

## Tayvallich Initiative, Update to NKCC, 22 August 2024

- **TI Community Ranger:** TI Land Working Group was 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. Sally Logue and Rowan Aitchison have taken this role as a job share, bringing an excellent combination of knowledge, skills and interest to the position. Since starting they have run quite a few events with volunteers including a few working parties to remove the invasive Himalayan Balsam from community-owned land before it seeds and leading guided walks across community owned Cnoc Leis and Turbiskill. These are great opportunities for a wander and a chat and to exchange ideas. There was also a table at the Tayvallich Gala Day with maps and photos and activities. To find out more about ranger activity, you can reach Rowan and Sal on [ranger@tayvallichinitiative.org](mailto:ranger@tayvallichinitiative.org)
- **TI Community Growing Scheme:** Progress has been made with purchasing and planting of orchard trees and other work on Mary's Land, including plans for some fencing. Some of this spend is from an A&BC Climate Action Network seed grant and some from fundraising at a TI lunch in the hall organised by the TI Land Working Group.
- **Scottish Land Commission:** TI was invited to take part at the SLC conference in June on a panel discussion about community collaboration in governance, including the strength at Tayvallich of the ground-breaking Memorandum of Understanding negotiated and signed by Tayvallich Initiative and Highlands Rewilding.
- **TI Community Steering Group:** TI has continues with 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.
  - Jun 24: There was a meeting in May with a good discussion on renewables. Mark Brennan, Shared Ownership Manager with Local Energy Scotland, gave insights into various options and possibilities, and the TI Renewables Working Group is following up on these.
  - Jul 24: The most recent meeting was in July to review and discuss the next steps for housing.
  - There are also regular TI Board meetings, and TI has representation on the Tayvallich Estate Local Management Board, along with other Tayvallich community organisations (Tayvallich Community Hall, Tayvallich Bay Association and Tayvallich Community Company).
- **Updates** can be found on TI pages on Facebook, Instagram and X, and via the Tayvallich community email googlegroup:
  - <https://www.facebook.com/tayvallichinitiative>
  - <https://instagram.com/tayvallichinitiative>
  - <https://x.com/tayvinitiative>
- **Membership:** Some people were asking about membership of TI, and forms are available here for anyone who'd like to join:
  - <https://tinyurl.com/TI-Ordinary-Membership> (anyone living within the Tayvallich area and on the electoral roll from the War Memorial south)
  - <https://tinyurl.com/TI-Associate-Membership> (other individuals and organisations who wish to support TI)
  - <https://tinyurl.com/TI-Junior-Membership> (for 12-15 year olds)