



Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company
Old Convent Housing Scheme

Presentation to Rural Housing Scotland conference 2020

FAGCC – a brief history

- Established in 2007 by the community council as the approved body to receive and distribute community benefit funds to the Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston area
- Articles of association also prioritise rural regeneration for the community – so both a grant giver and develop our own projects
- Receive funds from 5 sources: SSE- Stronelairg, Blairidh and Glendoe hydro scheme; Faalk Millenium windfarm and 2 small hydros
- Run entirely by volunteers for over 10 years with some admin support
- Office established 2019

FAGCC – Achievements

- 2009 to date - Over 500,000 given in grants to local groups
- 2010 - took ownership and management of the village hall
- 2013 - Apprenticeship scheme established
- 2014 - Establishment of Community Caretakers
- 2017 – took ownership of our first house
- 2018 – Purchase of Old Convent Land
- 2019 – completion of build of medical centre
- 2020 – building starts on 12 homes



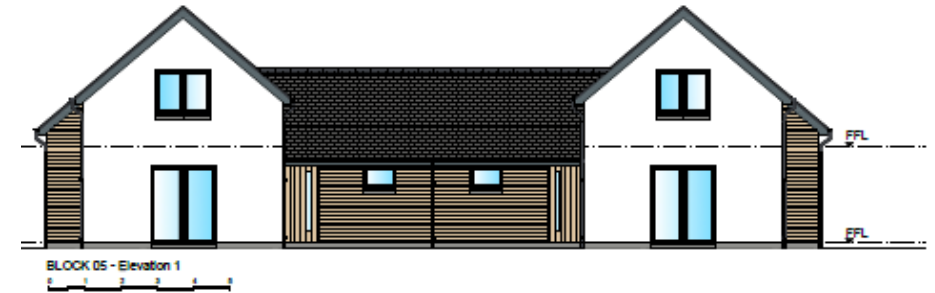
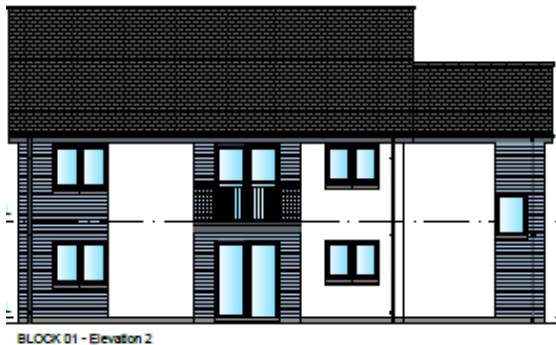
FAGCC – Old Convent Land

- Purchase with Scottish Land Fund monies of Old Convent land for community use and benefit
- Community Plan undertaken
- Housing Needs Survey
- Need for 25 homes identified
- Lack of suitable housing also prevent of local business growth



FAGCC – Old Convent Housing timeline

- Feasibility and design work early 2019
- Planning submitted Sept 2019
- Building Warrant submitted October 2019
- Out to tender November 2019
- Tenders returned January 2020
- Planning granted.....



FAGCC – Old Convent Financials

Expenditure

- Capital budget cost – £2,539,020
- Revenue cost – £333,611

Funding

- Rural housing Fund – £970,000
- Bank loans – £400,000
- Stronelairg windfarm 5 year draw down – £1,229,618
- Blairidh windfarm 1 year draw down – £223,013
- Beinneun community fund – £100k

FAGCC – issues.....

- Traffic Planners – delaying tactics?
- Local issues
- Deadlines
- Impact of level of house building in the Highlands

