

**Q1. What was/is the aim of the project/ timescale?**

This came about by a chance meeting when we stopped for lunch on a beach on January 1st 2016.

**Q2. How was it delivered/achieved?**

Derek Abbott, of Fife Coast and Countryside Trust (FCCT) in consultation with Fife Council made an application to The Coastal Communities Fund to improve Pathhead Sands Park and the Coastal Path in that area. Part of the conditions of the award money (possibly around £90,000) was to improve the area as a base for recreation and commercial ventures.

Also during that time Fife Council were reducing in size various departments and restructuring, so the container became surplus to requirements. Derek put forward the suggestion that the container would be an ideal base for sea kayak training for all age groups (educational use).

Putting in the hard stand, emptying and transporting the container could then all come out of grant funds. Fife Council arranged for the new base to be put in place and arranged the pick up and refitting of the container.



**Q3 Who was involved?**

- Fife Coast and Countryside Trust
- Fife Council
- Coastal Communities Fund

**Q4. How was it funded?**

Fife Council covered the costs of laying the foundations and transporting the container, although

some or all of the costs for this may have come out of the fund. FCAG paid for the internal fittings and a couple of club members built the racking

**Q5. What are the lessons to help others?**

Check club equipment will be covered by insurance. Moving equipment away from its normal location can cause deficiencies, ie less boats & BAs. Where councils are giving their resources and time don't expect things to work to a schedule.

We have a good relationship with the community; show respect and use this to benefit ourselves and the local environment.

**Q6. Where can others find out more information?**

Fife Coast & Countryside Trust

**Q7. What impact do you feel this will have on the club going forward?**

This has already shown a benefit as Sarah has run several beginner evening sessions from here rather than at the loch. For local trips it means we don't need to collect and transport sea kayaks.

Many thanks to:

Derek Abbott (FCCT) – without his contacts and drive this would never have come about.

(Coastal Communities Fund) – Initial meeting and facilitating the move.

Fife Council – The behind the scenes work.

John Fulke & Sandy Archibald (FCAG) – building the internal fittings.



Case Study: Fife Canoe & Activities Group (FCAG)  
Additional Equipment Container

