

EILEAN EISDEAL TRUST UPDATE - MARCH 2005

To all Easdale islanders, members and friends

Here is our latest update showing the Trust's areas of work, and current status of each.

The Trust directors value your support and input – any further suggestions, ideas and offers of help will be greatly appreciated. Please get in touch with Jess Hill, Secretary, – contact details below.

Projects	History	Final Goal	Current Status
HALL	Initial impetus for establishment of Trust. Consultation demonstrated community support initially and ongoing.	Refurbished community hall and arts centre	Building work completed and hall open supporting full Arts Programme and use by the community
HARBOUR	Early consultation highlighted the harbour as a high priority for islanders, who recognised the need for preservation and regeneration of this sadly dilapidated historical feature, which is our key facility.	Refurbished harbour and improved facilities for islanders and visitors	Funding for interim improvements secured. Work commenced October 2004, pontoon to be built with volunteer labour Spring 2005. Awaiting completion of purchase as first step of longer-term plans for harbour refurbishment. Public Meeting to present harbour purchase application process as soon as purchase complete. Community consultation to take place regarding longer term plans.
TRUST MOORING IN EASDALE SOUND	Need established during Public Consultation with harbour users in relation to Harbour Project.	Holding mooring for use of islanders and visitors	Mooring in place
RECYCLING FACILITY	Early and ongoing public consultation highlighted significant deficiencies in current system. Recycling/zero waste facility desired solution.	Recycling/zero waste on Easdale Island	Taking forward plans for Recycling/Zero Waste as part of a Waste Management initiative. Research and community consultation will be on going.
SEWAGE TREATMENT	Early consultation showed this to be a major area of concern which West of Scotland Water/Argyll & Bute Council have no plans to address.	Sewage treatment facility on Easdale	Taking forward plans for a Sewage Treatment facility as part of a Waste Management initiative. Research and community consultation will be on going.
TRADING COMPANY	Need recognised and endorsed by members as ongoing fundraising required for hall and other projects.	Establishing a profitable trading company for the benefit of the Trust and its members	Company has been incorporated
SOCIAL HOUSING	Needs analysis highlighted this as an area requiring further investigation.	Good quality affordable housing for islanders.	Investigation and research continuing.

FAST INTERNET CONNECTION	Consultation with islanders and island businesses showed a need for improved Internet access and Broadband facility	Fast and reasonably priced Internet connection for domestic and business users on the island	BT intend to upgrade the Balvicar exchange to supply Broadband by 16 March 2005
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We greatly appreciate all the help we have had so far with the above projects, from many members of the community. There is always a huge amount to do – please get involved if you can. Ideas, suggestions, queries, offers of help – please contact the secretary. There is also a Suggestion Box in the Hall.

Jess Hill, Secretary