



Newsletter 6, 16 May 2017.

Dear member

This is the 6th in our series of newsletters designed to keep our members up to date with the work being carried out by Rhynie Charitable Trust and to address any issues or queries raised by our members.

We updated members in our last newsletter in February 2017 in regard to our discussions with the Masons concerning the use of the old Congregational Church as a community facility. Our discussions are still continuing and we hope to have news soon. We are waiting for a formal response from the Masons regarding the value of the property and their offer to the community before we can consider the necessary fund raising.

In regard to the Village Action Plan we are no further forward at the moment but will be looking to continue the process with Marr Area Partnership. We will keep members informed as we will need to get your views on projects to be included in the Plan.

Recently we have been involved in discussions with other communities with a view to working together for mutual benefit. Marr Area Partnership is running a 'Participatory Budgeting Fund' which involves a jury of local residents making the decision to award funding for one or more local projects. A steering committee on which we were represented is working on four projects to be presented for consideration by the jury for the award of either £14000 or £28000. These projects should benefit communities between Gartly and Corgarff (Gartly, Rhynie, Lumsden, Glenkindie, Glenbuchat, Strathdon & Corgarff) and require those communities to work together.

The four projects being developed are:

1. Castle to Castle – research and development of a long-distance pathway to join all the communities.
2. Transport Solutions – research and plan to deliver local community transport.
3. Outdoor Classrooms – improving use of existing outdoor assets within the community for education and health benefits
4. Community Support for the Vulnerable – helping people to look after their own health and well-being and to live longer in good health.

We have also been discussing a project to enhance the tourism attraction of the area by linking historic and heritage sites under one banner, known at the moment as 'The Kingdom of the Picts'. Other communities in Lumsden, Glenkindie and Glenbuchat are involved together with Rhynie Woman. The pathways project mentioned above would feed into this as a way of connecting communities and sites of interest. It is hoped that this would provide benefits in attracting visitors to the area and increased business opportunities.

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We are in process of applying for a small grant to fund improvements to a short section of the Tap o Noth path. This is the section just above the car park through the trees. If we are successful we would be looking for volunteers to assist with the improvement work as this is a requirement of the funding.

Finally, we would like to extend an invitation to any persons who wish to help with the work of the Trust. If you would like to serve on the Board or assist in any other way we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact any of the Board members below.

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If you have not received our previous newsletters and would like to see copies of these or if you would like to check that we have your correct email address, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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