



Community Pubs and the Journey to Community Ownership

Meet two pub groups and hear about the Scottish
Community Pubs Partnership



Hosts

Morven Lyon – Democratic Finance Team
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Agenda

What we'll discuss this afternoon



→ Introduction to Scottish Community Pubs Partnership

→ Case Study – Inn at Kingsbarns, Fife

→ Case Study – Anchor Tavern, Port Bannatyne, Bute

→ Q&A

- A national charity with a vision for **resilient, thriving rural communities**
- Support people in mainly rural areas to set up and run **community-owned businesses**
- Provide **business support and training** to help these businesses start-up, and after opening and trading
- Offer **regular peer networking** opportunities
- **Raise awareness** of the community business model UK-wide

**Supporting rural
community-owned businesses**



Community pubs partnership

- Close working partnership with CSS/Democratic Finance
- Free packages of business support for new and trading community owned pubs in rural Scotland
- Quarterly online networking meetings
- Free tailored training events and associated resources
- Early stage grants of up to £2,000 available to March 2025



How does Plunkett help early stage groups?

- Free **helpline**
- Creating an **action plan**
- Choosing a **legal structure**
- Writing a **business plan**
- **Raising funds**
- **Liaising with CSS on support**

**Supporting rural
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How does Plunkett help trading community businesses?

- Helpline
- Governance and relationships
- Financial planning
- Volunteer management
- Diversifying
- Raising funds
- Practical operational advice



Complementary partnership working with Plunkett UK



Support to raise Democratic Finance – historically community shares but other options being developed



Scottish grant funding landscape – Scottish Land Fund requirements



Scottish legislative context – Community Asset Transfer, Community Right to Buy



Governance expertise – bespoke models for DTs



Link to DTAS Development Officers and wider DTAS member support



A growing community pubs network



- 12 trading Community Pubs
- 23 in pipeline developing business plans and raising funds
- Almost £700,000 raised through community shares to date – usually complemented by Scottish Land Fund
- Almost 2,000 citizen investors



Meet the pubs!

Sharon Makin

Kingsbarns Community Development Trust

The Inn at Kingsbarns (Fife)



Garry Charnock

Port Bannatyne Development Trust

The Anchor Tavern (Isle of Bute)









Q&A