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To all Easdale Islanders, members and friends

Community Hall Funding Realised

Yes - we've got the money!

By now you will more than likely have heard the great news that the Trust's application to the Community Fund has been successful, and that we have been awarded the total amount of grant for the refurbishment of the Drill Hall. It's time to start planning the opening party, because work should be starting by the end of January, and by this time next year the island's new Community Hall will be completed!

The total amount that the Trust has been awarded is £667,000. It is the largest award ever made by the Community Fund for this type of project in Scotland, and includes the purchase of the Drill Hall and the Hills' cottage next door, fees for the professionals (architect, quantity surveyor, engineer, solicitor), all the renovation and building works, plus the first two years of a salary for a part-time Hall Manager. (At the end of the two years, Trust funding will enable us to make this a permanent position.)

The grant also includes a sum of money set aside for volunteer projects which will enhance the Hall, and will include external landscaping, the construction of a new hall stage and furniture, and lastly leaves scope for sculpture and paintings. This is an opportunity for us all to get involved in a positive and imaginative scheme. An open public meeting is being arranged for mid-November, when architect David Jarvie will be present, and we hope this will be well attended. Please come along to offer your ideas, skills and labour to put your personal contribution into the finished hall.

Many thanks to everyone who has worked so hard, and to our members and friends for your continued support.

Community Hall : Public Consultation Meeting

This has been provisionally arranged for Saturday 17th November, but is yet to be confirmed. We'll let you know as soon as the date is definite, and hope that all islanders will come along to offer their contributions.

More Good News! - Harbour lease signed

We are delighted to announce that on the 11th October, in the offices of Leslie Wolfson & Co. in Glasgow, the Trust and Clive Feigenbaum signed a 50-year lease for the island's harbour. The historic event was captured for posterity by photographer Colin McPherson.

Mr Feigenbaum has granted the harbour lease for the peppercorn rental of £1 per annum, and has also agreed to sell to the Trust two plots of land for £1 each.

The signing of the lease, together with the purchase of the two plots, allows us to progress with the sewage treatment and refuse recycling facilities. Most importantly, it enables us to proceed with the reinstatement of our historic harbour, and to consolidate the Bull to prevent closure of the harbour in future years. We consider this to be the most important of the Trust's capital projects, as it will safeguard the future sustainability of the island.

The signing of the lease is just the first step, and there is an enormous amount of hard work to be done over the next few years. Your continuing support is most welcome.

Boatowners' Meeting

At the request of several boatowners, we will organise a meeting to discuss current berthing arrangements. Hopefully, this can take place on the same date as the meeting above - again, we'll keep you posted.

Join the Trust

If you want to join the trust as a friend or member please phone 01852 300197 or [click here](#) for details.

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