

# Melvich Community SCIO

Discussion with Councillor Michael Baird

24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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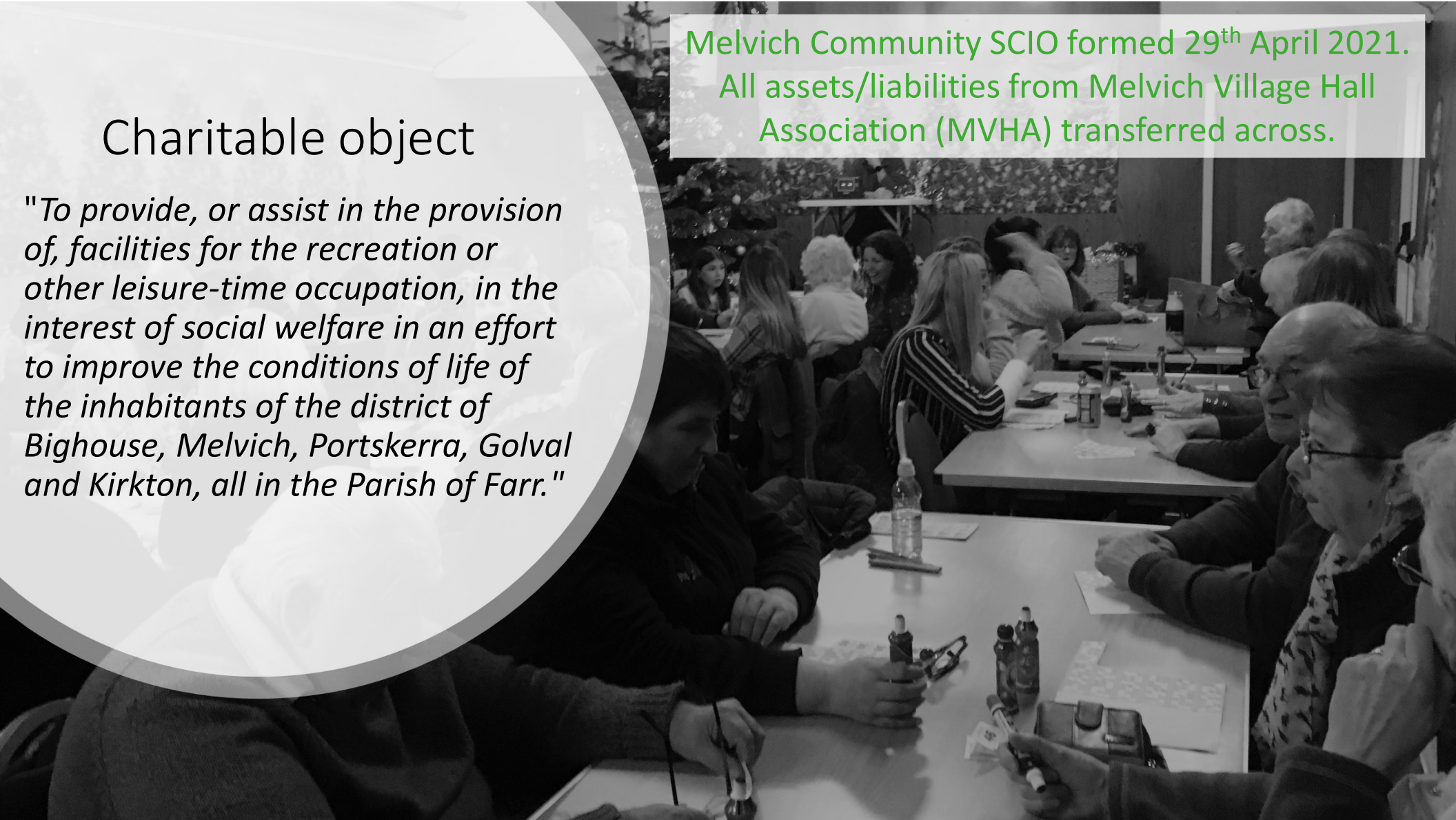
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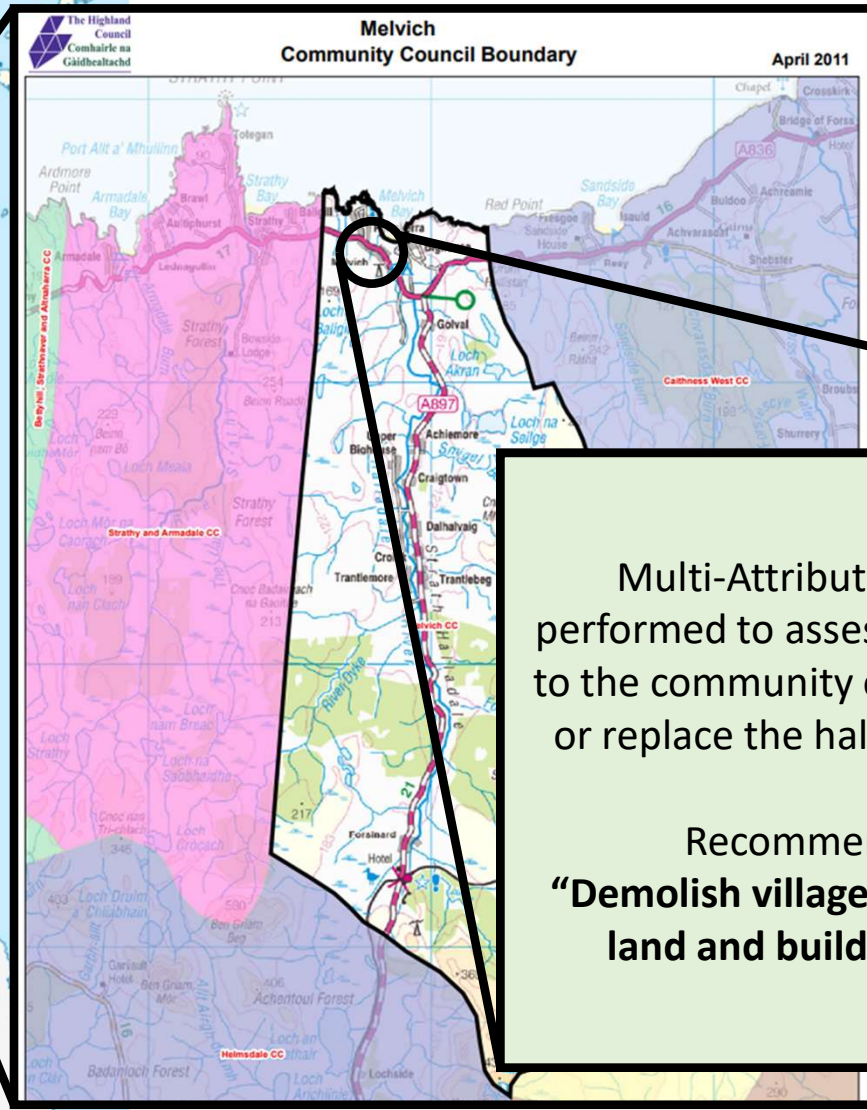
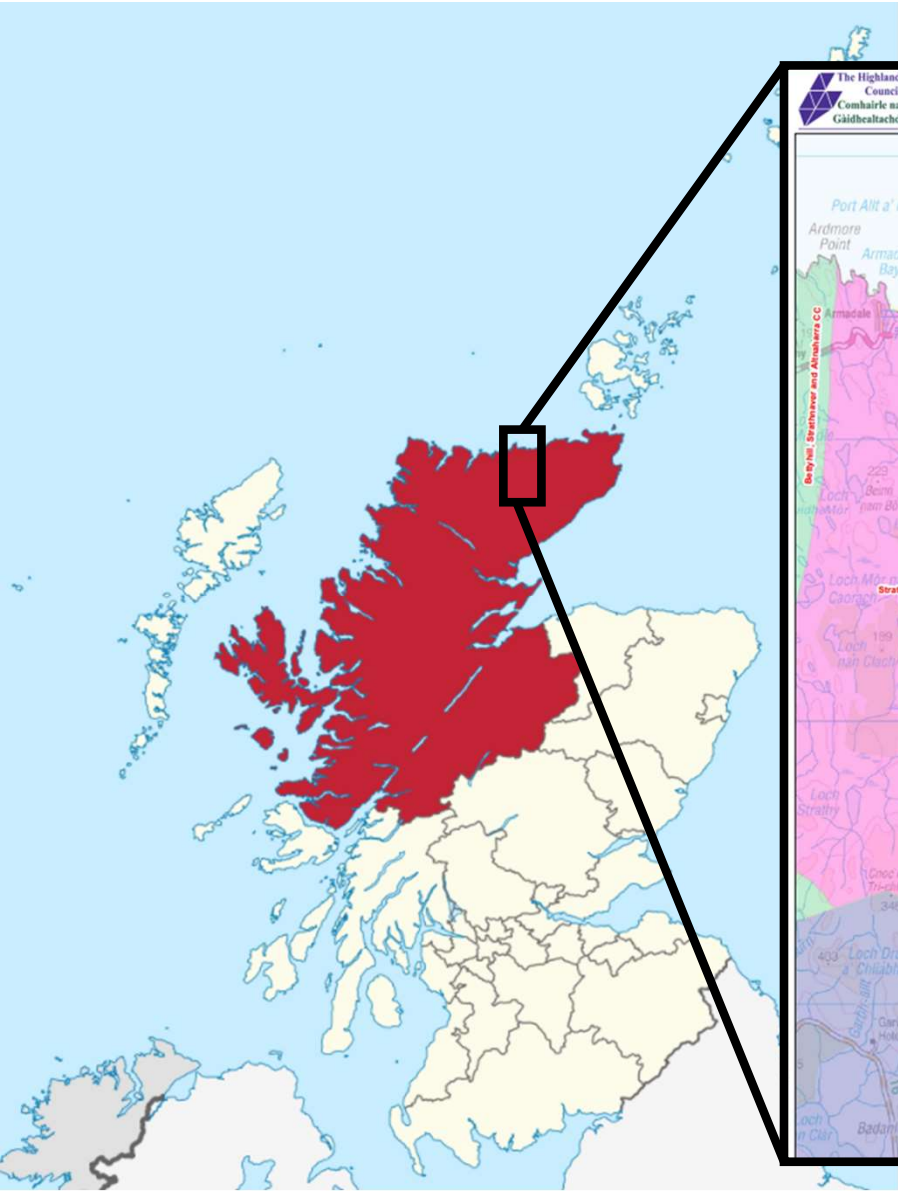


## Charitable object

*"To provide, or assist in the provision of, facilities for the recreation or other leisure-time occupation, in the interest of social welfare in an effort to improve the conditions of life of the inhabitants of the district of Bighouse, Melvich, Portskerra, Golval and Kirkton, all in the Parish of Farr."*

Melvich Community SCIO formed 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021.  
All assets/liabilities from Melvich Village Hall Association (MVHA) transferred across.





Multi-Attribute Decision Analysis performed to assess the Options available to the community on whether to renovate or replace the hall. 10 options assessed.

Recommended outcome:  
**“Demolish village hall, acquire adjacent land and build replacement hall.”**

# Current strategic plan



Demolition stage completed (10/2021)



Funding secured. Legal process ongoing.



Initial specifications defined, community consulted, RIBA stage 1 started.

# Melvich Community Hub

- To be fit for purpose, sustainable, multi-functional, multi-generational and inclusive
- Aspiration is to create facility that is “Net Zero” or better (PassivHaus design)
- Wish to help community and visitors (e.g. NC500) with vehicle energy transition
- New hub will be a focal point and new resilience centre for local community





## Current ongoing projects:

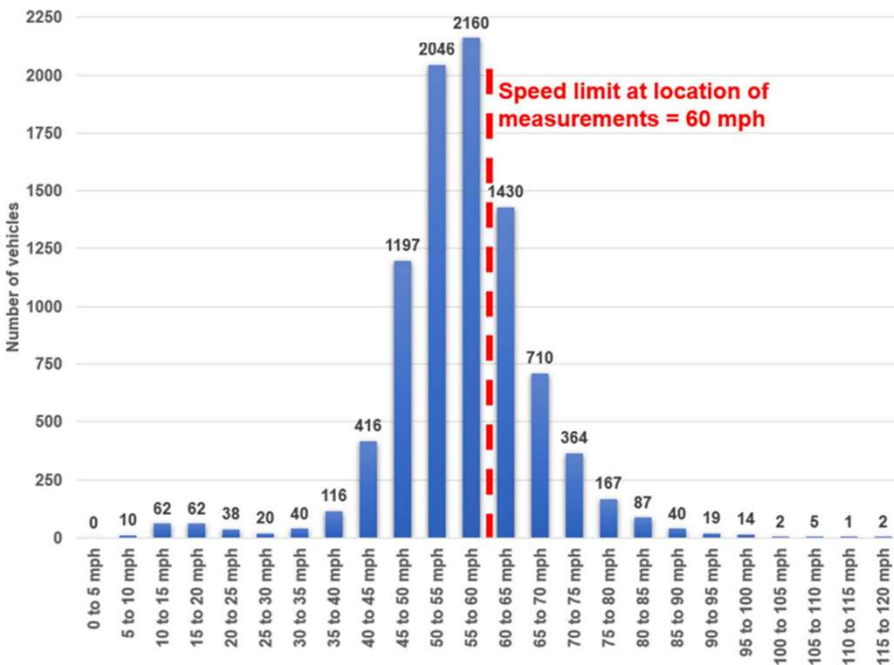
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- Melvich Community SCIO progressing RIBA Stage 1 works with our appointed architect (Highland Council) for the design/build of Community Hub.
- Next planned community consultation towards end of RIBA Stage 1 when initial draft drawings available.
- Former village hall site being used in the interim as a Community growing project.
- Consultation completed and community asset transfer application submitted for ownership of Melvich Public Toilets.
- Fundraising activities to support developments.

### Summary data from within Melvich's 30 mph zone:

Parameter	Incoming	Outgoing
Total number of vehicles in monitoring period	16,682	13,132
Average number of vehicles per day	837	659
Maximum speed recorded in monitoring period	87 mph	64 mph
Average top speed recorded per time period	38.3 mph	41.1 mph
Weighted arithmetic mean speed	27.4 mph	30.2 mph

### Summary data from 700m west of 30 mph zone:



## Traffic concerns

Melvich is currently a drive through location on the NC500. Speeds are high on the A836.

Keen to get traffic calming measures installed and a pedestrian crossing.



## Future:

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- Design/build a net zero (or better) fit for purpose sustainable multifunctional multigenerational inclusive community hub to help meet current/future needs.
- Operate new community hub and work collaboratively with other organisations to deliver services/facilities needed for our community.
- Routine engagement with our community to inform Melvich Community SCIO of local needs/wants so that we can assist in sustainably developing our area.
- Address other strategic priorities for our community to improve the quality of life for locals/visitors (this may require amendments to the charity's object over time).



Any comments / questions ?



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