

DALGETY COMMUNITY TRUST

Putting our community at the centre of everything we do



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Message from the Chair

May I first welcome you and thank you for becoming **or considering becoming** a member of Dalgety Community Trust. We're delighted that you and many other members of our community have **shown an interest in the work of** the Trust and we look forward to our exciting journey ahead, together. As a member of the Trust you will receive regular updates on the progress we are making and special invites to join community events. You will also have the right to take part in and vote on the future direction of the Trust, what we focus on, how we use the Trust's resources and who runs the Trust on your behalf.

Over the past eighteen months, at various events and locations across the area, we have met hundreds of local residents who all share a passion for our community. If there is one thing that has come through strongest, it is that everyone we have engaged with enjoys living here, but that it is time to invest in Dalgety Bay. We have been inspired and energised by hearing everyone's views and ideas and these will make a significant contribution to our plans. We will continue to engage with you and the wider community over the coming months to keep the conversation going. When current restrictions allow, we will hold further community events to make sure you have the opportunity to understand and influence the detail of what any future changes might look like. We look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

We're thrilled that our membership has steadily grown, but to be really successful, we need as many members as possible as well as a strong following on Facebook. So please, if you can, encourage your family, friends and neighbours who live in this great community to think about joining the Trust. Membership is open to all of the residents of Dalgety Bay, Hillend and Fordell Gardens. Our Facebook page is very active and we have now established our website where you can find everything you need to know about the Trust and our plans for the community; if you have any thoughts or comments you want to share, we'd love to hear from you, just get in touch using the contact details contained within this information pack or directly through Facebook. Once again, thank you for joining the Trust, we're delighted you have joined us for this exciting journey towards making a future for our town that we can all be proud of.

With warm best wishes



Phil Evans, Chair

About us

Dalgety Community Trust is a non-profit body set up by community volunteers to make positive changes for everyone in our community by carrying out projects for the common good. It is an independent organisation which is part of a growing network of Development Trusts which exist across Scotland and the UK.

Our ambition is to develop and deliver priority community projects which have a positive social, environmental and ultimately economic impact. We aim to deliver a new multi-purpose, multi-generational community hub in Dalgety Bay, owned and managed by the community. Along the way, we plan to build a new civic square in the town centre and develop an accessible pedestrian and cycleway directly linking the town centre to the coast through Longhill Park.

We want to be a sustainable presence in the community for years to come and will be looking to take on many community-benefit projects as time goes by. We want the Trust to be fully representative of our community, a place where the community's voice can be heard so we are keen for as many people in the community to join us and be members of the Trust.



Meet your Directors

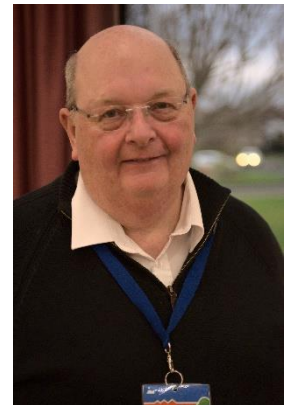


Phil Evans: Chair

Having spent over 40 years in the energy industry, Phil retired as a director of EDF Energy in 2018 and was then able to pursue a strongly held personal ambition to put something back into the community that welcomed him and his family over 20 years ago. As well as being the inaugural chair of Dalgety Community Trust, Phil is a past member of Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council and a member of the Scottish Children's Panel. Phil is a strong advocate for volunteering and community action and through the Trust is determined to make a positive and lasting contribution to the community of Dalgety Bay.

Brian Johnston: Vice-chair

I decided to take early retirement in 2018 after 40 years in retail management working for many recognisable brands across the UK. I returned to Scotland with my family to live in the Bay nearly 19 years ago. Like many people, I want to spend time with my family and where I can support our town. I joined the Community Council during 2018 and with others helped to form the Dalgety Community Trust. As a team we want to improve the town facilities and infrastructure for everyone in Dalgety Bay, Hillend and Fordell Gardens.



Lesley Sinclair: Company Secretary

Having worked for around 25 years in the public sector, I recently started my own business supporting small health and social care organisations to build learning & development and improvement solutions which will enable them to continue to deliver great care into the future. I strongly believe that together we can create great things and build a strong community.



A past member of the Community Council I feel that being part of the Trust helps me to give back to the community I have lived in for nearly 23 years and to create something that will hopefully make a difference to all.

Shirley Iveson: Treasurer

My background is in administration having worked in the private, public and third sectors. I currently work as an administrator for a local charity, which has given me valuable insight into how voluntary organisations operate. As a former Treasurer of the community council, I have had the pleasure of meeting some lovely local folk who are kind, generous and are happy to give their time freely to help others. This generosity of spirit is the main reason why I joined the Trust as I believe that through its members our community will grow not only in strength but in heart too.



Philip Lund: Director

I have retired following 50 years working in Multisite Retail Management and the Charity Sector and want to spend the free time that I now have making a contribution to the place that I and my family have called home for the last 32 years.



I have served on the Community Council for the last two years and now I am a director of the Dalgety Community Trust. In this role I want to help to improve the facilities that bring the community together and make it an even better place to live.

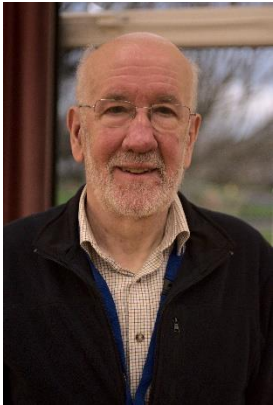
Louise Gunstensen: Director

I am a Chartered Town Planner with over 15 years' experience in the public, private and third sectors both in Scotland and abroad. I currently work for the country's largest nature conservation charity, specialising in environmental assessment.

I have been helping the Community Council over the last few years with planning issues and am looking forward to using my experience to help turn the Community Trust's ideas into reality. I feel strongly that everyone should have a chance to play a part in making Dalgety Bay a great place to live and work.



David MacLeod: Director



Originally from Glasgow but educated in England. Following an operational management career in logistics and supply chain management I have spent the last 20+ years advising organisations and coaching individuals on achieving business excellence through effective training, education and learning.

Dalgety Bay has been our home for the past 7 years and we could not have chosen a better place for our retirement. It is a great place to live in and can only get better with the commitment and determination being shown by organisations like the Community Trust.

Mike Gourley: Director

Mike has been a resident of Dalgety Bay for around 40 years and really wishes he had taken more interest in the town and its' history much earlier in life. He sees being a Director of the Trust as a chance to do this. His background is in IT, firstly with Scottish Gas and latterly with Fife Council with a bit of consultancy work in between. He retired in 2013 and has spent a good deal of his time working in the community. He has been the Chair of Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society (DBHS) for around 30 years and can often be seen at Donibristle Primary School planting bulbs with the kids or working in the garden there. He joined Rotary Forth Bridges last year with the aim of doing more good work in the community and has recently elected to the committee of Dalgety Bay Community Woodland Group (DBCWG).



Our Vision

A town we are proud to live in

Our mission

To reinvest in Dalgety Bay by revitalising the town centre, address concerns raised by residents and create bespoke spaces for the whole community to come together again, promote pride of place, good citizenship and a nurturing and caring spirit.

Our values

- Sharing social and economic opportunities
- Encouraging self-sufficiency and empowerment
- Supporting environmental sustainability
- Providing equal opportunities for all in our community

Our projects

Dalgety Community Trust wants to deliver projects and initiatives which are genuine local priorities. At any given time, we'll be working on two or three projects which will be at various stages of development – anything from fledgling ideas right through to fully funded initiatives.

Informed by our dialogue with residents, we have identified three projects which have strong support and have touched the imagination of our community.

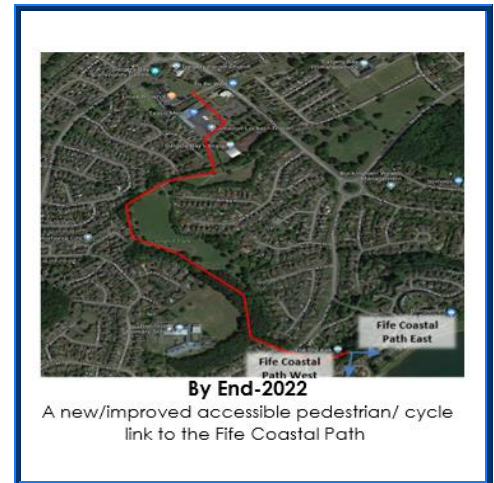
A new Civic Square in the centre of the Town



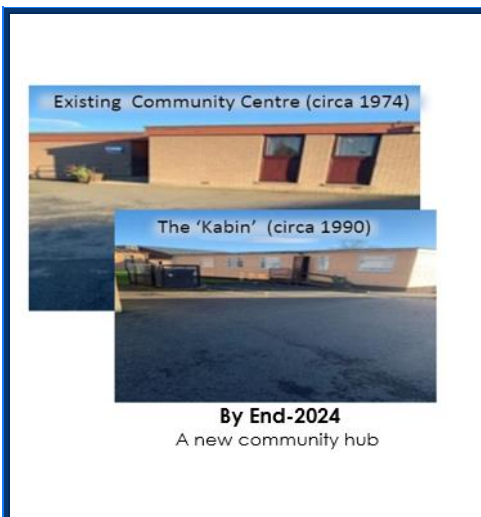
- A new Civic Square providing a fantastic facility to host community events and gatherings right in the heart of the town
- As well as a day to day meeting point for residents or simply a space for quiet contemplation
- the above artist's impression from 2011, put forward such a proposal for a new civic square
- The square would be built on under-utilised land mainly owned by the community (outlined in red)
- A key aim would be to Integrate the new community hub with other key town centre facilities through the square
- The square would be the starting point for a new pedestrian/cycle way to the coast

A new/improved accessible pedestrian/cycle route from the town centre to the coast

- A revitalised and improved route way of approx. 1.5km will link with the established Fife coastal tourism route promoting increased visitors to the town
- New route in red which is on one level throughout its length, utilises mostly existing pathway through Longhill Park but will need to be improved and widened to make it fully accessible and suitable for joint pedestrian and cycle use
- Other than Tesco access road, only one main road is crossed – plan will include a new controlled crossing point
- Route takes in and should help highlight local history such as historic Donibristle Chapel and the site of historic Donibristle House



A new community hub



- Replace existing community buildings with a new modern, fit for the future facility to serve the community for years to come
- At the heart of our community; meeting a growing demand for improved facilities for toddler, youth, family and older people
- A multi-functional and multi-generational community hub promoting opportunities and well-being for all residents
- A facility which is community built, owned and managed
- A place for people to gather and enjoy a wide range of community events
- Revitalising our town centre through investment, we also aim to improve the foot flow to the Bay shopping centre encouraging further investment in the existing retail units

Our achievements

The Trust was formally established as a not-for-profit company in July 2019. Despite the restrictions placed on everyone as a result of the COVID-19, since that time we have made great progress; We have facilitated numerous engagement events where we met and heard from residents of Dalgety Bay, Hillend and Fordell. We have engaged with local business leaders, councillors and local people wishing to play a part in the development of their community to ensure that they can play as active a part as they wish to in our projects going forward. In early 2020 before the lockdown started, we held a couple of drop-in design workshops where members of the community had the opportunity to set out their ideas on what they want to see from the developments we have outlined. All these events and dialogue have given us great input to formulate our ideas as well as inspiring us to push on with our work. As part of these discussions we have managed to:

- With the support of the Community Council successful establishment of the Trust
- Successful grant funding of £14,000 secured to enable commencement of community lead projects
- Positive engagement with the local community: Secure over 170 (January 2021) new members to the Trust
- Dalgety Bay now features in Fife Council South West Area plan as a direct result of engagement between the Trust and Fife Council
- Agreement with the Community Council to transfer community owned land to the trust for the civic square
- Successful launch of Dalgety Heritage Trail on Facebook which has brought to life the richness of our town's history and enabled our members to share their stories and generate great community discussion

We continue to receive strong support from Fife Council and our Community Council. To ensure our voice is heard and we can influence thinking at local government level, we will continue to work with these bodies as we go forward. Our Board members continue to be directly involved in developing the *Plan for South West to 2022*, by actively taking part in three key workstreams; Thriving Places, Inclusive Growth & Jobs and Community Led Services. This involvement will continue to enable us to ensure that we align the principles and objectives of the Trust with the wider National Government and Local Authority vision for the area.

Fife Council has provided us with some early grant funding which we will use to help directly support the early stages of our project development work including continued engagement with

our community so that everyone can be involved in creating our vision for the future. The Community Council has also provided a small grant which have used to help with the early set up and running costs of the Trust. This financial support is fantastic and essential for us and shows a real confidence from key stakeholders in our ambitions.

It is early days of course but we are delighted with the progress being made to deliver our projects so far. A large part of our work going forward will be on securing funding to deliver our projects which is something that we continue to actively progress.

Getting involved

There are several ways for you to get involved in the work we do. If you are interested in working with us to take forward some of the key projects, we are working on please get in touch – we would love to have you on board!

Likewise, if you would like to volunteer in some of our local community engagement events, project activities or partner discussions again please give us a shout – there is lots to do and the more people involved, the more we will succeed to achieve the goals set by the local community.

Membership

Want to become a member of the Trust? There are three levels of membership as follows:

- Full Membership (voting). Lives in the communities of Dalgety Bay, Hillend or Fordell and is 16 or over, eligible to vote in local elections in a polling district including all or part of community and supports Trust aims
- Associate Membership (non-voting). Either - is 16 or over and lives in the communities of Dalgety Bay, Hillend or Fordell but is ineligible to vote OR is 16 or over and does not live in the community but has been nominated by voluntary organisation which supports its aims
- Junior Membership. Aged between 12 and 15 years (whether or not they are ordinarily resident in the community) who support the activities and aims of the Trust

Membership is free to all so why not join and become involved in the work we do! For more information and to complete a short online application [Click here to join the Trust](#).

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