

Environmental group recognised as charity

Campaign group Friends of the Sound of Jura has become a Scottish registered charity.

Formed in January 2017, the group believes it is rare for the opinions of coastal people to be heard when it came to issues affecting the area's wildlife and sustainable economy.

Since the early days, which involved a campaign against a proposed fish farm at Dounie, the group has aimed to inform and help the community express its opinions and to campaign widely for marine conservation and sustainable use of the sea. Now the group hopes to have more weight to carry out its objectives of raising awareness of issues affecting life in the sea and its sustainable use; preserving and enhancing the outstanding natural diversity of the Sound of Jura and Loch Sween, while promoting a sustainable economy; seeking closer engagement with organisations and individuals whose actions affect the marine environment; and to represent the community's opinions on this and educating future generations on the need for marine conservation.