



GLENELG & ARNISDALE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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Well, the ballot for a director to replace Kate MacArthur is over. 86 people cast their vote and results were 44 for Johanne MacAskill and 42 for Ruth MacAskill. Catriona Davidson and Craig Scobie very kindly conducted the count. It is no small matter to put yourself forward for any election. While Johanne MacAskill came out first, both women must really be congratulated for their willingness to take part in voluntary work for the good of the community, especially as this can be very demanding of a person's time.

Nearly half the votes cast were posted directly into the new post box the Trust have had installed to the right of the Community Hall door. If people are prepared to post directly at the Hall it will save greatly on postage. The post box is also there if anyone wants to communicate with the Trust over any issue at any time. I can also be contacted by email at duncan.cameron2@highland.gov.uk or 'phoned at the Hall. The number is at the end of the sheet.

With regard to the post box, thanks due to Charlie Cameron for making it and Sandy MacQueen for installing it.

Susan Pettie's contract as a Local Development Officer has expired. At the Trust meeting on the 10th of this month it was agreed that there should continue to be a full time, or equivalent, LDO's post. The inspiration for the recent Family Day event came from Susan and although its great success depended on many folks from near and far, without her vision and unstinting commitment there would have been no event. All she needs to do now is to find a way to control the weather.



This photograph was taken by Charlie Greenlees at a clipping at Corrary, in the early 1980's. For over 150 years there would have been little to distinguish this particular clipping from any others apart from the dress of the people. Even the refreshments provided for the shearers would have been similar, in type, if not in quantity. This photo although not 'old', reflects an era that has passed into history. Over the last 20 years shearing has become mechanised with one man able to do in a day what previously might have taken a squad of six or seven. Large areas locally no longer support any sheep stock. As change has occurred it has been swift and fairly dramatic. The Trust has a duty to help record the past life of the community and if possible prepare it for a future where the momentum of social, economic, and cultural change, is very likely to increase.

Part of this momentum is the internet. The framework for Glenelg.co.uk should be in place by the end of November. There is an urgent need for people to come forward to help put the content together. The only qualification required is an interest in the community. No computing skills are needed. Please contact me or call at the Hall if you would like more details. If you have a particular interest such as walking, local history, wildlife, fishing, crofting, etc., then this could provide a means of developing the interest while at the same time helping to inform others.

Duncan Cameron, Local Development Officer.