

"Fishie tae wir freens"

Fetterangus Community Association Newsletter

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Welcome to the Fetterangus Community Association (FCA) Newsletter. We hope you will find it informative and we welcome any suggestions of what you would like to see included.



There are lots happening at the moment. We have looked at the feedback that came from the Planning for Real event and subsequent Community Action Plan and

are basing our work around what you considered as priorities. To help with this we have appointed a new Development Officer, Diane Marshall. Diane's role is to support the village in developing projects, advise on funding and help build community capacity. She can be contacted on E: fetterangusdo@gmail.com ; M: 07483 981281 or via the Fetterangus Community Facebook page.

COMMUNITY FUND

To help new and existing groups to develop their ideas, we are delighted to announce the launch of the PUFF Community Grant Fund. This fund is open to voluntary/non-profit-making organisations and community initiatives primarily based in Fetterangus and the surrounding area, whose project can be clearly shown to have long-term benefit, which improves the quality of life for local people and for which there is a definite community need. Funding of up to £1000 is available and you should contact the Development Officer for further information.

FISHIE WEBSITE

Fetterangus Community Associations new website www.fishie.org.uk is still in early days of development, but we hope it will prove to be a vital resource for all that's happening in Fishie and keep everyone up to date with what's going on. If you have anything you would like to be included, please email them to fetterangusdo@gmail.com , send a message via Fetterangus Community on Facebook or drop a note in the hall mailbox.

VILLAGE HALL

FCA set up a sub-group to look at Village Hall improvements & developments. The group applied for LEADER funding to remodel and



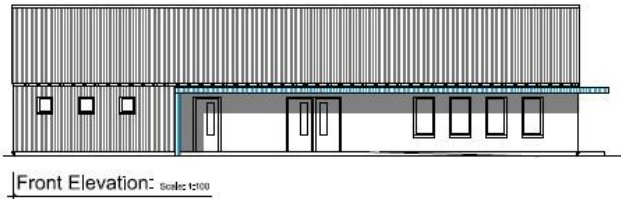
improve the hall and its facilities however on this occasion were unsuccessful. The plans for the hall have now been scaled down into phases and after several meetings with architects, we now have examples of the plans. These are on display on the Village notice boards, within the hall and on the website and we welcome your opinions. The next step is to get a feasibility study carried out and a new business plan written, to enable us to approach funders. If you can help us in any way with this, please get in touch. Our first priority when funding is in place, will be a new kitchen.

If you would like to become a member of FCA, please contact Colin Wood (07584 502401) or Norman Burnett (naburnett@yahoo.com) , for further information.

THE SPORTS HUB

The developing Fishie Sports Hub Project has been approved by Sport Scotland to progress to the Funding Application Stage 2. The project will involve the development of a community pavilion with changing rooms, toilets and a social area for meeting use. The pavilion will link with the development of a full size football pitch, with a timescale for use of late summer /early autumn 2017.

The project is a partnership between the FCA and Buchan Ladies & Girls FC, with support from Aberdeenshire Sports Council and Buchan Development Partnership.



PUFF POWER

The turbine has been in operation since December 2014 and became eligible for Feed-in-tariffs since February 2015, which is our electrical subsidy. Puff accounts are overseen by Smartest Energy & Green Cat Renewable Services and are available on request. Currently our Debt Service Reserve stands at £72,000 and our bank account is show a healthy balance.



For further information please contact: Colin Wood or Norman Burnett: email fplsecretary@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to have an opportunity in shaping the future of Fetterangus? FCA are currently looking for additional Board Members to help them achieve their aims. No experience is necessary however you should stay in Fetterangus or the surrounding area to qualify. We would especially like to hear from people with a Business background or skills in Accounts or Project Management, however we welcome anyone with enthusiasm & good ideas.

For further information contact Diane on 07483 981281 or Colin on 07584 502401.

Fetterangus School are desperately seeking drivers for the Dial a Community Bus, which ferries children to swimming and any organised trips.

We are now appealing to the wider community to see if anybody in the community council or village would be interested in training to become a Dial a Community Bus driver.

The school will pay for any MIDAS training, which will enable the driver to be a qualified Volunteer Driver, available for school or any organised community trips, at little or no cost to the community council.

For further information, please contact Fetterangus School Events Committee.

If you have a skill you would be happy to share with the community or are interested in taking part in community events etc, then please fill in a Volunteer Enquiry Form. These are available on our website or in the Alcove at the Hall. We are currently in the process of setting up a Database of potential volunteers and would be delighted to hear from you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th May 2016:

Fetterangus Community Association AGM
7:30pm in Fetterangus Village Hall.
All Welcome.

If you have anything you would like included in the next Newsletter, Summer 2016, please send details to: fetterangusdo@gmail.com before 20 June 2014