



Urras
Oighreachd
Chàrlabhaigh

Carloway Estate Trust

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

This year has been another challenging year for our community and Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh would like to pay tribute to all the local organisations and volunteers who continue to work together to support the community through these difficult times.

As well as challenging, 2022 has been a significant year for Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh. We have taken ownership of Doune Broch Visitor Centre and car park and we are really pleased to see the broch itself fully open and without scaffolding at last!

I would like to pass on my thanks to Derek Macleod and Karen Maclean, who stepped down as directors last year, for their time and commitment as directors. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Neil Barker from Breascleite who has joined the Board as a co-opted Director earlier this year, Co-option is a good way to find out more about the Trust and see if you would enjoy becoming a Director and I encourage anyone else who would like to be co-opted to get in touch with one of the directors.

Kenny John MacLennan.



DEALBH DHIHAOINE FRIDAY PHOTO

This photo is our most popular Dealbh Dhihaoine of 2022 with the most likes on social media. It was taken in May during the celebrations of Aggie MacLennan's 100th birthday. She is pictured here with Comhairle convenor Kenneth Macleod, who presented her with flowers and a card on behalf of the Western Isles. Many thanks to Eleanor Mackay Photography for this beautiful image.

We would love to see your photos. Please email photos to: info@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk or send them by private message on social media.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Wednesday 30 November 2022

The evening will include AGM Business at 7.00p.m. followed by a talk at 7.30p.m. from guest speaker John Maher, Chair, Bays of Harris Steering Group.

7.00 p.m. | Breascleite Community Centre

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kenneth J. MacLennan, Chairman
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STAFF



Sally Reynolds, Development Manager

Sally deals with all elements of core estate business. If you have any queries regarding membership, finances or crofting matters please let her know. These essential estate functions are now funded by Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh from core income. Our Crofting Administration and Factoring continues to be provided by Anderson Macarthur.

In addition to managing the core estate elements, Sally spends time on the Dùn Chàrlabhaigh redevelopment project. This part of her post is funded by the Scottish Land Fund. Sally is currently based in the Carloway Office on Mondays and Thursdays and otherwise works from home. She can be contacted through the office phone number (01851 643 481) or by email to sally@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk.



Ben Inglis-Grant, Project Officer **Peatland ACTION**

Ben works on peatland restoration projects across the Outer Hebrides and is part of a team of Peatland ACTION Project Officers across Scotland. His projects, so far, have included work in Arnol, Loch Fasgro in Carloway and Loch Orasaigh in Lochs.

Ben's role includes working with landowners and common grazing committees to identify suitable areas for restoration and manage the delivery of the restoration projects. In addition, he carries out engagement work to share information about the project with different local audiences including schools. Ben is currently based in the office in Carloway on Thursdays and otherwise works from home. If you would like to find out more, you can contact him via his email: ben@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk or by phone: 07572 790 823.



Donald MacKinnon, Local Development Officer **Dalmore to Garynahine**

Donald supports community projects being undertaken by members of the Dalmore to Lochganvich Community Forum. This includes supporting a range of large infrastructure projects including Carloway Community Association with the redevelopment of Carloway Community Centre and more recently Urras nan Tursachan with their *Calanais 2025* redevelopment plans for the Centre.

Donald is leading on the project to redevelop the Community Workshop in Breascleite including the development of a community growing space. He continues to support a range of other community groups with other projects. This post is supported by funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise. Donald is currently based in the Carloway Office on Mondays and Thursdays and otherwise works from home. Please contact him by email to donald@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk or by phone on 01851 643 481.

Dùn Chàrlabhaigh



Our most popular tweet of 2022!

We are delighted to share that Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabaigh purchased the Doune Broch Visitor Centre and car park in March 2022. This was supported by funding from a Stage 2 Scottish Land Fund grant, The funding included capital funding to purchase the building, support with legal costs and insurance. It also supports staff time to oversee the development and funding for a design team, including an interpretation specialist, to produce designs to RIBA Stage 2.

Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh would like to thank the local community for their support throughout this process, the Scottish Land Fund for making it possible, and of course Urras nan Tursachan for being a willing seller. We look forward to working with the community and Urras nan Tursachan in the coming years to improve our heritage facilities for those living in and those visiting the area.

Community Workshop



Designs for the refurbishment of the Community Workshop and development of a community growing space have now been submitted for planning. We are currently working to secure funding and hope to see construction work begin next year.

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COMMUNITY LAND WEEK 2022



We held two events for Community Land Week this year. The first was a Community Cycling day, in partnership with Urras nan Tursachan and Cycling UK, which showcased our new fleet of E-bikes. We were joined by Cycling UK's local Development Officer, Daryll Brown, who provided cycling advice and bike checks. It was great to see the E-bikes being used and we hope to hold a similar event in Carloway in January.

We also spent a day with Sgoil Araich Bhreascleit and Sgoil Bhreascleit, looking at the diversity of our land, and enjoying a range of activities including making a peatland in a bottle. In the afternoon the children went for a walk, joined by our Chairman, Kenny John, and learnt some local Gaelic place names.


CONTACT DETAILS

Our office is currently open on Mondays and Thursdays. It is business as usual and we can be contacted by phone, email, via our website or on social media.

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