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## SCT PROJECT PROGRESS

### STAFFIN COMMUNITY TRUST 2019 AGM Tuesday, November 26

*It has been a busy and productive 12 months for Staffin Community Trust (SCT) since the last AGM. The SCT board would like to thank the community for all its support and encouragement in progressing its various projects.*

*Through this work SCT enjoys excellent backing and input from residents, crofting townships, local organisations and businesses including Staffin Community Council, Staffin Community Hall Association, Columba 1400, Bun Sgoil Stafainn, Kilmuir Estate (the Department) and Rabbies to name but a few.*

*Earlier this year SCT was awarded charitable status by OSCR, the national regulator. This status reflects SCT's objectives and work on behalf of the community and will also help in hopefully securing funding for project delivery.*

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HEALTH & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The tender to build this long-awaited development, near Bun Sgoil Stafainn, was issued earlier this month. Contractors are being encouraged to bid for the project which will see six three-bedroom homes, a new health clinic and business premises built. It comes five years after a housing needs report was published highlighting a clear demand for housing in Staffin. The Taobh Sear has experienced a population and school roll decline in recent years, with the loss of families and young people from the district because of sky high property prices and a shortage of affordable properties.

SCT is working in partnership with the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust and Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association. SCT is currently working hard to secure all the development funding required and a crowdfunding campaign raised more than £7,000 in October, a fantastic amount, with donations from almost 70 people and businesses.

The deadline for bids is January 30 2020. Construction is scheduled to start in June.

## SKYE ECOMUSEUM

- TWO major capital works contracts were carried out, on time and under budget, in the first half of this year. The restoration and upgrades of the Loch Langaig, Flodigarry, and Grealin-Lealt diatomite path routes were completed in April and the local feedback has been positive.
- In March, Rabbie's coach drivers and office staff once again helped complete badly-needed path repairs. Eight volunteers from the company spent two days near the Slipway digging out new and improved drainage and resurfacing after water and thick vegetation had affected the route in recent years.
- A significant amount of work was completed on the design and production of the new Ecomuseum interpretation panels, gateway structures and central orientation point. SCT went out to tender in September. The contract was awarded to Brian Irving with the installation to be carried out over the next two to three months.
- A wide-ranging and comprehensive activities programme has been delivered by Angus Murray including working closely with Sgoil Stafainn, popular

archaeological events, historical society talks and projects, forest schools (*poster left*), gentle yoga, the angling competition, health walks, etc etc. A new website for the project will go live in December with the full programme illustrated.

**DRUIM**  
NAN LINNTEAN

**CHILDREN'S STORY-TELLING,  
NATURAL ART AND BUSHCRAFT**

~ FREE EVENT ~  
LED BY JUDITH BULLIVAN, PLAY LEADER  
BROADFORD OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTRE

All welcome! // Tha fáilte oirbh uile!

2PM TILL 4PM FRIDAY 09 AUGUST 2019  
FROM CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CAR PARK  
LIFT SHARE TO LOCH SHIANTA  
DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

Coastal Fund sse MAOIN DUALCHAIS HERITAGE FUND

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## STAFFIN SLIPWAY

The Scottish Government is currently considering an application from SCT for a £969,000 grant for the redevelopment of the Slipway. SCT applied to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in October and securing the grant would be a significant step forward, with 2020 the Year of Coasts and Water. A decision is expected in January.