Invitation to become a Trustee of Birse Community Trust (BCT)

Who are we?

BCT is a registered charity which was established in 1998 to promote the common good of the inhabitants of Birse parish by increasing the ability of the three communities in the Parish (Ballogie, Birse and Finzean) to tackle local issues and capitalise on local opportunities. It is run on behalf of the community by local Trustees who are elected by BCT's ordinary members. The current Trustees are Roy Cowie (Chair) Robert Dinnie, Nancy Davidson, Simon Lindsey and Eleanor Craig

Everyone living in Birse parish and on the electoral register for the area is eligible to become Ordinary Member by completing a BCT Membership form found on the following link. Membership comes at no cost and involves no obligation or commitment.

https://www.birsecommunitytrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/BCT_Member_Application_Form_A5.pdf

How do we work?

BCT develops and implements projects on behalf of the community and its role complements the activities of the parish's three community associations and two community councils.

What assets are we responsible for?

BCT have a number of assets under its ownership, ranging from local forests to a number of local heritage sites plus three water mills. Most recently BCT managed the renovation of the Ballogie Souter's Shop, a building which was a remarkable time capsule and, indeed, it appears to be the only one that survives intact in rural Scotland.

The famous Bucket Mill has also been leased to the Finzean Bucket Mill CIC, a Community Interest Company, who have recent renovated the weir at the Bucket Mill in preparation for restoring the Bucket Mill to its former glory.

What does the future hold?

BCT need to assess its future priorities as well as maintaining on going projects and in order to do that we need additional Trustees. Ideally, we would like at least three new Trustees.

About the role.

BCT Trustees meet in person at Finzean Old School approximately 10 times a year and there are occasions where we may have offsite meeting to address issues specific to our various assets, e.g. in Slewdrum forest or at one of the water mills. The Trustee role is a voluntary role and we try to ensure that we have representation from the three parishes. Ideally, we would like potential Trustees to have skills in the any of the following areas:

- Social media/communications
- Rural/heritage property
- Legal
- Event management

However, more than anything we would welcome anyone with a “can do” attitude who want to work as part of a team to ensure the continued success of BCT. Trustees must live within the area of the three parishes and be a member of BCT. Any prospective Trustee must complete an application form which can be found on the following link, and they must be nominated by two other local members.

https://www.birsecommunitytrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Trustee-Nomination-2011.pdf

The completed forms must be sent to BCT two weeks prior to the AGM. New Trustees will be eligible to join at the time of the AGM, the date of which will likely be in October. To register your interest in becoming a Trustee please email bctoffice@birsecommunitytrust.org.uk

To find out more about BCT check out our website https://www.birsecommunitytrust.org.uk/