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Joining as a member of the Trust is a way of supporting its aims and work - to make Arrochar, Tarbet and our whole lochside area, a better place to live and work **for everyone**.

As a full member you will have:

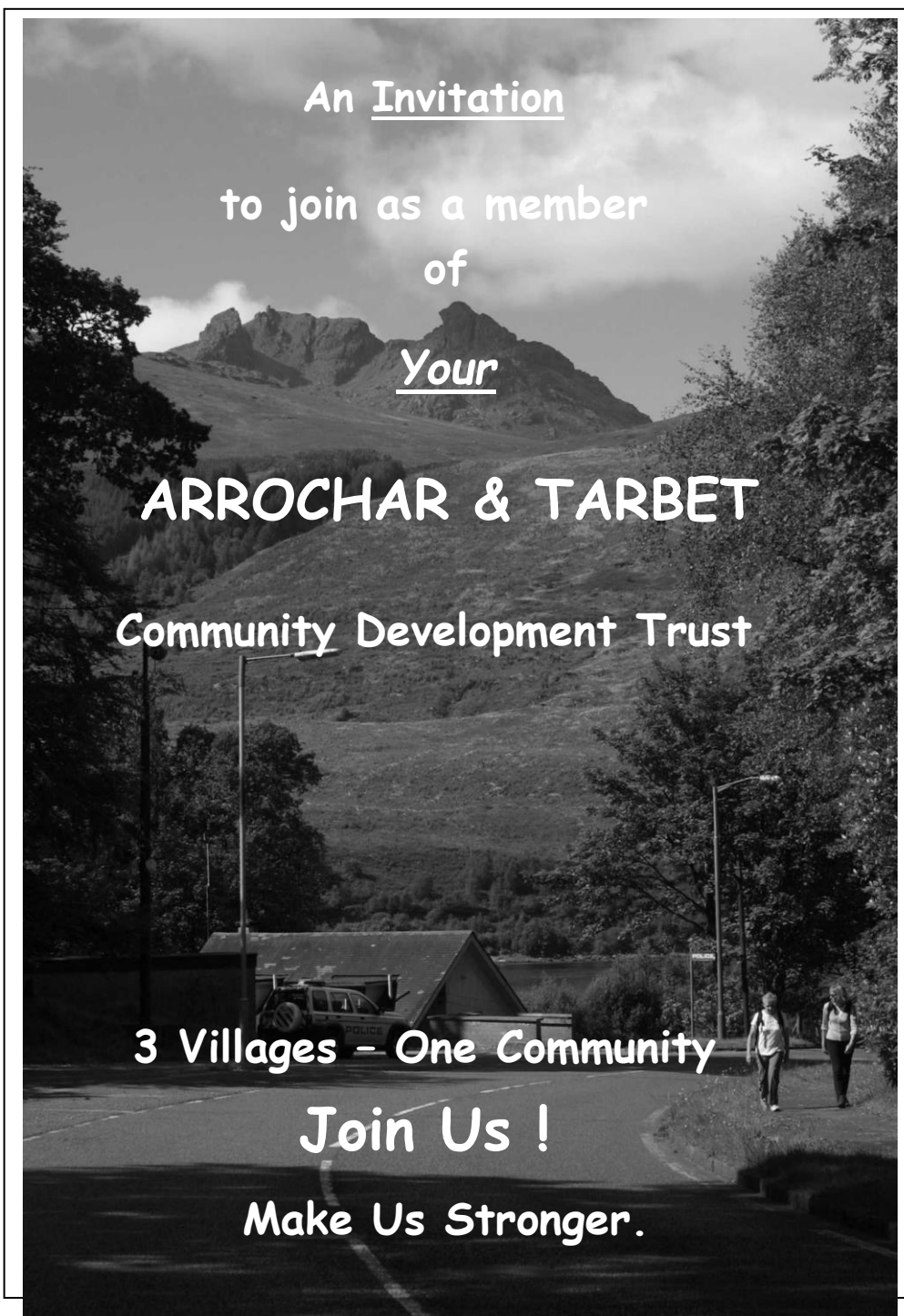
- Information about Trust activities
- An opportunity to contribute to events and longer term plans
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- A vote at Trust general meetings
- The opportunity to be elected as a Director of the Trust

All types of members are welcome to attend General Meetings but only full members are eligible to stand for election as directors, and associate and junior members are non-voting.

Your membership is very important and valuable to the Trust. More members mean more influence with outside agencies and a better chance to receive external funding for our plans and objectives.

So, please fill in the form and send it with your membership subscription to the Treasurer whose details are on the form.

Thank you, in anticipation of your support.



An Invitation
to join as a member
of
Your
ARROCHAR & TARBET
Community Development Trust

3 Villages - One Community

Join Us !

Make Us Stronger.

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Trust

Formed and Incorporated as a Community Trust in **June 2003** we are now completing our 12th year and have made significant progress in trying to fulfil our aims, to promote and respond to the needs and interests of communities in the Arrochar, Tarbet & the Lochside areas, for the benefit of all residents.

We have had great support from the **Directors** who came forward to represent a range of interests within the area and take important decisions relating to the business of the Trust. Most will be aware of the purchase of the **Pit Stop Diner** and the setting up of a trading company to operate as a social enterprise business. The building and operation of the 3 Villages Hall and establishment of a heritage group and Hidden Heritage project have all been possible through an active and committed Development Trust and hard working Community Council.

We have had other matters to consider relating to the Action Plan for Groups within the community, most notably the Campus Management Group, who have been organising and developing programmes within the hall on the **Community Campus** at the Arrochar Pier Car Park site. We have tried various schemes to have marine access restored at the pier site without success to date. A **Paths group** looked at various local “routes” and **Youth** and **Business** group developments were initiated. A Going Forward Group is presently looking at future opportunities for further development of the Community Campus site. We have a new Community Action Plan for 2014 – 19 and much to do in the coming year and beyond. We welcome any help possible from those interested in joining our efforts.

Along with the Community Council we have been much involved in a detailed consultation within the National Park planning as they drew up future Park Plans – Live Park and Your Park to include the views of the West Loch Lomond villages of Luss, Tarbet, Arrochar and Ardlui, which contribute to the National Park Plan and we hope offer some influence on future development and funding for identified action points.

We are grateful for the help and continued support from community members and benefactors of the Trust in past and future projects, which have required active involvement and fund raising that allowed us to make the progress that has been achieved to date.

The Company

The company is named the **Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust**. It is a company “**limited by guarantee**”, which means that the liability of the Directors and Members is limited to a nominal sum of **£1.00**. Prior to formation, the Charities Regulator approved the objectives and rules of the company and it is **registered as a Scottish Charity**.

The company has a **Board of Directors** elected by the Membership. These Member Directors may appoint further 3 Co-opted Directors to assist their business.

Our Objectives

The Trust “Company” has been created in order that funds can be raised for projects, which will be for the benefit of the whole community. The following abbreviated list indicates the accepted charitable aims of the Trust, to:

- Provide facilities for recreation and leisure activities.
- Promote education and training opportunities;
- Relieve the needs of the disadvantaged, the young, the elderly and those in need of care;
- Provide housing assistance for the needy;
- Relieve poverty in the area;
- Preserve and improve the environment
- Preservation of buildings for public benefit
- Promote and operate other schemes of a charitable nature.

Our Thanks

Without the work and boundless efforts of previous Directors and executive officers and all our other volunteers, we wouldn't be off the ground – everyone appreciates the invaluable services they have provided for Arrochar, Tarbet & the upper Lochside areas.

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Membership Application / or Renewal

There are 3 types of membership of the Arrochar and Tarbet Community Trust.

Membership Open to people over the age of 17 who reside or work in the general Arrochar & Tarbet Area and are normally on **the electoral roll** for the **Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui** wards.

Associate Membership: Open to all other people over the age of 17

Junior Membership: Open to young people who are between the ages of 12 and 17 Inclusively and is **Free to join**.

A Lifetime subscription for Full and Associate Members is a minimum of **£5.00**

Please sign below and indicate which of the 3 categories of membership you wish to apply for.

Your application will be considered at the next meeting of the Company Directors.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Tel : _____ Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Category of membership (please tick box)

Member * Associate Member Junior Member

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Company Registered in Scotland : No 251805

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Externally Arrochar & Tarbet has received **positive comment and support** from full time officers within the National Park and observers within development organisations, monitoring our progress and governance. This again has only been possible knowing that we have the support of the community behind us.

Along with other National Park communities your Trust Directors have received **training and guidance** on company matters and responsibilities, from the LL&T NPA Community Partnership. Trust & Community Council representatives have regularly attended Community Partnership **Area Network meetings**, to learn about progress in adjacent communities and contribute to common initiatives, such as Transport & Affordable Housing.

Although we didn't set out to comply with a Government agenda for change within the **social economy** (*we only wanted a New Hall!*), the progress we have made, fits exactly what the Scottish Government wish to promote within the voluntary sector. There are many Social Enterprises and 3rd Sector organisations which now offer the government advice and direction with an Inaugural Rural Parliament held in early November 2014 with A&T Development Trust represented.

All said, we wish to maintain progress with our own local social aims, hopefully with continued local, regional and national support. Annually we need to **renew membership** of the Trust and **elect Directors** to hold office and lead community developments for the next year, alongside the work of our elected Community Councillors, who are responsible to Argyll & Bute Council and work with other community service providers and organisations on statutory matters.

The Trust AGM is an opportunity for more member directors to strengthen and assist future developments;

3 Villages – One Community - Please join us

For further reading and information, check out these web pages :

<http://www.threevillages.org.uk/>; <http://www.hiddenheritage.org.uk/>

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/equal/>; <Http://www.dtascot.org.uk>

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/html/communities/index.htm>

<http://communitypartnership.org.uk/index.html>

<http://www.arrocharheritage.com/>

Membership

Membership is open to any individual over the age of 17 who resides or works in the area and is normally on the electoral register of the Community. This is the only category of membership, which is entitled to a vote at meetings of the Trust.

Associate Membership is open to any other individual over the age of 17. Junior Membership is open to any person aged 12 to 17 inclusively.

Applications for membership must be made in writing. A form for this purpose is enclosed. Additional forms can be obtained from the Post Offices. Members and Associate Members are required to pay a Life membership subscription of £5.00. Junior Membership is free.

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Group or Organisation in Arrochar & Tarbet I wish to represent:

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Director Statement

Please provide a Short Supporting Statement :

(Use a separate page if required)

Why I would like to become a Director and join the Board of the Community Trust company :

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