

MEMBERSHIP

To become a full member you should be permanently resident in Colintrave and Glendaruel, on the electoral roll and support the aims and activities of the trust.

For those who don't fulfill all three conditions, we offer an associated membership. If you become an associated member, you will not be able to vote at Development Trust meetings, but your contributions will be most welcome.

Membership is £1 per annum. Payment can be made as soon as your application is submitted via our website, or you can choose to lodge your fee with the trust at our next public meeting – in either event, as long as the board has approved your application, your membership is activated.

If the board decide to reject your application CGDT will return your subscription fee.

Please note that the board cannot approve new membership applications received within a week of a general meeting in order for the applicant to attend that meeting.

To apply please fill out the form overleaf and post to: Memberships, Colintrave & Glendaruel Development Trust, Colintrave Village Hall, Colintrave, PA22 3AS or email cgdt@cgdt.org or phone 01369 510015 during office hours.

Existing members can renew their membership by making payment at any open meeting.

Lastly, we can apply to the council to confirm your Electoral Roll number so this is not required in this application form, but will be essential for your membership to be confirmed.

DIRECTORSHIP

If you wish to become more involved in the trust by becoming a director, please apply via the forms published on our website – where you will also find thoughts from present directors on the role, its responsibilities and reasons for wanting to become more involved in community development in this way.

ABOUT CGDT

Colintrave and Glendaruel Development Trust held its inaugural meeting on 9 November, 2008 and is owned and managed by the community of Colintrave and Glendaruel.

The Trust is established as a Company Limited by Guarantee (SC350010) and is registered as a Charity (SC040002)

The Trust's Governing Document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, can be viewed at www.cgdt.org

The trust's main activities can be summarised as follows –

- Regeneration of the Col-Glen community
- Strategic planning and development through community consultation
- Local project delivery
- Partnership working with public sector and other organisations
- Capacity building and skills development

Governed by a Board of Directors, elected from and by the community, the Trust Board comprises Charles Dixon-Spain (Chair), Colin Boyd (Treasurer), Cathleen Russell (Secretary), Harry Andrews (Vice-chair), John MacNaughton, James McLuckie and Alex MacNaughton.

CGDT owns 605ha Stronafian Forest, of which 500ha are managed by a commercial tenant and the remainder by the trust.



An Introduction to the Colintrave & Glendaruel Development Trust

CGDT's Mission Statement

"The purpose of the CGDT is to work with, and for, the community to identify projects and activities which will improve access to, and provision of, facilities, amenities and services for employment, education, health and recreation. The CGDT will do this while maintaining the benefits of living in the area such as safety, tranquility and community spirit."

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WHAT WE DO

Employment – Since inauguration in 2008, 15 people have been employed by CGDT in various ways; part-time; freelance; full-time; and contracted.

Income – CGDT has attracted £3.5M+ of funding into the area; in addition, local contractors have been employed to carry out specific tasks, and local facilities and businesses have benefitted from the extra business brought by CGDT's activities.

The Loch Lomond & Cowal Way – With the attainment of Great Trail status in October 2018, capped a successful multi-year, Coastal Communities funded project which employed two, and upgraded all 57 miles of Cowal's long distance trail. Over the 5 years of the project an extra £2M of visitor revenue was generated along the length of the Way, with accommodation providers through ColGlen reporting significant uptick in accommodation for walkers. The benefits of this work are ongoing.

Coronavirus Response – Working closely with the Community Council's Resilience Group, CGDT has raised funding for the response to the epidemic. In the first lockdown, CGDT was granted nearly £28K of funding to purchase and distribute the food boxes, goodie bags, newsletters, PPE and other items which the community needed. Over 400 food boxes and 600 goodie bags were delivered to the community, along with five editions of the newsletter. As the time of writing CGDT has several live applications for the community's ongoing response to Coronavirus – news of which will emerge before Christmas.

Warmer & Greener ColGlen – CGDT developed two carbon-saving projects taking advantage of the Climate Challenge Fund, and these insulated the village halls, built our poly tunnels, set-up composting locally and created

carbon savings in the community. Once built, the trust handed over the ownership and management of the tunnels to the ColGlen Growers Assoc. **Stronafian Community Forest** – The purchase in 2013 of the Community Forest was intended as the first step to providing a longterm income for the community through renewables. With the rejection of CGDT's application for turbines in 2016, the trust has been concentrating on amenity and forestry uses as it reconfigures its approach to the land.

People and Communities Fund – A major success for the Stronafian Forest Project has been increasing skills and employability locally for those seeking jobs. Over three years the trust provided courses in the woodlands for over 30 young people, many of whom went on to find work in the forestry and horticulture sector.

Kyles Community Broadband (KCB) – For three years to mid-2019, CGDT supported KCB's quest to provide Broadband to our region. After two phases of procurement, KCB was unsuccessful. However because of these efforts South-west Cowal now has a much higher weighting than all but 10 high profile areas in the Highlands and Islands in the Scottish Government's ongoing procurement for R100. *The trust continues to monitor this situation and will ensure that weighting is applied when R100 is implemented.*

Development & Consultation – A significant proportion of the trust's time is spent developing potential projects to the point that the community can feedback on their viability and/or desirability. Examples of this include technical surveys on the potential for microhydro in ColGlen, consultations on the creation of a community hub in the Clachan of Glendaruel (ongoing), and feasibility studies on the potential for a pontoon in Colintraive. CGDT also interacts with the wider context of regional and national developments, including feedback on Community Right to Buy Legislation and Community Benefits on Renewables.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Your Name (required)

Your Email (required)

Your Address (required)

Your Postcode (required)

Your Electoral Roll No. (if you have it to hand)

Membership Type (required) (please circle)

Full Membership | Associate Membership

Message