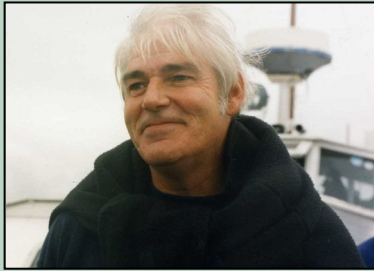


In Memory of Mick: The Passing of a Community Activist



Michael McCabe McIntosh
15th July 1945 – 18th May 2011



Auld Lang Syne

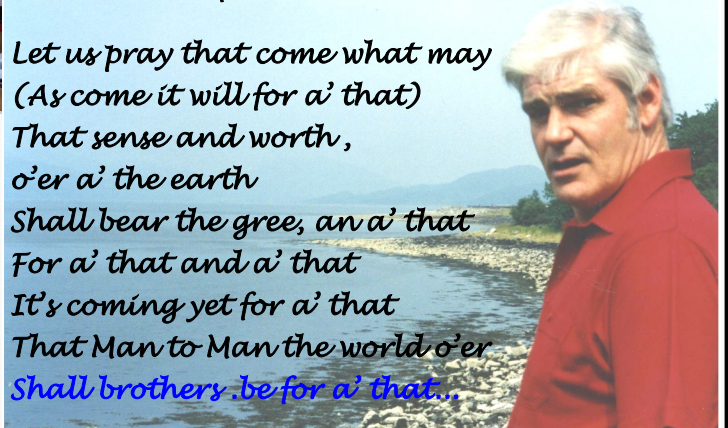
Mick McIntosh was born and brought up in Leith with his parents and sisters Margaret, Jeanie. After running away to sea at the tender age of 15 his marine career took him around the world on trawlers, whale ships, oil tankers and cruise liners. After retiring from his Marine career, Mick took on the role of a local government housing concierge in the Lothian area. During his career on both land and sea Mick dedicated much of his time to campaigning for Social Justice. He was a passionate and dedicated social activist and was committed to fighting for the rights of communities, the marginalised and the socially excluded.

Mick moved to Rashiehill in 1995 with his partner Glyn, where he took to his new rural environment on the outskirts of Denny with the same enthusiasm he brought to his trade unionism and political activity and soon became involved in a broad range of community activities. During his time in Denny Mick was an active member of Denny & District Community Council, The Association of Scottish Community Councils, Forth Valley Health Board Public Patient Panel, The Community Activist Regeneration Project in Bainsford and Langlees, Communities Along the Carron Association and was the Chairman of Community Green Initiative. Despite Mick's outstanding dedication to his community commitments Mick never lost sight of the fact that life was for living and for enjoying and he did just that with every opportunity. It is the good times, the gatherings and Mick's sense of fun that those who loved him will miss the most.



A Man's a Man for A' That—Robert Burns 1795

*Let us pray that come what may
(As come it will for a' that)
That sense and worth,
o'er a' the earth
Shall bear the gree, an a' that
For a' that and a' that
It's coming yet for a' that
That Man to Man the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that...*



Excerpted from MICK OUR ACTIVIST by Christine Bell

...Mick was an activist in the truest sense. He not only believed in Social Justice, he dedicated much of his life towards seeking justice, not for him as an individual but for others, for communities, for the marginalised and for the excluded. He knew what he stood for and was prepared to stand up and be counted.

In the six short years since meeting Mick, we have known him as a force in: The Denny & District Community Council; The Association of Scottish Community Councils; The Forth Valley Health Board Public Patient Panel; The Community Activist Regeneration Project in Bainsford and Langlees; The Communities Along the Carron Association; and he was Chairman of our group Community Green Initiative (CGI). These were only the groups we knew of but are aware there were others he supported behind the scenes.

It was during his time at the Denny & District Community Council and particularly at CGI that we really got to know Mick; the more we got to know, the more we realised how lucky we were to have him in 'our team'. He was by all accounts an exceptional man! Loyal, faithful, honest, trustworthy and sincere. He was dedicated committed and always willing – unless it was at the prospect of hard physical grafting, which by his own admission was not his area of expertise!!

However there was something that Mick was an expert in and I am sure everyone will agree when we say that he knew how to 'Have a Good time, How to give a good time and How to find an excuse to 'organise' a good time! Albeit Mick had a serious side to his qualities, his most prominent priority in life was to enjoy it to the full and that he did, with every opportunity he got!! With everyone he knew and with many he had never met before! So as much as we grew to love Mick dearly for his support, dedication and commitment to our causes and to the Social justice of the nation, we will remember him mostly for his sense of fun, the laughs we had and last but not least.....the stories he told us –over and over and over again.....We Love you Mick and will miss you dearly!!!!