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NEWSLETTER -
SPRING SUMMER
2011

It is some while since the Company 'went live'. During that time the directors have been finding out how things run and waiting for interesting project proposals to come through the post - and they have!

Proposals - all being progressed and supported!

Pedestrian cycle and horse route to link the Coishletter Forrest Road to the Edinbane Windfarm Road.

The link would be a little less than a kilometer making a good circuit.

Landowner permissions and agreements needed to progress plus more quotes.

Links to the old roads running beside the main A road so that there is a nearly continuous safe route through the area. 3 link sections are proposed at Fanks, Edinbane Village and the Greshornish road end. In collaboration with Highland Council Access Officer.

A War Memorial. This was suggested a while ago and the scheme has been brought to the Community Company. Likely to be in the gifted parc, the details are being sorted out.

School / Children's projects. Support has been given for a Climbing Wall at the school and for pupils going on the Isle of Skye Primary 7 trip to Edinburgh and annual school trips.

Mobile phone reception remains an issue. Vodafone have been contacted - not straightforward and this is not just due to reception issues! We will persevere.

Support for apprenticeships. A scheme has been drawn up with advice from experts so that local businesses can apply for support in the cost of employing apprentices and so that local youngsters can have support given via their

employers when taken on as apprentices in the wider world. It is hoped that this should prove to have wider benefits to the area as well as the obvious advantages to the companies and individuals concerned. The rules of the scheme have been drafted, modified and approved and it remains to make the arrangements with third party organisations for administration of the scheme. It is hoped these will be complete soon and then the application form and information will be put on the website.

A volunteer day was held to clean up in Edinbane - this linked in with a project to carry out grass cutting and this is being trialled this year to see how it goes.

A defibrillator has been put on the side wall of the Edinbane Inn. The Lucky2Bhere group who organise these have held a training session attended by about 30 people already and will hold another. They have asked for assistance which has been agreed.

A proposal for a play park is under development and this is supported. It seems likely that it will go in the gifted pairc.

If you have an idea for a project feel free to discuss it with one of the directors.

While the projects are developed and carried out we still have most of the initial funds in the bank more or less unchanged since the February public meeting. Because of our legal status it is hard to find accounts that pay reasonable interest but the funds have been placed in two accounts to protect against bank problems. An investment scheme for charities is being actively considered, but this scheme which offers good interest rates is for long term deposits. The board thinks that the uses proposed for the funds are the best place for the windfarm cash, but sees that there may be a slow down in the future projects or a need to have a pot of money for maintenance projects.

Thanks to all who have come up with the projects. If you are interested in helping with any of the projects please feel welcome, get in touch and we will link you up with the relevant people.

If you have friends or neighbours who are not members of the company yet, do encourage them to join.

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