



# ROGART NEWS

## Community Council Jottings

### Windfarms

Chleansaid Windfarm developers presented at the recent Community Council meeting. Construction of the 16 turbine, 96MW windfarm near Dalnessie at the head of the River Brora is expected to start in 2026 with energising in July 2027. The CC has requested full engagement on the transport plan which may see up to 186 HGV movements per day through the village.

### Pylon Line

There is to be a member's debate on this in the Scottish Parliament on the 2/5/24. The route of the planned 400KV line is almost certainly to the east of the parish, via Ben Sallachy, Kinnauld or Aberscross and Eiden and is likely to be fixed over the summer. Meanwhile feedback on the Loch Buidhe substation pre-application is open until 28/4/24 at <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/carnaig>

### Place Plan

The CC has been awarded £20k from Gordonbush to conduct a Place Plan, which will build on the Community Consultation of 2016, and inform The Highland Council's Local Development Plan.

### Rogart Community Forum

The CC is in negotiation with SSE to access the annual £25k Gordonbush Extension funds and distribute it by grant to the voluntary groups in the parish to cover core, fixed costs and training.

### Grants

Rogart needs to make more applications to Gordonbush and Kilbraur Microgrants up to

£500 are available from the CC for community projects and can be applied for by unconstituted groups.

### Dog Fouling

Dog owners are reminded of the need to pick up after their pets. There have been complaints about mess in Corry Meadow in particular. Signs and dog poo bins have been put up around the hotspots.

Your Community Councillors

*Rachel Allan, Carrie Hayhurst, Shannon Ross, Jonathan Hedges, Matthew Fox, Frank Roach (Chair)*

## Public Transport

Trains <u>Rogart</u>					
Sta		Mon-Sat			Sun
to Inverness	0834	1021	1455	1819	1417
to Wick	0906	1234	1558	2031	1955

Buses Rogart PO		Mon-Fri
to Helmsdale	0818	1115 1420
to Lairg	1035	1255 1550

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**Budapest Café Orchestra**

"Spellbinding" Scotsman  
"Brilliant" Sir Roger Norrington

**Rogart Mart**  
Sunday 26th May 2024  
Doors 7pm Show 7:30pm  
Tickets £16 online via QR code or at the door  
[budapestcafeorchestra.co.uk](http://budapestcafeorchestra.co.uk)

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## Rogart Development Trust Update 18.04.24

Putting the community at the heart of Rogart

### *Forthcoming Events*

#### **Budapest Café Orchestra 28th May Doors 7pm Show 7.30pm**

After a successful evening in 2023, RDT are delighted that the Budapest Café Orchestra have chosen Rogart for a repeat performance.

Tickets can be booked online via the QR code; purchased in advance at the local PO Stores; or at the door on the night. The QR code can also be found on leaflets and posters distributed locally.

Tickets £16 under 12s FOC.

### *Projects in progress*

#### **Mart – Phase 2**

Just to recap, this includes:

- The construction of 3 canopied areas in the vicinity of the Mart and Green Room to optimise usage of the outdoor area and protect people from rain showers whilst enjoying refreshments.
- Improvements to safety and disabled accessibility by installing handrails on steps and linking up paving round Green Room to the disabled toilet.
- Levelling the area on the east side of the Green Room to accommodate mobile catering vans.
- Tidying up the west side of the Mart with vehicular access.
- Upgrading the Green Room kitchen to bring it up to standard as a Food Premises.

This is now well underway with completion expected in May.

#### **Community Orchard**

RDT's latest proposal is to further develop the Mart site, embracing its potential to be a central hub and meeting area within the village, by using some of the ground to the south side of the Mart to create a small community orchard.

An area has been identified that is approximately 14m x 50m which is unsuitable for building on, due to the high flood line there. There will be footpaths to a seating area; a disabled accessible area; and it will be rabbit and deer fenced to protect the trees and produce.

Hardy fruit trees that are climate appropriate to the area will be sourced, alongside soft fruit bushes. These will be interspersed with insect friendly native plants to attract pollinators and support biodiversity.

Following a local survey, the Trustees were delighted with the positive feedback from the Rogart Community, together with plenty of offers of help. Rogart Primary School was also fully supportive of the orchard.

The Trust is now in the process of applying for funding from the local windfarms – Gordonbush and Kilbraur. If successful, work will commence sometime during the summer months.

### *Round Rogart Path RRP*

RRP leaflets are available in the PO Stores or on the RDT website for anyone wishing to venture out for a walk, now the better weather is just round the corner! All accommodation providers are very welcome to have a supply of RRP leaflets for their holiday lets too.

### *RDT Website*

[www.rogartdevelopmenttrust.com](http://www.rogartdevelopmenttrust.com) has now been revamped where you'll find the latest news on the various RDT projects and events at the Mart.

A wee reminder that we need members to join up- it's free. It is a condition of being a SCIO, and Trustees are nominated from the membership. Membership forms are available in the shop and on the RDT website.

RDT Trustees

*Kate Roach (Chair), Mairi Mackay (Membership Secretary), Kat Lee, Karen Mackay, Liz Allan, Jonathan Hedges*

## Gala 2024

Dates for the 2024 event are Thursday 6 June to Sunday 9 June and programmes are available in the shop.

### Tues 4th & Wed 5th June

18.30 -Marquees to be assembled at Corry Meadow-all help welcome!

### Thursday 6th June

18:30 - Car Treasure Hunt, Meet at the Marquee, Corry Meadow, £8 per car. Tea and Biscuits included.

### Friday 7th June

18.00 - Fancy Dress Parade, all ages welcome. Corry Meadow

18:45 - Fancy Dress Sports, 3 per team, Corry Meadow plus BBQ, inflatables, beer tent, live music and ice cream van

All teams must be of high school age, at least one female per team and strictly no studded boots. Fancy Dress Compulsory!

£10 per team all entries to please message Rogart Gala Facebook.

### Saturday 8th June

10:00-11:00 :Industrial tent open for entries

12:30 – The Royal Crowning followed by Family Fun Day at Corry Meadow

Industrial Tent, Pipe band, BBQ, Pet Show, Kids Sports, Heavy Sports, Craft Stalls, Inflatables, Tea Tent, Beer Tent, Face Painting, Ice Cream Van, Vintage Vehicles, Music and much more!!

19:00 Pipe band- Corry Meadow

21:00 Dance to Blue Ridge

### Sunday 9th June

12:00 – Duck & Boat Race at Shop Car Park

13:30 – Songs of Praise in Rogart Mart

GRAND RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN!!

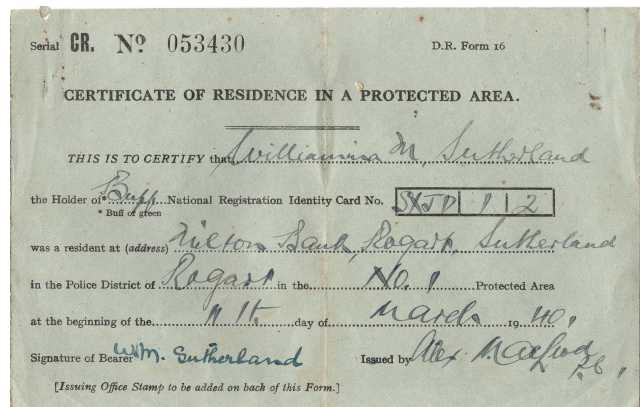
## Rogart Heritage Society - A dip into the archive

A small, insignificant looking faded blue card in our collection gives some insight into Highland

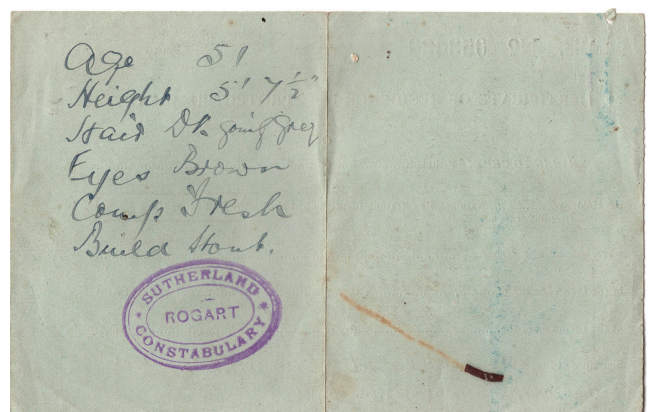
life in 1940. The Certificate of Residence in a Protected Area was issued to Williamina M (Mina) Sutherland, Milton, by PC Alex Macleod. The crofter would have kept it with her identity card and produced it on demand.

The reverse of the card gives a brief description of its holder: she was 51 years old, 5 ft 7½ in tall, had dark hair which was going grey, brown eyes and a fresh complexion. In the blunt assessment of the Constable, he recorded that she was of a “stout” build.

Why did Mina need such a card? Caithness, Sutherland, Ross and Cromarty and parts of Inverness-shire and Argyll had been placed under Protected Area status by the War Office on 11th March 1940 in a bid to safeguard the naval defences of the far north, and also to prepare for the possibility of the enemy landing on Scotland’s shores. Military pickets and checkpoints were



placed throughout the northern counties, with the army patrolling one main barrier which was built at Beauly. People who flouted the requirement for the document rapidly found themselves in court and were fined or faced imprisonment.



Despite the war there were still a demand from holidaymakers who wished to enjoy the relative tranquillity of the Highlands. Anyone who wanted to visit the area had to apply for a permit from Edinburgh, Glasgow or the Passport Office in London. The glacially slow issue of these permits almost killed off tourism overnight.

## Rogart Hall Calendar

The Hub is on every Tuesday – 11.30am – 2.30pm (see advert for more details)

1st May and every alternate Wednesday – Puppy Club – 5.30pm – 6.30pm (further details from Rogart Vets)

16th May – Coffee & Blether – 10.30am-12.00

6th June – SSE Public engagement event – 11.00am – 2.00pm

20th June – Coffee & Blether (time as above)

18th July – Coffee & Blether

15th August – Coffee & Blether

## Rogart Mart Calendar

26th May – Budapest Café Orchestra – 7.30pm

22nd June -Market plus car boot sale – 10.00am – 2.00pm

13th July-Spanish guitar with tapas Theme Night-7.30pm

20th July-Bike Jumble – times to be confirmed

10th August – Music event- 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

24th August- Market with PTA car wash

## Pylons call

Many in Rogart will now be aware of SSENS's proposed 400kv pylon route between Spittal, Loch Buidhe and Beauly and the impact it will have on our Iconic Rogart Landscape.

Rogart Land Defenders have a facebook page, our aim is to raise awareness and notify residents of SSENS plans and work with CB4PC to try to

protect our rights, homes, and countryside. We will hold an open meeting between now and the next set of consultations to hear the voices of concerned residents and work together to oppose the plans. If you would like to join us or offer your help in some way, then please get in touch via messenger from our main page on facebook or email [rogartlanddefenders@outlook.com](mailto:rogartlanddefenders@outlook.com)

Karen Bell, Rogart Land Defenders, tel: [07849837835](tel:07849837835), email [rogartlanddefenders@outlook.com](mailto:rogartlanddefenders@outlook.com)



## Marie Curie Fundraising Event

**What:** Afternoon Tea Party in aid of Marie Curie

**Where:** Broomfield, Rogart

**When:** 15th June, 2pm

For more information contact Jean Cameron 641294

## MHS, Golspie



Do you, or anyone you know, live with mental health issues?

We are a friendly, inclusive, welcoming, peer to peer, support swimming group, meeting every other Monday in Golspie.

We are about dips not distance, enjoyment, and feeling alive.

For more information, or to book a place at our next meeting find us – MHS Golspie on facebook, or visit our main page <https://www.mentalhealthswims.co.uk/>.