

The newsletter for the island of Shapinsay produced by the Shapinsay Development Trust.
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Welcome to this special edition of the Shapinsay Sound for November 2022. We are sending this as a hard copy to every household on Shapinsay as it's very important that everyone gets to see this edition as it contains some very important information about our next upcoming project!



We have a really short deadline to get the initial grant application in, so we are putting information out with this newsletter, then we are holding a public meeting on Thursday the 3rd of November at 7pm in the Clubrooms to allow members the opportunity find out more, ask questions, then it will be put to a vote. Non-members also encouraged to come along and find out more.

We would like as much feedback as possible on this project as it's such a large project, covering so many aspects of Shapinsay Development Trusts 5 year development plan!

Anyone who cannot make it along to the evening meeting can drop in past the Boathouse at any point during the day on the 3rd of November where we will have the big screen on with a set of plans and can discuss any aspects of it with you.

Shapinsay Development Trust

In 2020, Shapinsay received their 5-year development plan which was shaped by the community, focusing on the main priorities for the island. Phase 1 of the housing, which is now complete, the Smithy project and the ebike programme are examples of where the trust is delivering on that plan. An opportunity has arisen that caused the board to think 'What if the Island could create a project that contained all or some of the priorities on one site?'

To date this has only been shared with the Orkney Islands Council planning team and a select few potential funders to gauge the feasibility at this stage. The funders love the concept and the OIC planning team have hailed it a '*Beacon Project*' which could create a blueprint for other islands. To date we have received funding from three funders to assist in the feasibility of the project.

The potential areas within the project are:

1. Enterprise Zone

This area will focus on the areas of the community where everyone can receive benefit and also create space for potential entrepreneurship and space for visiting businesses and stakeholders to use. As you will appreciate the project is at a conceptual stage but suggestions for this area include:

- a) A charity Shop
- b) Works space for nominal rent for residents to use for small or start-up businesses
- c) Men's Shed

- d) Additional office space
- e) Additional storage

- d) Shower and toilet blocks

There will also be adequate parking and access, the buildings will be well insulated and will have solar panels installed to assist in the net zero agenda. There is also a plan to install multiple EV charging points to create additional provision on the island.

2. Community Affordable Housing (a) – Rental

Building on the success of Phase 1 of the housing project the aim is to create an additional 4 new homes on the site. Initial plans are to build 2 x 2-bedroom and 2 x 3-bedroom semi detached bungalows. The 3-bedroom properties would be aimed at attracting new families to Shapinsay or to create suitable accommodation to existing families on the island. The 2-bedroom bungalows would be aimed at working couples, small families or to give the younger generation a chance to perhaps share. These 4 houses will add to the existing stock of the trust which will create much needed high-quality homes and also create a revenue for the trust

3. Community Tourism Area

‘Community tourism’ is a currently a hot topic in Scotland especially in rural communities. The main objective is to try to find that balance of attracting visitors but within a strategy that doesn’t overwhelm the community and can be managed to benefit the whole island. Therefore it was natural to think how this could be embedded in this site which is close to all amenities but at the same time creating a natural theme. Potential options are:

- a) Self Service Campsite
- b) Provision for motor homes (At a small scale)
- c) Holiday pods

4. Community Affordable Housing (b) – Serviced Sites

From all conversation and consultations to date it was clear that the younger generation need suitable housing to enable them to stay on the island they love. And for some of them building and owning their own house would be their preferred choice. This option gives them the chance to be allocated a serviced site which they can design and build their house on. The trust are currently exploring the possibility of becoming a ‘Rural housing body’ which means they can offer more products such as shared ownership and placing burdens on sites to protect the community asset.

5. Community Growing Project

This was highlighted in the development plan as an area that could create huge community benefit around wellbeing, sustainability, intergenerational opportunities and assisting in the cost of living. This project has the potential to involve the whole community from schoolchildren to the elderly members.

Potential Areas could be:

- a) Community Allotments
- b) Allotment space for individuals to rent
- c) Community polycrubs

6. Community Garden

The phrase community garden can mean different things to different people. Early thoughts are to create a ‘natural’ space which will be rich in wildlife and nature with areas for children to explore and perhaps some strategically placed benches and picnic areas for locals and visitors to enjoy.

7. Community Wellbeing Walk

Since 2020 the islands wellbeing project has gone from strength to strength helping the community improve their physical and mental wellbeing. This was highlighted even more so in the height of the pandemic. Therefore including a nice walk for individuals, families, dog walkers was an obvious addition, which would border the whole project site. It is aimed to look at sustainable and hard-wearing materials.

This project has the potential to create so much community benefit to Shapinsay but also income for the island and employment opportunities. It is ambitious and inspirational but is achievable with community support and design, strong direction and stakeholder/funder support.

This project is wholly dependent on Community 'buy in' as well as funding. Both elements will be discussed in more detail on Thursday night. It is worth repeating that this is at a conceptual stage and your support/comments and concerns are vital if this is to progress.

So please take the opportunity to come have your say this week.

Below is a conceptual drawing of what the site COULD look like, feedback and questions welcomed – come along this Thursday night, clubrooms – 7pm! (or drop in past the boathouse during the day)



What's on in November



Lunch Club

Open to all residents over the age of 50.
Dates for your diary
November
2nd: Kevin Moar is bringing Zoe, Orkney's Drug Dog
16th: please see notices, shop,
community centre, ferry
30th: AGM
Further inquiries Jan 711270/
janbuchanan270@gmail.com



The Piece Place

Wednesday 9th & 23rd November
soup & sandwiches 12:30 -1:30pm
Homebakes & refreshments 1:30-4pm

**Held in the clubrooms at the
community Centre**

**All ages welcome. All types of board
games available to enjoy.**

**Donations to wellbeing fund to support activities on
the island**

Shapinsay BALL group

Monday 7th & 21st November
2-4pm

the clubrooms,

shapinsay community centre.

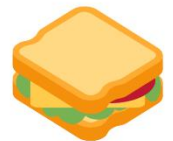
**All welcome to come along for
some gentle exercise, cuppa and
an activity or guest speaker**

**Anyone over 50 welcome both
male and females.**

free to attend.

**transport can be provided via SDT
transport**

any queries Alison 07867622814



**Thank you very much
to all who came along
to support the
Macmillan cancer
coffee afternoon at
the Piece Place on
Wednesday 28th
September a total of
£115.17 was raised.**

SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING DATE:

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7PM
TO BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA TO COMMUNITY
COUNCIL CLERK BY 10 NOVEMBER 2022 -
EMAIL: SHAPINSAYCLERK@GMAIL.COM

Shapinsay Community Association

are looking for volunteers/a keyholder to help run the senior badminton for the new winter session.

Badminton was really popular before lockdown but we haven't been able to start up again. We have a key holder for junior badminton which is ages P4-P7. Seniors include adults and all young people from S1 upwards.

Our keyholders need to be 18 and prepared to have a Disclosure Scotland check.

Badminton in the past has run once a week (often a Tuesday) from 8pm -10pm but this is in no way set in stone. If you are interested please get in touch with Annette Kirkpatrick (annettekp@btinternet.com).

SHAPINSAY AGRICULTURAL
ASSOCIATION

HARVEST HOME

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Meal by SAA - Beef and
trimmings.

Prize giving and dance to the
Gablos

Tickets on sale till Tuesday the 1st
Doors open 7pm



Delivered
by the Early years team

Family learning provides advice on things such as sleep solutions, self regulation healthy food choices, toileting etc, tips on how to raise happy children and provide an opportunity for parents to share ideas and chat.

FREE TO ATTEND.
OPEN TO ALL
PARENTS/CARERS OF
PRIMARY SCHOOL
AGE CHILDREN AND
BELOW

For more information contact Alison
07867622814

family learning



Thursdays 10th, 17th &
23rd November and
Thursday 1st December.
1-3pm. In the
clubrooms, community
centre. free creche and
refreshments provided



Shapinsay Community Council

are holding a



display on

Friday 4th November 2022 at 7pm

Spectators are asked to stand on the pavement

In front of the School bike sheds

The fireworks will be set off from the Boathouse garden but spectators must not enter the Boathouse grounds at all during the event.

Shapinsay Community Association

will be providing

**tea, coffee and hot chocolate and a chance for socialising
in the Clubrooms following the display.**

There will be a donations bucket and a raffle.



Shapinsay Parent Council Fundraiser Weekend In the Community Hall

BINGO

&

TABLE TOP SALE

Bingo - Saturday 26th November 7pm

Table top sale - Sunday 27th November
2-4pm

Please contact Caroline Bird to book a
table for the sale

07922553235 or cazbird71@yahoo.co.uk



Shapinsay Development Trust has got the loan of an ecaro bike from cycling Uk Orkney for anyone who would like a trial! Come along and try it out. You could use it to pop to the shop for your shopping, or pop into Kirkwall, it can take up to 2 small children or a fair few KGs of shopping (depending on the weight of the adult)!



Rubbish Collections

Nov - Jan

Wednesday 2nd November - Black bags

Wednesday 9th November - Glass and plastic

Wednesday 16th November - Black bags

Wednesday 23rd November - paper/thin card and metal cans, foil, and aerosols

Wednesday 30th November - Black bags

Wednesday 7th December - Glass & plastic

Wednesday 14th December - Black/grey bins, no recycling.

Wednesday 21st December - Paper/thin card and metal cans, foil, and aerosols

Wednesday 28th December - Black/grey bags

Wednesday 2nd January - Glass & plastic

Wednesday 11th January - Black bags

Wednesday 18th January - Paper/thin card and metal cans, foil, and aerosols

Wednesday 25th January - Black bags



Looking to manage your energy bills and make your home more energy efficient?

Contact Warmworks in Orkney on 01856 881 513 or visit us at The Store, 5 West Tankerness Lane, Kirkwall

Grants funded by EES:ABS (Orkney) Scheme delivered by Warmworks and Orkney Islands Council



Would you like to include a Christmas!
message to your Shapinsay friends and family in the December edition of the Shapinsay sound?

Send your Christmas message to boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk before Thursday 24th November for it to be included

A small donation would be appreciated to help cover costs



School November 2022

A shorter message from the school this time as we we're on holiday for most of October! We will therefore be letting you know what we have planned for this term, as well as what we got up to at the end of last term. In PE the children are learning club golf, and Scottish dancing (in preparation for upcoming events!)

Please watch out for the December issue of the Sound when we will let you know of our Christmas assembly, which everyone will be welcome to attend.

Nursery - The Nursery children will be learning about all the different festivals and events that take place at this time of year. The dressing up area now has a winter theme. We also hope to get outside, if the weather allows it, and wearing suitable clothes!

P1 – 4 - The children enjoyed visits to learn about



jewellery making at the end of last term. They had tours at Sheila Fleet and Ortak, and were especially delighted with the small gifts they were given! It was a super way

to round off our Made in Orkney topic.

This term the P1 – 4 class are learning about "Festivals of Light". They are learning about Diwali, the origins of Halloween and Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Hannukkah and Christmas. In Science they will be learning about the science of light.

P5 – 7 - On the last day of the Autumn term, the P5-7 children took part in Outdoor Education sessions. During the morning, they made a raft from barrels, wooden beams and ropes then sailed in the harbour. They also went on a large body board. In the afternoon they enjoyed doing archery.

Science this term will be about electricity. In RME the children will be learning about Hinduism. English work will focus on expanding the range of sentence openers the children are able to use and the types of sentences they can write. In French, they will learn to tell the time and in Spanish they will learn more greetings and about some foods.



Remembering Together, Orkney

We need to find-out what a Covid memorial for Orkney should be like. We'll be using creative approaches to explore with people how they'd like to remember.

We need your help to explore ideas, thoughts, experiences and feelings about the pandemic in Orkney and how it's affected you. It's very important that we hear from lots of folk from all around Orkney to have their say in what a memorial should be.

We'll be on Shapinsay on Wednesday 16th November

At the Boathouse - 10.30 am - 12.30 pm (all welcome)

At the lunch club in the Community Centre - 1 - 3 pm

Please do get in touch to find out more or to arrange a meeting.

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