

# THE FURNACE PRESS

Lochfyneside Community Newsletter  
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## DO YOU CARE ABOUT FURNACE? WANT TO MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE? THEN HOW ABOUT BECOMING A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR?

To use an old cliché – your village needs YOU!

Community Council elections are coming up in April and Furnace is looking for people interested in representing the village and local people's views about a whole range of local services including planning, health, environment, police, roads, young people and a host of other issues.

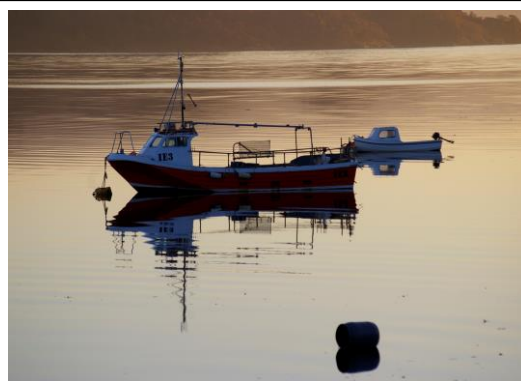
Things are changing, and, as the shape of local services change or even disappear, it is more important than ever that our village and it's residents are kept up to date with what is going on and that we are able to influence decisions at the highest levels.

To become Community Councillor, you just have to be a voter registered in Furnace and have your nomination signed by two others who are also voters in Furnace. You can pick up a nomination form from Mike in the shop or get more information and a form by going online to:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-council-elections-2018>

**Nomination forms have to be submitted by 4 pm on Thursday 22 March**

**If you want to make a difference, becoming a Community Councillor is a good place to start.  
Let's look after the future of Furnace**



### APRIL QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2018

19.30

Furnace Village Hall

teams of up to four

£3.00 per person

RAFFLE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

### Furnace Community Council and Furnace Amenity Association

Joint meeting

Thursday 22 March

19.30

Furnace Village Hall

ALL WELCOME

# FURNACE AMENITY ASSOCIATION BECOMES FURNACE COMMUNITY SCIO

Furnace Amenity Association has operated for many years as an unincorporated body, meaning that its committee is personally liable for any debts. Whilst there has never been any problems, it has been felt for some years that, in this litigious society, the committee should have more protection. So we have now gained approval from OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) to change our format to a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and have changed our name to Furnace Community SCIO. A SCIO is very similar to a limited company except that it is also a registered charity.

Our aims and way of working are unchanged. We will be soon inviting everyone in the community to join the SCIO as members, who be able vote for a committee to manage and run the SCIO in exactly the same way as the old Amenity Association committee. In order to set up the SCIO a committee has already been formed and they will stay in place until the first Annual General Meeting, which will take place after the first year, probably around June 2019.

The current committee members are Gill Telfer, Eileen Wallace, Sharon MacInnes, Richard Polanski, Phil Whale and Mike Masters.

For those who are new to the village, Furnace Community SCIO owns and runs the village hall as well as caring for the 6 mile Leaccainn Walk. We also hold regular events in the hall, from bingo to table quizzes, fund raising events and the annual Furnace Gala, a weekend of fun and events held at the end of August. We are happy to encourage anyone who wants to use the hall, set up their own events or form a group like the soon to be starting Crafting Group. A new website is nearing completion [www.furnace-argyll.org](http://www.furnace-argyll.org) which will have lots of local information and news of upcoming events.

Furnace Social Club is a separate organisation that runs the licensed bar in the hall. The bar is open every weekend, Friday-Sunday, and membership is free and open to all local residents. All profits from the Club are paid over to the SCIO to help cover the running costs of the hall. Contributions from the bar recently allowed the SCIO (under the old Amenity Association name) to donate £800 to the Nancy Glen fund.

So if you are interested in any of the activities, want to find out more, or maybe want to start up your own activity or group, just come along to our advertised monthly meetings or talk to any of the committee members.



## LIGHTING THE WAY

It may not look much, but this lamp post (one of two) represents nearly two years of hard work by your Community Council and local Councillors.

Lighting the way past the Play Park, the lighting was paid for with a grant from the windfarm fund, installed and maintained by Argyll and Bute Council.

A wee bit late for this winter's darkness, but a welcome light nonetheless.

And it's still dark enough for a bit of sneaky canoodling

## FURNACE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We seem to have managed to shoehorn even more into this term than usual! Both our Family Story Club and our Lunch Club have got underway. We've had another library trip, this time with a book scavenger hunt, celebrated World Book Day and we've started music lessons.

The **Furnace Family Story Club** (every second Monday, 4-5.30 pm) has now had 2 meetings, with our numbers growing for the second one. In the first half hour so far we have done a mini training for our volunteer co-readers and this week all the adults talked about the books they had enjoyed when they were children. During our next one we will be having some Just So stories, retold for us by Mrs Hay. In the second half hour every child has the chance to read to and with an adult from a book of their choice and in the last half hour everyone enjoys a snack while Mrs Baird reads the next part of 'The Viking's Apprentice' for us. Mrs Renton runs a Bookbug session for under 5s at the same time, so little people can come and join us too.

More adult volunteers would be very welcome so we can ensure every child attending has the chance to read on a one-to-one basis with an adult. Adults are welcome to join us for the whole session, but are most needed between 4.30 and 5 pm. Give us a ring if you would like to join in. Our next Club nights will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, then Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, followed by our Easter break.

**Lunch Club** had its first very successful session on Friday 2 March, with 7 community members joining us for lunch. We had originally planned to hold sessions every week, but as more and more things have to be squeezed in we have had to be realistic and reduce this to once a month.

Our next Lunch Club will therefore be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, just before our Easter break, and then will continue on the first Friday of every month. We have 10 places available each time so if you would like to join us please leave your name on the sheet in the village shop or give the school a ring.

We have started a series of **music lessons** with Ms Alicia Chapple. During the first session we did some singing and started learning a simple tune on a variety of instruments - guitar, harp, piano, xylophone and glockenspiel. We will be working towards a concert to be performed in our summer term.

In the next few weeks before our break we will also be squeezing in a trip to Achahoish Primary for a **rugby** session, and having a football training session for adults and children with a view to starting a **football club** after Easter. If you would like to help with this please come along to the training session on Tuesday 27 March from 4-6 pm at the school.

Our Easter **end of term service** will be held in the school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.



# HAVE YOU A YEARNING FOR YARN?

Do You Crave To Crochet?

Feeling Inspired and Creative and Want To Do Patchwork? (or anything else crafty)

COME ALONG AND JOIN US AT OUR VERY FIRST  
**FURNACE CRAFT GROUP**

MEETING IN FURNACE VILLAGE HALL

21ST MARCH 7-9PM

Whether you've never picked up a knitting needle before or if you're a dab hand at granny squares, you will be most welcome.



**The Furnace Press** is a collection of news, views and announcements submitted by members of the community.

If you have any items you would like included please speak to Lynda, Mike or Karen or e-mail: [furnacepress@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:furnacepress@tiscali.co.uk)