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## UPDATE ON CCDT FOR MEMBERS

Following recent questions about the CCDT, the Hydro Fund grants and the projected move of the Visitor Information Centre to new premises, relevant information is summarised here and will continue to be updated.

### 1. What is CCDT?

CCDT is a registered company with charitable status. As a Development Trust, CCDT conforms to the procedures set out by its membership of the Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS).

CCDT reports annually to the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). It is also a company registered with Companies House.

The way CCDT behaves is set out in its Articles of Association. These follow the template for all Development Trusts, set out by the Association of Development Trusts. The Articles are lodged with Companies House, and are approved by OSCR, the charities regulator.

CCDT is run by a board of directors, a majority being elected member directors, with the others nominated by affiliated organisations within Callander.

The **Town Coordinator** is employed by CCDT on behalf of the community.

### 2. Company structure

CCDT has two subsidiary companies: **Callander Community Hydro Ltd. (CCHL Ltd.)** and **Callander Community Centre Ltd. (CCC Ltd.)**, both with their own boards of directors, including some who are not members of the CCDT board.

### 3. Subsidiary companies:

**CCHL Ltd. runs the Hydro Scheme** and gifts the profits to CCDT to use for projects for community benefit in accordance with its Articles of Association. This is not 'public money', which is a legal term referring to money coming from the government

#### **NOTE: 'public money'**

'Public money' is a well-defined legal term. It means money that originates with government. Most of CCDT's funds come from CCHL. But none of CCHL's income comes from government, directly or indirectly. It all comes from the sale of electricity. These funds are therefore not public money.

#### **4. Hydro Fund Grants**

These grants are made quarterly, and are funded by the profits from the Hydro Scheme sale of electricity. Over the years, they have supported a wide variety of small and large local projects. Details of these awards are posted as they are made in this NEWS section. The grant application form is in the GROUPS AND PROJECTS section.

The money available every quarter from the Hydro Scheme profits to fund the Hydro Fund grants is not affected by the purchase of premises to be used partly by the VIC (see below).

#### **5. CCC Ltd. runs the Visitor Information Centre (VIC).**

The VIC is run by a professional Manager, and staffed by a group of volunteers. Its aim and purpose is to provide information to visitors to Callander and thus, indirectly, to help support local businesses. It has its own website: [www.visitcallander.uk](http://www.visitcallander.uk)

Come and join the VIC volunteers!

Ongoing information about the projected purchase of 55 Main Street and the VIC's move there can be found below under the 04.11.20 entry. Further information will be posted once the purchase is completed and the options for the use of the upper floors of the building are clearer.

#### **6. Current projects and ongoing activities**

These include **Summerfest** and **Winterfest**, **Greener Callander**, the **Callander Support Group**, and administrative services for **Craigard Club**.

**More details of past and future projects are in the GROUPS AND PROJECTS section.**

**Come and join in the future projects – we need your experience and ideas.**

#### **7. Members' rights**

As a member, you have the right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), held when a need arises to discuss some specific item, usually of an organisational or structural nature.