

# Tayport Community Trust

*promoting a vibrant and  
sustainable community in Tayport*

## Annual Report

**2014/15**

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## **Chair's Report**

Tayport Community Trust has enjoyed its busiest year to date. We have had a steady increase in activity throughout the organisation and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved.

As an organisation we benefit from a very committed and motivated group of people. I am well aware of the need for board members willing to give their time and expertise and I would like to thank all the board for their efforts and enthusiasm. Our newest board members, Peter Kennedy, Mike Burns, Paula Duncan, Les Bawden and Iain Baird, who collectively brought new ideas and perspectives, as did local supporter Richard Tough who brought an essential knowledge of the local sporting scene.

I would especially like to thank our 4 outgoing directors for their support but we hope all of them will continue to be in touch. We will need to further supplement our pool of Trustees over the coming year if we are to continue to thrive.

Our Development Manager, Dan Rous, has been working hard as always. We acknowledge and appreciate the amount of time he puts in and the steps he has enabled us to take.

Most of all, I would like to thank all the volunteers and members who help with the work of the Trust. From those who are regularly involved to those who never think they do much but their contribution is just as important and just as appreciated. Without their input the Trust could not operate and it is thanks to this continued interest in our small town that we are now reaching a vital stage in realising the plans for a new community hub.

The public exhibition and consultation in June was a huge success and thanks are due to Habib for his generosity in offering the former Flowerpot shop for our free use.

This is a key time for our biggest project. The site transfer process is now well advanced. Applications for Planning and Building Warrant are underway and our Lottery Stage 2 application is approaching completion. Our Design Team, led by Collective Architecture and Mairi Lavery in particular, have worked well with us, and the development plan we now envisage for the site is most exciting.

I look forward to this year, to welcoming new directors and to the Trust working more closely with all of the other community groups in Tayport. There is much work to be done but with continued support from the local community we will work together to keep Tayport the place to be.

*Tony Gowland*



## **Review of the last year**

This past 12 months have been the busiest yet for Tayport Community Trust and especially for our plans to develop the Abertay Works site on Shanwell Road into a multi-faceted, self-sustaining Community Hub.

We were grateful to the Fife Council Locality Fund for continuing to support the employment of our Development Manager which has been further extended by the support of a Big Lottery Development Grant. (More on that later). This has helped us retain an employee to handle a lot of the leg work on behalf of the Trustees, as we move our plans forward and further raise the positive profile of the Trust.

As we continued our work towards our Stage 2 Big Lottery, Growing Community Assets, funding application for around £1.1million, we were awarded funds to cover the costs of activity required for that application. This includes finalising the design brief and obtaining planning permission. After a fair amount of toing and froing, and the support of Community Enterprise, we were eventually awarded £119,063 – the largest development grant ever given of this nature in Scotland. This was a huge boost and ensured that we would have the necessary funds to undertake a range of reports, investigations and statutory approvals. With this funding confirmed, we were able to formalise work with our new design team and begin to move to a workable design and build strategy that would satisfy the community, other stakeholders, and external funders.

One big event was our month-long consultation in the main street of the town. With thanks to Habib, we had use of the former flower shop for a whole month. This enabled us to consult widely on the latest version of the plans, and to speak specifically to key groups in the town that would benefit most from the development. During 89 hours of consultation availability, we directly engaged with 417 people which included meetings with 24 sports groups representing 21 different sporting activities and 15 community, arts and crafts groups. Through a questionnaire, people identified themselves as being linked with 44 different local groups. In terms of external support, we had visits from the following supporting organisations: Fife Coast and Countryside Trust; Scottish Natural Heritage; Forestry Commission; Fife Council Community Learning and Development; Fife Cultural Trust; Fife Sports and Leisure Trust; Disability Sports Fife; RSPB; Fife Council Planning; and HostelHub.



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The Trust is now continuing to work on ensuring the proposals for the Community Hub fit with the outcome of this final consultation whilst also meeting the requirements of funders. The other essential factor is that the development is affordable in terms of perceived levels of available funding, and that the elements of it will ensure a sustainable operating platform for the Hub. There are some elements that will have to wait for future phases, but Trustees, in conjunction with the design team, have taken the pragmatic view that it is better to get a development on the site to begin to establish the masterplan and grow it later, than to try to secure funding for a larger more complex building right from the start. This way, the people of Tayport, and visitors to the area, will be able to enjoy some much needed facilities sooner rather than later. Below is a draft computer generated image of what the Hub *could* look like:



Through the year we attended conferences with the Development Trust Association Scotland and SENScot; continued our involvement with the Fife Social Enterprise Network, and became associate members of the Dundee Social Enterprise Network. We were also pleased to be present at the Ferryport Gala, and facilitated the Santa Sleigh to visit the town. This year, Santa included Shanwell Road South area on his run which began the process of reengaging with this end of the town where the Hub development will be.

We secured additional funding from the local area fund to partially clear some of the overgrowth from the Abertay Works site. This enabled a better understanding of the lay of the land, and to view the potential for the campsite as well as beginning the process to make the site less of an eyesore. We also gained funding from Fife LEADER to finalise a tourism feasibility study, and from the Voluntary Action Fund to facilitate training for volunteers in the café and PLANT group, plus people linked to the Trust in other ways.



## **PLANT REVIEW**

### Background:

PLANT (*People Learning About Nature in Tayport*) is the name adopted by Tayport Community Trust's Gardening Sub-Group, established in 2011. A PLANT member sits on the TCT Board. PLANT aims to support community growing activities in Tayport, particularly by developing a sustainable community garden and associated social and educational activities.



PLANT has a formal Committee, currently with 7 members, including chair treasurer and administrator. Membership is open to any Tayport resident; there are 21 members at present. PLANT meets once a month – more often if required. We also have a database of interested families and volunteers – currently 100.

### Projects:

**Fruit Tree Walk:** PLANT volunteers maintain the Fruit Tree Walk planted in 2012-2014. In the summer/autumn of 2015, our first soft fruit, apples and plums have been harvested.

**Café Garden:** PLANT volunteers have continued to grow vegetables, salads and herbs for the Harbour Cafe. Weekly maintenance sessions take place during the growing season, with reduced frequency during the winter months.



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**Festivals:** PLANT and TCT continued to run FruitFest in October and despite the weather doing its best to drown those volunteers based outside at the earlier part of the day, it was a great success again. The day was boosted by the addition of music from Tayport Instrumental Band, Ferryport Fiddlers, and Beatroot African Drumming group. As always, huge thanks to all who helped and supported in any way.

**Community Garden:** PLANT was delighted to be awarded a grant of £78,453.80 by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund for the Tayport Community Growing Space project for the financial year 2015-2016. This was subject to planning consent for the identified community garden site near Pond Lane - granted in July 2015. We hope to have initial work on the site layout completed before Christmas. A number of community organizations are interested in taking a plot, including Tayport Primary School and Tayport Scouts. We would be delighted to hear from groups who have not yet been in touch, and from people interesting in volunteering in the garden. It will be open and accessible to all.

Project funding covers a part-time growing co-ordinator post, with responsibility for providing training workshops in gardening skills, supporting volunteers, helping establish the site and providing a 'Grow At Home' advice service. Andrew and Teresa Widd, very experienced professional gardeners, hold the post as a job share. The workshop and Grow At Home programmes are well under way. The project is committed to carbon reduction.

The project also has its own blog which can be found at <https://tayportplantgardens.wordpress.com/>. It has information on all aspects of the project including workshop materials and local bloggers sharing gardening experience and recipes.

## **Office Bearers**

Chair	Mark O'Reilly
Treasurer	Christy Allan
Administrator	Jessie Roberts
Publicity Officer	Kaska Hempel



## **Tayport Community Enterprises**

The principal activity of the company continues to be that of running the popular Harbour Café business. The Café employs a full time manager and two part time assistants. It utilises the services of a number of volunteers both in the café, and providing quality approved home baking. The café is also pleased to host some volunteers and placements who have various support needs.



This has been a positive development year for the café which has led to increased levels of profitability. More regular updates to the menu, together with better control of costs have aided this encouraging development.

The café provides occasional buffet lunches for a local firm. Not only are these profitable but they increase the awareness of the café in the local business community. It also takes a number of lunch bookings. Often these come from outwith Tayport and sometimes for reasonably large groups. This is supplemented by a regular trade and groups of walkers and cyclists who turn up unannounced. As always, the staff and volunteers handle the fluctuations in customer flow very well.

The café is used as a venue for local groups, some of these are free in the case of local groups and some are charged. The free sessions are offered in order to fulfil our community objectives. One group – a book club – is also operated by volunteers of the café.

The café is also used for a variety of events. During the year we have had a wine tasting to raise funds for Tayport Community Trust as well as craft days, where local makers sell their products. Space was also provided to local craft and visual artists to operate pop-up shops which have proved very popular. In addition, the café walls are still popular with local artists for hanging their artwork which generates a small amount of commission for the café whilst providing an ever changing view within the café itself.



During the Commonwealth Games Torch Relay, the procession left Tayport very early one morning. The town wanted to give it a good send off so the café opened early to provide drinks and bacon rolls for the masses that turned out, which included Provost of Fife, Jim Leishman (pictured)

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The café has also assisted other groups by selling Charity Cards for Alzheimer Scotland and second hand books for the Tayport Top Park Group.

Tayport Community Enterprises has continued to invest in its team and through the year it has organised food hygiene courses for staff and volunteers that have also been attended by members of other local organisations. Staff and volunteers have also undertaken Barista training and an Elementary Health and Safety course

The café was approached by Fife Council and ADS interactive to host an interactive tourist information screen. This has proved to be a very valuable resource which has seen an increase in the customer flow.

Finally, the café was pleased to receive a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence based on customer reviews. It received 4 ½ out of a possible 5 stars. Also, based on its latest menu revisions, it has been awarded the Healthy Living Award which is a national award for the foodservice sector in Scotland.

## **Tayport Community Enterprises Directors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>
Anthony Gowland	25 August 2009
Dr Robert MacKintosh	8 August 2011
Lynne Menzies	19 June 2014
Dawn Mullen	3 March 2015



## Youth Bursary

In March 2015, Tayport Community Trust launched a new Youth travel Bursary to help the youth of Tayport to develop skills that will benefit their personal development but will also benefit the local community. The funds specifically aim to support travel costs to training or events.

We have had one applicant thus far: Luke Davies. The bursary has helped him to build on his juggling skills and network with similar enthusiasts. Luke has supported many events in Tayport by performing his amazing juggling tricks and even performed at our AGM. He boasts 6 juggling records and has been invited to appear on television. The Trust is very proud of his achievements.



Photo Credit: Martyn Edward

The Trust has now invited Luke to be part of the bursary review committee along with Richard Tough, and local Councillor Bill Connor.

Full information about the bursary, together with the application form, can be found on the Trust's website, however in view of the low number of applicants we are looking to review how we market this to the youth of Tayport. If you are, or you know someone who would benefit from this support, please get in touch.



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## Tayport Community Trust Board of Directors 2014 -2015

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>
Anthony Gowland	Chairperson	22 October 2008
Dave Yule		22 October 2008
Jim Kinnear	Community Council Representative	22 October 2008
Fiona Bissett		26 January 2009
Dr Robert Mackintosh	Treasurer	23 November 2009
Cllr Bill Connor		26 November 2012
Jessie Roberts	PLANT representative	20 November 2013
Peter Kennedy		28 November 2014
Mike Burns		28 November 2014
Paula Duncan		28 November 2014
Ian Baird	Co-opted	3 December 2014
Les Bawden	Co-opted	3 December 2014

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