



## The Ericht Trust – new developments

Since the rejection of the Hill School Project by Perth and Kinross Council, business for the Trust has remained fairly quiet.

At the AGM last year ideas were sought to give the Trust direction and purpose. There was no doubt, judging by the discussion which took place, that the town needed a Development Trust for future community projects arising out of the Charrette held by Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council.

We are pleased to announce that the Trust has recently co-opted onto the Board two new trustees.

**Len Seal** is a Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Councillor heavily involved in several projects – the Strathmore Cycle Network and the Transport and Isolation Steering Group. His main interest is in energy efficiency and is involved in the group seeking to provide advice on energy efficiency (Home Energy Advice Team).

**Phil Seymour MA** is a newcomer to the area but has been showing his enthusiasm for this community by being involved in several projects – the H.E.A.T. and Strathmore Cycle Network.

Phil was a Human Resources Manager for Royal Mail for over 30 years, with 25 years experience in a range of senior roles across Scotland. Phil was formerly a member of the CIPD, a trained coach and served seven years as a member of the Children's Panel in Edinburgh.

He has a keen interest on wildlife and the countryside, hillwalking, working in the community and a long-term interest in studying political history.

The Ericht Trust moves forward with renewed vigour and we have set up criteria by which we will be prepared to be the umbrella organisation for other projects in the town.

You will read more about the most recent project to do with Home Energy Advice, funding for which the Trust has applied to the Climate Challenge Fund. Len Seal will be able to give news of this later on.



## Retirement of Myra Shearer.

It is with considerable regret we have to announce that Myra Shearer has resigned as a Trustee of the Ericht Trust.

Myra has been a tireless worker for the Trust and the contribution she has made to the Board and the Hill School Project is enormous. Her energy, her astute business sense, her detailed and expert research have all been invaluable and reflect the pragmatic and positive approach with which she tackled all aspects of the Hill School Project. Nothing daunted her and nothing was too much for her to do.

Myra's and Valerie's commitment has extended beyond the Board; over many years they have given that same enthusiasm and determination to bring improvements to the Community of Blairgowrie and Rattray, through their business and their support for other community organisations.

Myra has now decided that it is the right time to step down and allow others to take up the role of a Trustee in the Ericht Trust. She will be missed, particularly during the difficult moments, but we have learned much from her expertise and the Trust is well established to assist with future projects.

Chairman Ian Gordon stated that it is his privilege to simply say, on behalf of the other Trustees and Members of the Ericht Trust:

"Thank you Myra, for your outstanding contribution to the work of the Trust and to the Town where you live. We all wish you well in the future".

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