

# MACHRIHANISH AIRBASE COMMUNITY COMPANY (MACC)

212

full-time and 21 part-time jobs on site, anticipated to increase to 260+ by 2017

40

business tenants

8

existing local businesses to date expanded or diversified

£700,000

spent by MACC on local companies to date

97%

of turnover is generated from sales reducing grant dependency

Profit

returned in all 4 operating years contrary to predictions

Successful

in attracting international investors to the site

UK Spaceport

project candidate site



Machrihanish airbase which was once a large employer and economic driver for the community but had steadily been in decline and in 2006, the Ministry of Defence decided to sell RAF Machrihanish to the highest bidder. A local group felt that they could use the site and its assets to combat Kintyre's long term economic decline and avoid the site being asset stripped.

Established in March 2008, Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) was formed by a group of local people who shared the same passion and determination to see the airbase facilities used for the benefit of the Kintyre community. Embarking on one of the largest and most complicated community buyouts ever to be seen in Scotland, board members worked tirelessly to gain the support they needed. Four years down the line, MACC finally purchased the estate on May 11, 2012 from the Ministry of Defence for £1.

## Facts about the site:

- Equivalent in size to 582 football pitches.
- Longest runway in Scotland at 3,049 metres.
- 11kV HV electricity system with 25 substations and 7 miles of underground HV cabling.
- Nearly 1,000 manholes.
- Over 200 properties dating from 1940s onwards.
- 6.25 million litres of fuel storage capacity on site with links to Campbeltown harbour with 600+M litres of capacity.
- 11 miles of internal road network.
- Private water supply and private sewage system made from 30miles of underground pipework.

## What your plans for the future are:

- Continue to support other local good causes and host events using the assets on the site.
- Facilitate the expansion of existing tenants.
- Establish renewable energy generation onsite to supply tenants power needs sustainably.
- Improve high speed broadband availability throughout the site.
- Continue to improve on and off site infrastructure to support existing and future tenants needs.
- Market site to attract further inward investment in renewable energy industry, aquaculture, aviation, food & drink and R&D sectors.