

Melvich Community SCIO

Update for Melvich Community Council:
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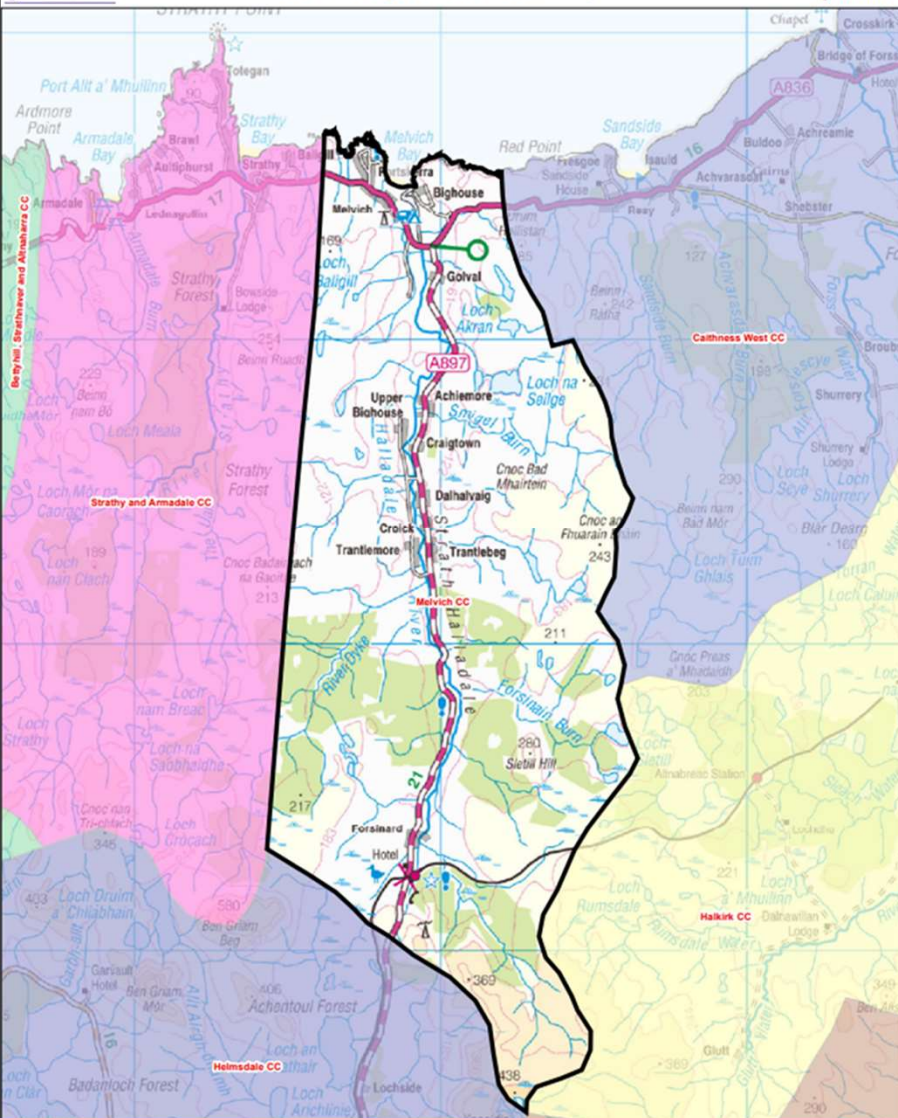
Melvich Community Hub project

- Purchase of land adjacent to former village hall complete (area shown in pink in image at top left).
- New boundary now fenced off.
- Community Asset Transfer request for Melvich Public toilets going through due process.
- Hub design options consultation output report finalised and issued.
- Met with architect team in Inverness to discuss community feedback on options.
- Request for pre-planning advice (based on option C) submitted to the Highland Council – response expected February 2023.



Portskerra Play Park

- Grant funding application to SSE Strathy North Community Benefit Fund for lease and/or CAT legal fees was successful (£3,400 secured)
- Community Asset Transfer (CAT) application submitted for Portskerra Play Park on 15/11/2022. Not yet shown on Highland Council CAT website page. Lease/ownership of the site is on the critical path – can't secure grant funding without this matter resolved.
- First fund raiser ("Kids Christmas Challenge") held for Play Park on 3/12/2022 – approx. £1,000 raised by our community for this project.
- £2,242.07 received from North West Sutherland Council for Community Action (NWSCCA) has been ring fenced against this project.
- Working on draft ITT for play park equipment and supply chain engagement has started.



Community Action Plan

- Feedback received from Local Energy Scotland (LES) on Invitation To Tender for independent consultant to perform CAP consultation.
- CAP Steering Group meeting held 28th November 2022 at Halladale Hall.
- Issuance of ITT on hold following request from MCC chair. Some minor amendments to ITT being made in light of developments in the area.
- Aim is for CAP ITT to be issued to supply chain immediately after next CAP meeting (30/1/23).
- Intent is to have a CAP in place by ~ Summer 2023 for MCC area (subject to supply chain capacity to deliver).



Community events and fundraising:

- Christmas tree was installed for our community.
- Halladale Hall and Amenities Association will be restarting to lead the Halladale Coffee Mornings.
- Currently planning events for 2023. Next events will be announced in next community update that is currently being prepared.
- Launched photo competition for 2024 calendar (See <https://melvichcommunityscio.org/latest-updates-1/f/photography-competition-for-2024-calendar> for more info).



Work planned in coming months:

- Progress community asset transfer of public toilets.
- Continue delivering RIBA stage 1 (Preparation and briefing) for Melvich Community Hub. Commence requests for grant funding for RIBA stages 2-4.
- Work with MCC and other stakeholders to deliver a Community Action Plan.
- Progress Portskerra Play Park including CAT application. Issue ITT and assess tenders for Play Park equipment and installation / maintenance.
- Run regular local fund raising initiatives and community events.



Any comments / questions ?



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