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## Community Hub progress

The Culbokie Community Trust is making great progress towards the development of the Culbokie Community Hub on the community land by the shop. This will provide a new heart to the village and help sustain the wellbeing and health of the whole community.

An agreement with Tulloch Homes has just been completed in which they will undertake all the infrastructure and servicing works for the community land as part of their work to develop the adjacent housing land. A small land exchange will also ensure the best possible use is made of the entire site. In addition, a number of local public and



charitable organisations recognise that the Hub will help deliver their own objectives and are signing up to

become 'project supporters'. The momentum is building!

The total project cost is estimated to be around £1million. CCT has now raised £15,000 of its target of £50,000 from its own local fundraising.

To keep up to date with progress, you can apply for free membership of the Culbokie Community Trust by downloading a membership form at [www.culbokiect.org](http://www.culbokiect.org).

## Market 10 year milestone

On Saturday 19th May we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Markets in Culbokie. There will be special events and

demonstrations plus a few words of thanks and cake/drink for all our visitors at 11am. Be sure not to miss this special occasion!

**The next newsletter** is due out mid June - The final **deadline for news is Friday 18 May** but the sooner the better!

Please send **items for inclusion** in the newsletter or on the Facebook Page to Carol Elliot on [elliottcarnmor@btinternet.com](mailto:elliottcarnmor@btinternet.com)

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**To be added to the Community Council e-mail update** contact Bruce Morrison on [ferintoshcc30@gmail.com](mailto:ferintoshcc30@gmail.com) and keep up to date with all CC news and give your opinion on local matters.

# Culbokie Community Trust - news



## Join the Culbokie Challenge

CCT's next fundraising extravaganza will be **THE CULBOKIE CHALLENGE** which will take place in May/June and has been designed so that absolutely anyone, of any age or situation, can join in.

Each person taking part chooses their own personal challenge and asks friends, family and colleagues to sponsor them. The challenge can be anything at all – and ideally it should be enjoyable! It could be something to improve your health or fitness (like taking a daily walk or cutting out cake for a month), something that will help others (like knitting for charity), something a bit crazy (like dying your hair green), or something to improve the environment (like doing a weekly litter-pick).

Your personal challenge will have its own page on CCT's Local Giving web platform which is very simple to set up. This makes it easy for friends and family, far and wide, to see what you are doing and to sponsor you, and Gift Aid will be automatically added to all online donations from taxpayers.

To find out more contact [event@culbokiect.org](mailto:event@culbokiect.org) and we will send you an information pack. Alternatively download a pack from [www.culbokiect.org](http://www.culbokiect.org). If you would like help to set up your challenge on line, contact Alison on 877259.



## Community market

The next markets are at Findon Hall, Culbokie on Saturday 21st April and 19th May from 10am – 12.30pm. Lots of local produce including fish, beef, venison, pork, vegetables, cheese, cakes and chocolate as well as local craft items, jewellery, bags, paintings, cards and much more. Local charities provide brunches and teas/cakes at all the markets so come along, enjoy a cuppa and a chat and support them.

Do you have spare plants? If so, please think about helping with a few plants for the CCT plant stall in April and May. All proceeds go to CCT for use in the Community. Please get in touch if you can help. Markets continue throughout the year on the 3rd Saturday of each month. You can keep up-to-date with news and events on the Facebook Page – Culbokie Community Market.

If you wish to take part in a market please contact Sylvie on: [market@culbokiect.org](mailto:market@culbokiect.org) or telephone 07926 044 064.

## History Group

Steady progress on recording the history of Culbokie. A range of Primary School class photos has been added under the title "A Headteacher's scrapbook" so there will be a number of local families enjoying a trip down memory lane to see what mum and dad looked like in the years 1982 to 1998. This can be accessed through the Search facility or from the "Village School" chapter index.

The "Descendants of Culbokie" page now has information from four families, the latest two being Kemps and a family history chart of the Urquharts who were associated with Tore Farm. We would be interested to hear from any local descendants.

The chapter on the Findon Hall has been updated with information regarding the local Templar organisation raising funds for the building of the Hall at the start of the 1900s.

## Culbokie Church Centre - update

**Church services** 10am on Sunday (including Sunday School and crèche). Contact: Rev. Terrance Burns  
Contact: 877452.

**Easter: Sunday** 1 April 8.30am – breakfast and communion, 10am – Easter Day service.

**Church Café** is held on Tuesday afternoons, 1.30-3.45pm.

**Soup Lunches** will be held on Saturdays 28 April and 26 May, 12-2pm in Findon Hall.

**The Women's Fellowship Group** meets 7.30pm on Thursdays 19 April for a talk about Kahnawall Hospital in Pakistan and 17 May to hear about horse husbandry. Contact: Maureen Rose (877435).

**The Senior Citizen's Friendship Group** on Mondays 2 April and 7 May, 2-4pm. Contact: Maureen Rose (877435).

**The Man Friday group** meet at 7.30pm on Friday 27 April when Andy Walters of Black Isle Woodturning will share his experiences and on Friday 25 May there is a possible trip to Inverness Rollerbowl. Contact: Roger Piercy (877401).

**The Walking group** meet at 10am on Thursday outside the church for a sociable stroll for an hour or two.  
Contact: May Stevenson (877213).

New faces are warmly welcomed to any of these activities.

See [www.culbokiechurchcentre.org](http://www.culbokiechurchcentre.org) website and facebook for more details.

### Scout space needed

14th Ross-shire (Culbokie) Scout Group (beaver's, cub's and scout's) need your help. Are you able to assist us, we are seeking space or a storage solution for our group kit.

If you think you may be able to help please contact our Group Scout Leader for further discussions on [gsl14rossshire@gmail.com](mailto:gsl14rossshire@gmail.com)

## Ferintosh Community Council News

Ferintosh Community Council (FCC) continues to prioritise working with residents to secure an improvement to the dangerous junction at Crask and the reinstatement of Culbokie's commuter bus services along with representing the views of residents on planning and other matters. However, in this issue I will focus on some other recent developments.

FCC attended a consultation event in Inverness about the implementation over the next three years of new contracts for GPs. The top concerns expressed were the potential

disadvantaging of rural medical practices, failure to recognise the value of strong engagement with the third sector, sourcing and retention of the required extra staff and the need for improved communication and involvement locally throughout the three year implementation period. Please contact Bruce on [ferintoshcc30@gmail.com](mailto:ferintoshcc30@gmail.com) if you would like to see the full feedback report from the consultation.

Turning to broadband, last autumn we met with Edward Mountain MSP and senior representatives of BT and Open Reach. Edward is Convenor of the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy and

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Connectivity Committee, which is the committee responsible for scrutinising the rollout of broadband across Scotland. One of the subjects that we discussed was the possibility of initiating a Community Fibre Partnership (CFP) with Open Reach. The purpose of CFPs is to provide faster broadband services to communities where there is no immediate plan to provide an improved service and to enable communities to have a say in the level of service that they will receive.

Subsequent discussions with Open Reach identified Easter Kinkell as the location within the FCC area most suitable for a CFP. The main reasons for choosing Easter Kinkell are that it has a sufficient density of housing within a fairly small area, the existing telephone lines are relatively straightforward to upgrade, there is already some fibre provision in the vicinity that can be utilised, and the proximity of Ferintosh Primary School, which would benefit from any upgrade, could provide access to significant grant funding.

A meeting was held in Easter Kinkell in December at which a representative of Open Reach explained how a CFP might work in that location. The meeting was attended by more than 40 residents and it was agreed that the information needed to apply for a CFP would be submitted to Open Reach. A group of residents has put together this information which includes the details of around 35 households that expressed an interest in being part of a CFP. The information has been submitted and we await a detailed proposal from Open Reach.

There may be some good news for residents who live along the B9169 between Culbokie and Balnabeen. Open Reach has installed a fibre cabinet by Dunvournie Farm and a further fibre cabinet is scheduled to be installed in Balnabeen later this year. These may be operational by the end of the summer and should provide landline broadband download speeds of around 24 megabits per second to residents who live along this stretch of the B9169 and up to 1.2 kilometres from the road. People who live further away may see an improvement, but speeds will not be as high.

Unfortunately I have to finish on a less positive note. We have been informed by Highland Council that its annual grant to community councils is being cut by around 50 per cent. Apart from the reduction itself, this is doubly disappointing because this is another decision that has been made without consultation and does not take account of the needs of individual community councils. Due to prudent management of its finances and previous income from other sources, FCC has sufficient reserves to be able to honour all of its existing commitments. The reduced grant will, however, impact on FCC's ability to provide funding for local projects in the future.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at our public meetings, as listed below.

*Colin Lawrence*

Chair, Ferintosh Community Council

### **Next Community Council meetings:**

- Monday 16 April - 7pm, Mulbuie
- Monday 21 May - 7pm, Ferintosh (AGM)
- Monday 18 June - 7pm, Culbokie