



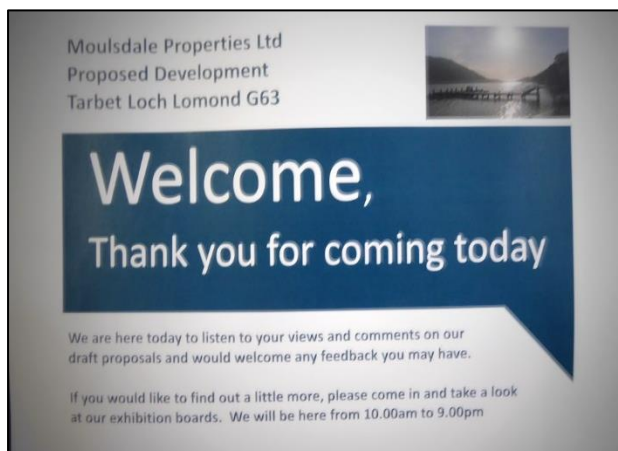
Welcome to the **6th** edition of **3VIC**, the *Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust* monthly newsletter.

The newsletter is intended as a platform to promote all local news and activities that will be of interest to both Trust members and the wider community alike. Please feel free to pass it along to anyone you think might be interested.

For information on the Trust, how to join, and how we use members' data, please see the articles at the end of this newsletter.

To contribute to the 3VIC newsletter, please contact Martin Semple: martinsemple@btinternet.com

*P*ROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT TARBET – MOULSDALE PROPERTIES

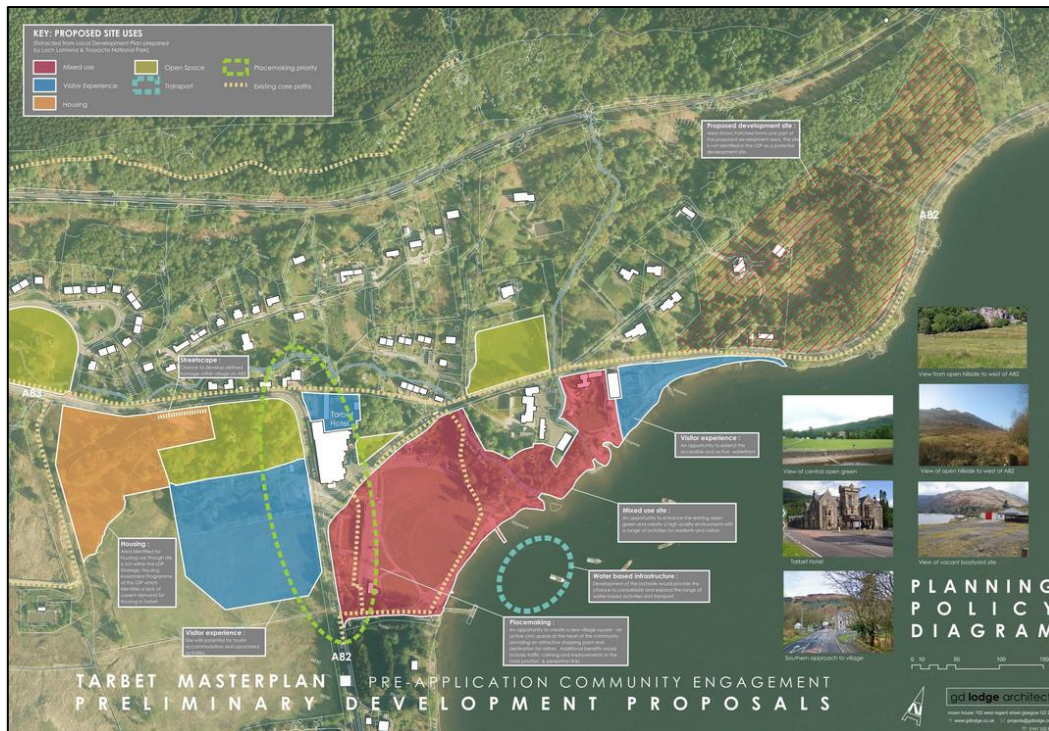


We hope that many of you were able to attend the 'Public Exhibition – Mouldsdale Properties' event in the Three Villages Hall, Arrochar, on Thursday 26th September.

No doubt it has already provoked much thinking, discussion and comment. For anyone who was unable to attend, Mouldsdale Properties has provided a webpage with their 'pre-application community engagement preliminary development proposals', here: <https://www.mouldsdaleproperties.com>.

Although the 'formal window' for submitting comments to Mouldsdale Properties has now closed, it should be noted from their webpage that:

"Further information may be obtained by emailing Craig Mitchell at craig@mouldsdaleproperties.com"



EDITORIAL COMMENT:

A well-researched, reasoned and balanced article on the Tarbet Proposal, by **Nick Kempe of Parkswatch Scotland**, can be found at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y2rnhwq6>.

Although Mouldsdale Properties has now actively sought feedback from the local community – which may or may not help to shape its ongoing development proposal – it nevertheless seems like a missed opportunity not to have engaged with the needs and aspirations of folk who actually live here **long before the current stage of development**.

The so-called **Ben Arthur Resort (BAR) site** at the old torpedo range facility in Arrochar remains a glaring eyesore and an ongoing wasted opportunity. A smaller scale, more sympathetic development at Tarbet, in conjunction with a complementary development at the BAR site in Arrochar, could bring much-needed change to the Three Villages as a whole; balanced in scale and ambition, and beneficial to all.

A community meeting at the 3V Hall to discuss and collate local opinion on the proposed development by Mouldsdale Properties would surely be advisable. Another option may be to seek open or anonymised opinion via an online survey platform such as SurveyMonkey.

If anyone has a preference either way, please email: martinsemple@btinternet.com.

ATM OPPORTUNITY



In the ongoing absence of any conclusive update from the Post Office regarding the future of local services, the Trust is applying to the 'Community Access to Cash Delivery Fund' sponsored by LINK UK, which aims to provide local communities with free-to-use cash machines, based on the following criteria:

- distance to nearest free ATM
- availability of a Post Office site
- security
- a suitable location

<https://www.link.co.uk/about/news/link-community-support/>

More on this welcome initiative when we have it.

GALAFEST – REFLECTIONS

On Saturday 28th September, the 3V Hall played host to another successful Galafest – as ever, only made possible due to hard-working, dedicated volunteers.

The weather was 'kind enough' to permit a range of stalls and activities to be held outside the hall, leaving the indoors free for capacity tables to enjoy a superb array of music, food and drink.



This year, it was decided to not charge an entry fee but to rely instead on voluntary financial contributions which, unfortunately, have not met running costs.



Anyone who still wishes to make a donation, please do so via the Community Café / Pit Stop until the end of October.

ARROCHAR & TARBET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST – AGM UPDATE



The Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust 2019 AGM will be held in the Three Villages Hall, Arrochar, on Saturday 17th November. Times to be confirmed.

SLANJ – CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS



VETERANS BRUNCH CLUB
Come and Chat with other Veterans and families of veterans

Free For Veterans
£4 for Friends and Family

10th October
22nd October
5th November
19th November

11am - 1pm



Pillage
in the Village

LIVE MUSIC / FOOD & DRINKS

18TH STARTS FROM 7PM OCTOBER	SLANJ LOCH LOMOND TARBET 01301702172	19TH STARTS FROM 1PM OCTOBER
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Get involved with the Argyll Energy Challenge!

Local project Change Works in Argyll is launching the Argyll Energy Challenge, offering householders in Arrochar and West Loch Lomond the opportunity to take part and reduce their energy use and bills by installing a real-time energy monitoring system. This system will be provided for free to help track electricity use in the home, reduce energy costs and cut carbon emissions.



Change Works in Argyll

Those volunteering to take part in the challenge will receive regular hints and tips on simple ways to save energy in the home and reduce energy bills.

The Change Works in Argyll Energy Challenge is part-funded by Scottish Government and was developed by Changeworks in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council. It aims to reduce the amount of energy used by households in and around Argyll.



To find out about more about the project and register to take part contact the Change Works in Argyll team via their [Facebook page](#), email argyll@changeworks.org.uk or call 01721 722810.

Registration can also be completed online <http://bit.ly/ArgyllEnergyChallenge>

Project Officer Jamie Proudfoot (pictured, left) will be at the **Three Villages Community Hall in Arrochar every Wednesday 12:30pm – 4.30pm** or by appointment, offering advice and support to help improve the energy efficiency of your home.



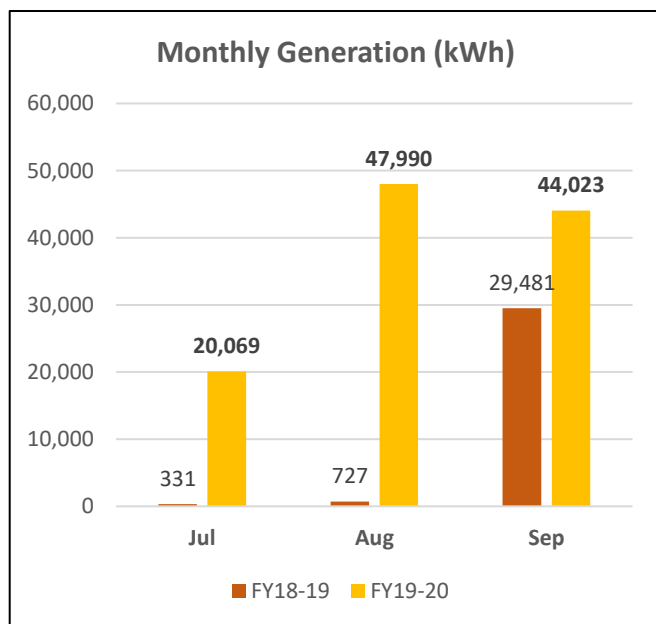
On Thursday 10th October, ACHS Directors Duncan MacLachlan and Martin Semple hosted a visit from the Chilean Government's Ministry of Energy. Community Energy Coordinator, Francisco Merino (pictured, left), was keen to learn from the 'renewable energy for community benefit experience' here in Arrochar:

"I believe that your community project is the best match for me to make the most of my visit and to strengthen the ongoing experience between the Chilean State and Scotland. My proposal seeks to make a comparison between the initiatives and the public policy concerning community energy in Chile and Scotland."

We're pleased to report that Francisco had an enjoyable, worthwhile, and hydro-optimal (i.e. very rainy) visit!

Generation in September has been extremely healthy and we are now seeing something closer to parity with the same month in 2018, as our weather settles back into its 'usual pattern'!

*If you have any questions about the scheme, or would like to request a guided tour, please contact: **Duncan MacLachlan:** macl55@aol.com and **Martin Semple:** martinsemp@btinternet.com*



*T*HREE VILLAGES, ONE COMMUNITY... *J*OIN US!

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust (A&T CDT) was formed in June 2003. It is a community charitable organisation intending to promote & respond to the needs and interests of our community, for the benefit of all residents. Its potential role is wide and includes provision of social and community facilities, environmental improvements, youth development, preservation of local heritage, and support to local people and businesses.

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

Full members will have:

- *Information about Trust activities*
- *An opportunity to contribute to events and longer-term plans*
- *An opportunity to influence what is being planned*
- *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. 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.

If you would like more information, or if you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Trust member, please contact Jen Little: jen.little33@btinternet.com

*K*EEPING OUR DATA RIGHT



Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust, like most organisations, keeps a certain amount of data about its members. Thus, we're affected by the new EU General Data Protection Rules (GDPR) which recently came into force.

<https://eugdpr.org/>

Our approach to data protection has 3 main strands:

- *We'll only hold personal data that's directly necessary for the effective running of the Trust. So, we will hold only a member's name and one method of contact. Ideally this will be an email address – that's more cost-effective for the Trust. But we will hold and use a postal address for any member who prefers that*
- *We'll keep the personal data that we do hold safely and securely. It will be accessible only for Trust purposes and with the agreement of a Trust management meeting*
- *We will actively look to ensure that the personal data we hold is up to date and accurate – including periodic exercises to update and 'cleanse' the data we hold*

To help us meet these objectives, we're looking to update our records. That's 'good housekeeping', as well as ensuring we meet data protection standards.

Over the coming weeks we will be contacting each member, asking that you look at the data which we currently hold about you – and update it where necessary. Your help with this exercise will be much appreciated.

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