



7 December 2015

Dear member

We are writing to provide you with an update on the Trust's attempts to secure funding for the purchase of the Gordon Arms Hotel, Rhynie on behalf of the community.

We are sorry to report, that whilst we were successful in securing funding from Foundation Scotland, in respect of Vatenfall Windfarms, we were unsuccessful in our attempts at raising the additional monies required from the Scottish Land Fund.

We are therefore unable to purchase the hotel at this time. However, we have been advised that we just marginally missed out on the Scottish Land Fund monies and are awaiting confirmation from them as to see if we can apply for the next round of funding which will take place in March/April 2016.

In the meantime, John and Sheila Wilson, the current owners of the hotel, now plan to apply for planning permission to redevelop the hotel, a process that, I am sure you will appreciate, can take many months. They have agreed with Aberdeenshire Council that they will inform them every three months (until September 2016) if the drinks licence is still required. This will allow us to continue in our efforts and if we can raise the funds before planning permission is agreed and work started they would still consider selling to the Community. We had a further meeting with other funders on Wednesday 2 December and believe that there is still a very strong possibility of us being able to raise the funds.

RCT will be holding a Hogmanay Party in the hall for all those who wish to attend. Price will be £10 per adult and £5 per child. Some drinks will be available at the bar, but you can bring your own drink and food. If you need to purchase tickets please call Averil on 01464 861636 or return the attached tear off slip to 4 Sims Road, Rhynie.

The Gordon Arms Hotel will be closed from 1st January 2016 onwards.

**Rhynie Charitable Trust Hogmanay Party, 31 December 2015.
Gordon Arms Hotel, Rhynie.**

I wish to purchase the following tickets for the RCT Hogmanay Party:

Adult £10 each Child £5 each

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