street, has come up with a good idea. She insisted that her sons pay 50p corkage for all the Christmas and New Year empties and it turns into a pretty good donation!

And a little further afield, **David English**, former resident and regular visitor to Coll, held a fundraising Burns Supper in Perth, Australia. We hope to have more details and a photo for the next edition.

Fiona Carnie, who lived on Coll in 97/98 and is a regular visitor, is planning a Fundraising Ceilidh down in Bath on 4th April. More information about these events will be on the website: www.ancridhe.co.uk

Valentine Coffee Morning



Come along to a coffee morning and pampering session
Island Cafe, Saturday 14th Feb from 10am.



Look out for posters with more details.
All proceeds to An Cridhe...the heart of Coll's community

Communications Package

With the decision on the logo for An Cridhe and the update/launch of our websites www.ancridhe.co.uk and www.developmentcoll.co.uk the most public aspect of this mini project is at an end. This project benefitted from LEADER funding, plus in kind support from Ross Evans and Tony Oliver. Another aspect of the project was to create a database to facilitate email communication. If you have not yet signed up to receive information in this way, please contact the office. For those of you who like paper copies, don't worry, we'll always put posters up about events and meeting as well!



Children's Christmas Party and a New Parents Committee

Christmas Carols Singing and donations from Islands Stores Christmas Card Service raised over £200 for the Children's Christmas Party. Thank you all those involved, the party was a great success and much enjoyed by all. Particular thanks to the members of the Senior

Social Club who came and helped decorate the Hall prior to the party, your assistance was much appreciated!!

There is a suggestion that the various 'child/under 16' related groups(ie Youth Group, Playpark, the Children's Christmas Party and Toddler) amalgamate to form a single group, holding one bank account and one constitution. A meeting to discuss this and elect positions is to be held on 19rd Feb. Look out for posters!!

Coll Climate Challenge



Jon Rathjen from the Scottish Executive is coming to visit Coll on 12th Feb, to discuss how we can reduce our carbon footprint. There will be meeting in the **HALL at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th Feb** where Jon will be able to tell us how other island communities are making a real difference. The aim is that we learn from the Barra SEEM project (Saving, Energy, Environment and Money) and from Eigg where they have taken up the BIG Green Challenge.

There will be a drop in surgery in the cafe on **Friday 13th from 10am** for anyone unable to make the evening meeting. We invite everyone along to offer ideas how we can make Coll Greener. www.infoscotland.com/gogreener

Middle Pier Slipway

One idea that has been put forward as part of the Village Enhancements Project has been the creation of a slipway in order to facilitate the launch and recovery of boats both for locals and visitors alike. Currently Coll's tidal range makes it difficult and dangerous to launch small craft, and with the advent of Coll's fledging Sailing Club the need for a slip way has been further highlighted. The importance of developing a slipway was also noted in the Marine Leisure Infrastructure on the Atlantic Islands of Argyll Report, which was completed in 2007 by Argyll and Islands Enterprise. The area that has been identified as a potential site for this slipway is the North side of the Middle Pier. The pier would provide safety and shelter from the sea, and the area at the top would be large enough to allow for the maneuvering of trailers.

Development Coll have recently applied for a Consent 34 which grants permission from the Crown Estates to develop on the shoreline. The next stage is Planning Permission and looking for grant assistance. Roy Thorburn has kindly agreed to do the technical drawings, and once we have them there will be a meeting to discuss the project. We would welcome anybody who is willing get involved. Please speak to Fra or John McCann if you have an interest.

Other News

A new **village noticeboard** has gone up outside the shop. The Notice board was purchased with money that remained in the Discover Coll account, and was organised by Development Coll. Neil has kindly agreed to keep the board updated and has requested that people provide A5 notices no more than 10 days before the event. Thanks also to Mick and Barbara for their assistance.

New Goal Posts for Cliad shinty/football pitch have arrived. Thanks to Ian Fraser, Sandy Munro, John Allan MacRae, David Stevenson, Graham and Mark Griffiths for raising the

money to buy them and to Roy Thorburn and Peter Wilson for getting them here. Let's hope it encourages more sport this summer!!

Office

Emma is go on maternity leave from Feb 6th, and will be out of the office for at least three months. Fra is to cover some of her hours.

Office opening hours from 8th Feb	Video conferencing available! Development Coll has acquired video conferencing equipment for use in the portakabin. This facility will be available for everyone in the community to use, allowing people to hold meetings or take up distance learning. Fra is in discussion with Argyll College: potential courses to be advertised soon. If you are interested in using it or would like to know more contact Fra or Emma.
Monday to Thursday: 9am – 3pm	
Friday: closed	

If you are currently receiving information from Development Coll by post and would be happy to switch to email, please let us know your details!

We want you as a member of Development Coll Ltd

Development Coll aims "to develop the economic, social and cultural sustainability of our community by harnessing the quality of our resources, people and island environment."

You are all part of the Coll community and your voices are important to the future of the island. As members of the Development Coll your voice will be heard. For Development Coll a high membership means that we have a more effective lobbying power.

As a member you have the right to attend company AGMs and vote on company proposals at those meetings including appointments of directors.

How can I become a member?

Full Membership shall be open to any person aged 18 years or over who is ordinarily resident in Coll and is entitled to vote at a local government election

Associate Membership shall be open to any individual aged 18 years or over who is not eligible for Full Membership but wishes to support the aims and activities of the company.

Junior Membership shall be open to any individual aged between 12 and 17 years (inclusive) who wishes to support the aims and activities of the company.

For a Membership form contact the Development Coll Office at the Middle Pier