

## Tayvallich Initiative, Update to NKCC, 23 May 2024

- **AGM:** TI held its first AGM in March. This was pretty much a governance formality, but a milestone nevertheless. Alongside the Directors' report, presentation of accounts for 2023, re-co-opting two directors and appointing a further director, the main item additional was to amend TI's Articles of Association to enable TI to apply to become a Rural Housing Body. This in turn will enable TI to administer Rural Housing Burdens for any properties/plots in the area for which the owners wish to add this burden, which ensures that the residence must be occupied as a primary residence in perpetuity.
- **Community Ranger:** TI Land Working Group has been successful with an award from Esmée Fairbairn Foundation for an Access and Inclusion Project. This includes funding for a role of Community Ranger for 2 days/week over 2 years. The role is currently being recruited.
- **TI Community Steering Group:** TI has held a series of community steering group meetings, which are opportunities for everyone interested to come together to review info gathered so far, and to discuss possible routes to the next steps. All welcome. So far we have had:
  - Nov 23: "Young people's views on the future of Tayvallich and surrounding area" based on a visiting speaker's MSc dissertation in Ecological Economics
  - Jan 24: TI Renewables Working Group, led by Rowan Aitchison
  - Feb 24: Land and growing schemes, led by Sam Emmerich and Iain Gibson of the TI Land Working Group
  - Mar 24: TI Housing Working Group to discuss priorities and models for potential housing on TI community-owned land
  - Apr 24: TI lunch in the hall, fundraising for Land Working Group projects and included a table by the newly created TI Cultural and Natural Heritage Working Group with photos of old Tayvallich, recording of voices from old Tayvallich, sign-up sheet and post-it notes for ideas.
  - **Upcoming are:**
  - Mon 3 June 6pm, Tayvallich Hall: TI Renewables Working Group
  - To be scheduled for June/July: TI Housing Working Group to discuss next steps