



Melvich Community SCIO

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1. INTRODUCTION

Thanks for taking the time to read our updates. We hope that you find these updates useful and informative. A lot has happened in the background since our update to you in October, so we thought it timely to give you another update.

2. STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

We are moving forward with implementing the preferred decision from the Options Assessment of knocking down the existing village hall, acquiring adjacent land and designing/constructing a replacement facility that is fit for purpose and will help meet the needs of our community in the medium to long term.

A video has been released on YouTube showing the demolition of Melvich Village Hall. This can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcE2wREZXwQ>.

We are awaiting news on whether we have been successful with our grant funding applications to help us purchase additional land behind the site of the former village hall. We are hoping to know the outcome of these applications soon, then we can progress with the next steps of purchasing the land and transferring the associated title deeds.

We have started the work to define the specifications for the new community hub.



A well-attended Specification Workshop was held at the Halladale Inn on the 6th November 2021. A huge thanks to the Halladale Inn for hosting this event for us and providing teas/coffees and biscuits to the participants.

Various questions were posed to the participants and their responses to these questions generated over 500 post-it notes of information. The outputs from this workshop, combined with information received from others in the community and various community groups, has really helped give us a picture of what you want and need to have available in our community.

We were really pleased to have received excellent input from the children at Melvich Primary School and Melvich Early Learning Centre (nursery) – you can view their thoughts at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cu3yjE5BB5Q>. Definitely worth a look!

Thank you to everyone who has inputted to the process so far. We have captured various detailed requirements for specific rooms and for meeting specific needs, but before we start preparing the Detailed Specifications for engaging with designers/architects we need your thoughts too.

Please complete and return the Enclosed Form to share your thoughts.

Inside the community hub building, the inputs suggest that we should have the following types of rooms:

Main hall with stage	Green room / changing room	Large meeting room (~20 people capacity)	Small meeting room (~10 people capacity)	Ticket office / admin office / shop	Soft play / young kids room	Art / craft room
Gaming room	Kitchen	Lounge / socialising area	Hot desk for public IT access	Multi-faith room	Cloakroom	Bar
Toilets/showers (public use plus for hub users)	Storage room(s) / areas	Medical room (suitable for healthcare needs)	Office(s) for business rental / use	Multi-functional room (music / Lego / clubs)	Plant room (electrics, boilers, etc)	Utility room

Please note that we have additional detailed requirements under each of these room headings (e.g. under toilets we have captured the need for male toilets, female toilets, disabled toilets, changing places facility, baby change facility, etc). For the use of the land, the following key things have been indicated:

Vehicle parking area	Covered bike stand	Electric vehicle charging points	Noticeboard	Pedestrian / traffic separation
Smoking shelter	Garden area with seating	Outdoor play area	Water for camper vans	Bins and recycling containers
Dog tie up area	Fire assembly point	Outside washing machines & tumble dryers	Chemical waste disposal facility	Community hub building

Due to space constraints at planned site these will need to be considered as part of future development for the Melvich community:

Pulling together the specification for our new community hub is like putting together a jigsaw puzzle, but first we must make sure that we have all of the right pieces to complete it. Are there any significant omissions from the jigsaw piece lists? Are there things that you don't agree with including? Is there anything that you want included that you feel may not be captured by the headings in the jigsaw pieces? [Please share your thoughts with us as it is easy to make amendments now, but as the design and build progresses, then it is harder to make changes.](#)

3. 100 CLUB

The Melvich Community SCIO 100 club is now up and running. If you have not yet joined it, or wish to purchase more tickets, then please contact us for more information. Application Forms are available at the Post Office. Participating in our 100 club will help Melvich Community SCIO progress plans for the new community hub and you could Win 1 of 3 Monthly Cash

Prizes. Last month's lucky winners took home: 1st Prize of £90.00, 2nd Prize of £45 and 3rd Prize of £15. The more people play and the more tickets sold, the higher the prize money.

4. COMMUNITY GROWING PROJECT



There have been two meetings of the Community Growing Project since our last community update.

Plans are progressing for the temporary use of the vacant land at the site of the former village hall. You should see some changes at the site in the near future. The first visible change is that the volunteers have erected a Christmas Tree with 600 flashing lights.

We hope that this starts to get you into a festive mood. Most of the planting and addition of furniture on the site will happen in 2022 and everything should be in place for public use in the summer. If you would like to become involved in this community growing project, then please get in touch with us. Everyone is welcome to participate.

We are delighted to announce that we have received a £500 micro-grant from Melvich Community Council as a contribution to benches/seating that will be installed as part of the Community Growing Project. A big thank you to the community council for this micro-grant award.

5. MELVICH VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

Consent has been received from OSCR to wind down Melvich Village Association (Registered charity SC029590) on 31st December 2021. All business is now being conducted as Melvich Community SCIO (Registered charity SC050942).

6. FESTIVE CAROL SINGING EVENT

This year we can't provide a facility to hold festive events in. However, we have a well-ventilated outside space around the Christmas Tree at the former village hall site. As such we are planning to hold a Festive Carol Singing event on **Tuesday 21st December 2021 from 5pm to 7pm.**

We are sorting out plans and funding for this, however we intend to be able to provide hot drinks (with the help of Coastline Coffee Shop), snacks (e.g., mince pies, shortbread) and mulled wine to those who come along, free of charge! Everyone is welcome to come along, participate or spectate, and enjoy this event.

Please keep an eye on our social media channels or on our noticeboard for updates about this event. We hope to see you there and we wish you all the best for the festive season.

7. AMAZON SMILE – Are you buying Xmas presents online this year?

To sign up for Amazon Smile, visit smile.amazon.co.uk. If you've already got an Amazon account, simply log in to your account and search for Melvich Community SCIO in the 'pick your own charity' search bar on the right-hand side of the screen. Click to accept us as your chosen charity and you're ready to start shopping! Every little helps – thank you 😊

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE