

## **EILEAN EISDEAL NEWSLETTER No.28 - LATE AUGUST 2004**

*To all Easdale islanders, members and friends*

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This is an extra newsletter to keep members informed about a couple of issues that have come to light.

### **Harbour**

We have become aware that a few members are apprehensive about what we are committed to in buying the harbour. The current phase involves us buying the harbour from Clive Feigenbaum and therefore bringing it into community ownership. Our solicitors are currently working on this and we hope to be able to announce that the harbour is ours within a few weeks. At this stage we are not committed to any further development.

The long term aim is to fully restore the harbour and manage it as a key community asset and to use the resource represented by the adjacent land to deal with longstanding community problems which have been part of the Community Plan for some years. This may include a Refuse Recycling Facility , a Biological Sewage Treatment Facility and some Workshops/ Studios. All these have been the subject of previous consultation , however , once the purchase has been completed there will be renewed consultation well before any development takes place. This consultation will be a fairly lengthy process. Members who were involved at the start of the Hall project will remember what a lengthy process that was. It took four years of ongoing consultation until we were able to make a successful funding application and it was a further year before work was started. This is likely to be a similar process over a similar timescale and there will be ample opportunity for everyone to make their views known and to be properly consulted.

### **Hall**

Members will be aware that there are some snagging problems with the Hall. The builders had begun to deal with these and there have been several meetings of Trust directors our architect and QS as well as some of the sub contractors to deal with these. Unfortunately we have just heard that the builders , MacVicar & MacInnes Ltd have gone into liquidation. This unfortunately will require more work on the part of the directors and our professional advisers in order to deal with the defects and we are currently in dialogue with the liquidator. We are confident that the remaining problems can be dealt with and will keep members up to date with developments.

### **Contact Information**

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Thank you all for all your help and support

Donald Melville - Chair