

# Community Development Company of Nesting

Harnessing community engagement to improve local sites and push forward repurposing of the Auld Skul

## How did we get here?

About three years ago, the first **survey** was sent out to the local community and interested developers. Many suggestions were made including creating allotments, polycrubs and scrapstore.

Once an appropriate area of land was secured through **community asset transfer**, the CDCN went back to the community and developers for further feedback and to develop ideas.



Malcomson Architects were taken on too to help **visualise and illustrate** the project to both locals and developers.

In December 2021, an **application for planning permission** was sent through to the Shetland Islands Council. Permission was granted in March 2022 for four 6 x 4 polytunnels and development of the scrapstore site.



## What are the next steps?

Work has now begun to agree the best position for the Scrapstore and extending this space to include a wider access area. Another **survey** is to be sent out to local residents and developers to help gauge current feelings and engage new ideas.

**Plans** are being made for larger polytunnels, and open allotments alongside the site. Work is also underway to look at the **best management systems** to ensure the health and productivity of user's plants and vegetables.