



OLD LUCE
DEVELOPMENT TRUST

AUTUMN 2024

MEMBERS: 206

Welcome

Welcome to our autumn update. We hope that you all had a fantastic summer!

Thank you to all on the Trust board who steered the ship while I was on a leave of absence, and to Steven Newton for vice-chairing while I was away. How fantastic to see a number of our projects now well underway here in Old Luce, especially the realisation of our dream to provide a new community hub for Dunragit. We are really looking forward to all of the activities and events that will be happening at this new facility, bringing the local community closer as they gather together at the Hub in fun, family and friendship.

Mike Lane, Chair





Our Projects

Dunragit Community Hub

It's all been very exciting over at Dunragit, with the new community hub cabin delivered to site, assembly completed and utilities connected. The flooring is down and all fixtures and fittings are in the process of being installed.

Many thanks to our funders, to Island Leisure for building our beautiful cabin and to Whitecairn for delivering the cabin to site. Delivery day was quite the community effort and thank you very much to everyone who came along and helped. Thanks also to ERM Plant and Graeme Reid for their speedy work on the cabin base and their continued work on the groundworks, and to Kinnears for prompt installation of our lovely flooring.



The new Dunragit community hub cabin arriving on site in Orchard Road.

The cabin will open for use in late October, with the official opening later in the year once the terracing and car park are complete.

Please look out on our Facebook page for our first hub volunteer's meeting, which will take place once the chairs arrive.

If you are interested in arranging an advance booking for hub hires commencing from 1 November 2024, please send an email to dch@oldluce.org.uk



Team work makes the dream work! The local community pitches in on cabin delivery day.



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Activities and Facilities Manager

Help us to secure funding for your community. We were unsuccessful with our first funding bid for a new Activities and Facilities manager post to arrange activities at both the new Dunragit Community Hub and at Glenluce Public Hall. We are missing one critical element in our applications: evidence of your support across the Old Luce community.

We feel that arranging activities ourselves, rather than relying purely on third party individuals to book the spaces, will greatly increase the activity at both facilities and assist us in the aims of bringing people together, reducing isolation and loneliness, and improving health and wellbeing for residents in our community. To secure funding for the post and for the related activities and equipment, we need to be able to demonstrate that the community will support the activities provided. Last year's Dunragit Hub survey helped us greatly to gain funding for creating the hub, but we do not have the same information on desired activities and support for Glenluce. We also need more detail for Dunragit now, so we apply for funding for the right equipment for the activities that you want.

We have created a new survey to find out what activities to you want to see taking place at both facilities and in the wider community.

We would strongly encourage all

Old Luce residents to take part in this survey and have their say, which takes about 10 minutes to complete. This will enable us to target activities and to demonstrate that the funding is needed and that you would attend activities at one or both venues. Please scan the code above by 1 December to tell us what you want to see and we will do our utmost to make it happen.

Old Luce Development Trust
Community Facilities Consultation



Funded by the Coastal Benefit Fund, administered by Dumfries and Galloway Council, and Old Luce Community Fund, administered by Foundation Scotland.





Industrial Estate

The name of the site has now been officially changed from Woodside to Ballingclach Industrial Estate to restore the original site name and mark the change in ownership from the Council. The new external signage will be installed soon.

Mathers Dairy Utensils Ltd are leasing and in the process of moving into the two front units formerly occupied by Tarff Valley. We look forward to their grand opening and their very welcome rural services here in Glenluce.

The larger rear unit is now being leased by SIRTN Toys & Collectibles, who moved in on 1st October. They are the sole official Mattel supplier for Scotland and we are delighted to welcome their thriving family business to Glenluce.

The smaller rear unit measuring is still available to lease. We are seeking appropriate active shopfront businesses rather than heavy manufacturing or storage use. Newly refurbished, this unit offers an excellent trading location just off the A75 at Glenluce. Enquiries can be made by calling the Trust office on 01581 300767 or emailing thetrust@oldluce.org.uk



Morven and Gordon Cunningham of SIRTN Toys Ltd moving in to unit 1 at the beginning of October.

The Glen

Friends of the Glen attended a non-native plant control workshop with the Galloway Fisheries Trust during the summer. Volunteers will be also be undertaking a funded 3-day pesticide and non-native plant control training course, which will be hosted by Barony College in December.

Himalayan balsam is gradually being pulled up by hand in The Glen and the Japanese knotweed is being attended to during autumn when this invasive plant falls dormant.

Mick Bird has stepped down as Friends of the Glen chair due to other increasing commitments, although he is still involved regularly as a volunteer. Please contact our office if you are interested in taking on this volunteer position for more information.



Funded by the Old Luce Community Fund, administered by Foundation Scotland.



Volunteers hand-removing non native invasive plants from The Glen.



Glenluce Public Hall

There have been some exciting new activities happening at the Hall over the summer. Building Learning Inspiring People (BLIP) hosted two youth arts award activity sessions in the summer and two more session dates are yet to be announced.

A new monthly Glenluce Craft Group was started up in September, with thanks to funding support from Glenluce Community Shop. The group will run until the end of the year and with good interest hope to continue on monthly in the New Year. They meet on the third Wednesday of every month from 2-4pm, there is no cost to come along and join in and all are welcome.

Boccia-New Age Curling are now back rolling after their summer break. Local and visiting badminton enthusiasts have been making the most of the Hall's set-up for this sport as well. We would really love to see round robin tournaments happening again regularly for badminton and other indoor sporting activities across Wigtownshire, so please contact us if you are keen to get something like this going.

If you'd like to help as a volunteer, or arrange or attend any kind of activity, group or event, please let us know. The Trust can provide support with administration assistance, grants advice and sponsorship if you feel your group, activity or event might not be eligible for particular funding.

There are various funding options available to help cover your hire and equipment costs, including the Old Luce Community Council micro-grant for up to £500 via our website to help cover costs.

As well as the main Hall, the private Meeting Room downstairs is an alternative, ideal space to hire for a smaller group meeting or quiet individual study. If you have any queries or would like to book any of our facilities, please visit www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall



Hall running costs funded by the Old Luce Community Fund, administered by Foundation Scotland.



BOCCIA AND NEWAGE CURLING GROUP

Glenluce Public Hall

MONDAYS 10.30 AM TO 12 NOON

THURSDAYS 1.30 PM-3.00 PM

ENQUIRIES to 01581 300 669

ALL WELCOME!





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Brambles

We're very excited that planning permission was recently granted to change Brambles into a rentable commercial/retail space on the ground floor and two self-contained holiday rental studios on the upper floor. The studios will be rented on a nightly rather than weekly basis to ease the shortage of B&B-style accommodation in the area. Many thanks to ARPL Architects and their design team. It has been a long and frustrating road, but now we have just the building warrant process to go through before work can finally start on bringing this old building back to life.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2024
AT 7PM
Glenluce Public Hall**

Visit www.oldluce.org.uk/agm
or scan the code below to register



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Glenluce Healthy Living Campus

We are continuing to liaise with the surgery, looking together at alternative funding sources in order to move this project forward.



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Chair Tai-Chi

Glenluce Public Hall
Every Wednesday
11am-12 noon
All welcome!



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COMMUNITY SHOP

OPEN

TUESDAY 10AM-1PM

THURSDAY 1PM-4PM

SATURDAY 11AM-2PM

TREAT YOURSELF TO
SOME RETAIL THERAPY



ENTRANCE DOWN THE RAMP
GLENLUCE PUBLIC HALL

SAVE THE DATES!

GLENLUCE PRIMARY CHRISTMAS FAYRE
OFFICIAL LIGHT SWITCH ON
SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER - PUBLIC HALL

DUNRAGIT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
OFFICIAL LIGHT SWITCH ON
SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER - AT THE NEW HUB





What's Happening at Your Hall?

Monday (weekly)

Boccia-New Age Curling 10.30am-12 noon

Tuesday (weekly)

Community Shop 10.00am-1.00pm
Post Office Service 11.30am-12.30pm

Wednesday

Chair Tai-Chi (weekly) 11.00am-12.00pm
Craft Group 2.00pm-4.00pm
(every third Wednesday each month)

Thursdays (weekly)

Boccia-New Age Curling 1.00-3.30pm
Community Shop 1.00-4.00pm

Saturday (weekly)

Community Shop 11.00am-2.00pm



Old Luce Parish



Membership

Membership of Old Luce Development Trust is open to anyone who supports the work of the Trust. Full Membership is open to all adult permanent residents of the Parish, Junior Membership is open to anyone under the age of 18 and Associate Membership is open to anyone who lives out with the Parish. Some grant providers consider the proportion of residents in an area as part of their decision-making process, so we encourage all eligible members of the community to join the Trust. Further details about each type of membership and how to apply can be found online at www.oldluce.org.uk/membership.

Directors

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