

# SOUTH ISLAY NEWS

Quarterly Newsletter

## MOVING TOWARDS THE FUTURE



### YOUR COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

In your feedback in the Community Action Plan you asked SID to investigate, with local organisations, how to improve the facilities on The Green opposite the Coop. Over the next couple of months SID, alongside our working partners, will be asking you for your feedback.

Keep an eye out for more information or pop into Alyson to show your interest/share your ideas about the project.

### SID is growing its TEAM!

Don't forget that SID has moved our office from Frederick Crescent and we are back in The Ramsay Hall. You can find our office by coming to the back-door entrance. Our staff is growing and we are pleased to welcome Fiona Aitchison as our new Community Development Assistant, a post kindly funded by Mactaggart Third Fund, who is there to support and assist Alyson the Local Development Officer on a wide range of local projects and ever-increasing paperwork!

SID is very excited to be extending our staff even further within the next month by employing a Playing Fields Project Manager, funded by The Scottish Government through The Investing in Communities Fund. The successful candidate for this post will work alongside Alyson, the Local Development Officer, to focus on The Playing Fields and drive The Playing Fields Development through its next stages. For more information on the post, please contact Alyson. These changes are very positive steps in building a team which will work to deliver more community benefits for the South of Islay.

### South Islay Development's

# AGM



20th  
February  
7pm  
Ramsay Hall

Everyone Welcome

Coffee with Homebaking Afterwards

## PORT ELLEN LUNCH CLUB

Thank you to The Islay Hotel and Sea Salt for having the Lunch Club. We have been truly spoilt with the lovely food and warm atmosphere which awaits us every Wednesday.

Port Ellen Lunch Club meets every Wednesday at 12.30pm in Sea Salt for a tasty hot main meal, traybake followed by coffee or tea.

Come along and meet up with old and new friends and listen to the occasional guest speaker.



## CLOSED FOR THE SEASON!

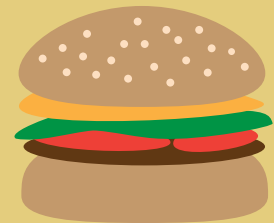
Regrettably the SID Board have decided not to open the Pavilion building for the season of 2020. Assessment has deemed the existing building will not satisfy Health and Safety requirements for public use. SID takes very seriously its duty of care to the public and volunteers.

We currently have numerous funding applications in for the refurbished building plan and will keep you posted on our progress over the next couple of months. The Playing Fields grounds will be open and available for use by the community as usual for dog walking, regular football matches, bowling competitions, and summer/autumn events.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a 'massive thank you' to all the volunteers who have worked very hard in the Pavilion and on the grounds over the past two years.

SID and the Playing Fields Steering Group are working together and would welcome new volunteers to organise the annual Sports Day which will go ahead on Saturday 25th July, keep the date in your diaries!

We are still having problems with transferring the legal title of the Playing Fields to the Community. Burness Paul solicitors, funded by HIE, have been acting on our behalf with what is a testing legal process. The land has been valued; we aim to acquire the land from The Crown Estates, which has ownership by default, with the help of the Scottish Land Fund.



### Business Opportunity at The Playing Fields

We would welcome any parties who might be interested in holding a regular long-term pitch for a catering van on the Playing Fields.

Please do not hesitate to contact Alyson by popping into the office at The Ramsay Hall, calling 01496 300 579 or on SID's Facebook.