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## Press Release



### **Green Shed Demolition Rocks Tayport!**

Tayport Community Trust is today celebrating the news that it has received a £50,000.00 funding boost from SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA Trust).

The funding award will allow Tayport Community Trust (TCT) to demolish and reclaim land that the old Abertay Works building occupies.

The site in question was once a steel fabrication works owned by Howe Steel. The works closed in the early 90s and the site has been derelict ever since.

The site sits next to common land and the factory buildings are not only an eyesore but have also become a dangerous playground for local children. Tayport Community Trust purchased the site in the Spring of 2016 with support from the Scottish Land Fund.

Funding from SUEZ Communities Trust will enable TCT to employ a demolition company to remove the old buildings and clear the site so it can become part of the adjacent common land. The TCT group will recruit volunteers from the local area to hold planting days to further add to the reclamation of the site. This will be part of the second phase of the group's vision to bring this dangerous unused site back into safe recreational use. TCT has lots of exciting plans for the future of this site once it has been reclaimed.

Chairman of TCT Mike Burns, who is leading the project, said: "Tayport Community have been working for over 20 years to purchase the Abertay site and reclaim it for community use. We are particularly grateful to SUEZ Communities Trust for providing the funding to allow us to demolish this derelict and dangerous factory. Clearing the site will be a major milestone in our long-term plans for the future."

Marianne Ivin of SUEZ Communities Trust added "TCT have brought forward a great project to transform this derelict site into a safe and usable recreation area. We are excited to see the end result of this ambitious proposal."

SUEZ Communities Trust provides funding awards through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund – an important source of funding which came into effect in April 2015. The scheme is linked to the Scottish Landfill Tax and encourages landfill site operators to provide contributions to approved bodies, who can then pass the funds on to community and environmental projects.

## **Ends.**

### **Notes to the editor**

For information on how to apply for funding from SUEZ Communities Trust call (01454) 262910 or visit [www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk](http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk)

### **SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA Trust)**

SUEZ Communities Trust is an independent funding body set up in 1997 and provides funding through the Landfill Communities Fund and Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. To date SUEZ Communities Trust has supported more than 3,900 projects to a combined value of over £110 million using tax credits donated by Suez Recycling and Recovery UK (formerly SITA UK).

### **Scottish Landfill Tax and the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund**

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) is a tax credit scheme, linked to Scottish Landfill Tax that encourages landfill site operators to provide contributions to approved bodies, who can then pass the funds onto community and environmental projects. The SLCF only applies to Scottish Landfill Tax (SLfT) and not to UK Landfill Tax, as it replaced the UK scheme in Scotland on 1st April 2015

For more information please visit <http://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/waste/scottish-landfill-communities-fund/>

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