

# Melvich Community SCIO

Update for Melvich Community Council:  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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# Melvich Community Hub project

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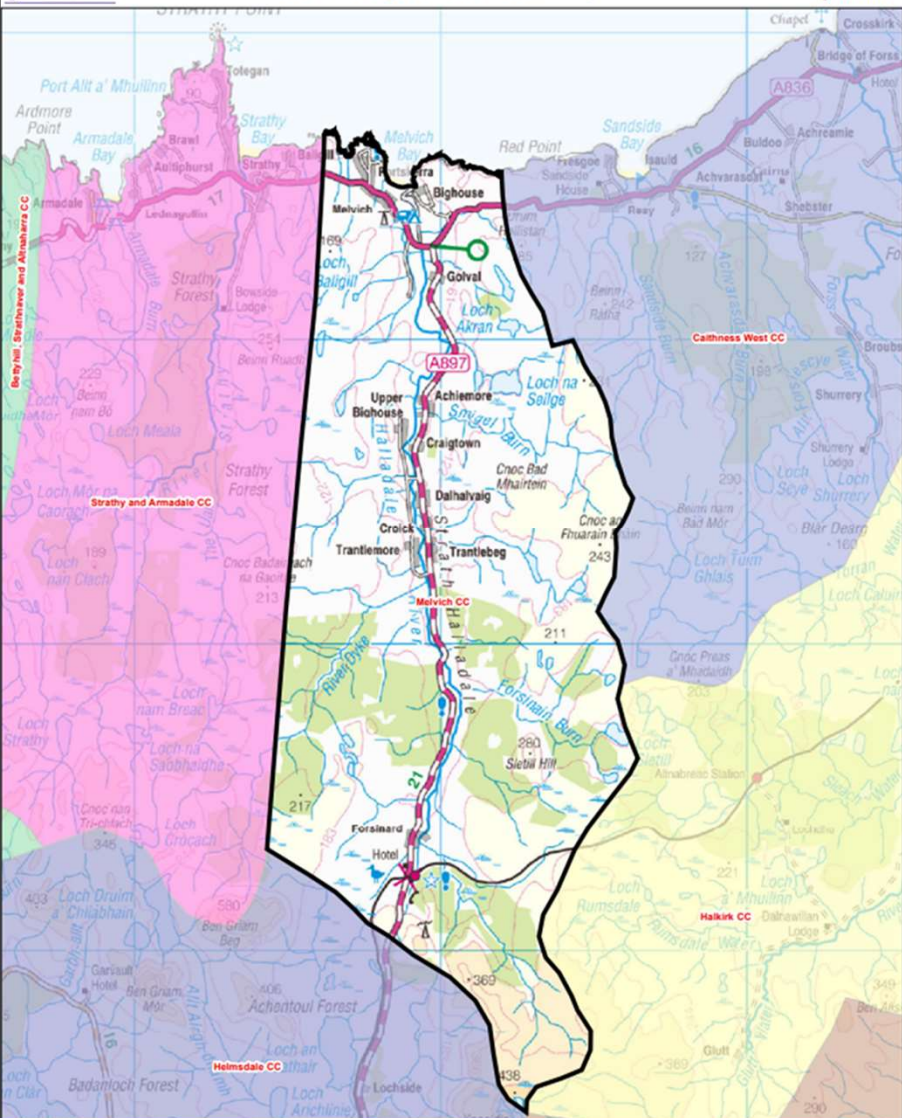
- Community Asset Transfer request for Melvich Public toilets going through due process.
- Positive pre-planning advice (based on option C) received back from Highland Council and shows project is feasible.
- Finalising outputs from RIBA Stage 1.
- Got costs for RIBA Stages 2-4 and will require significant grant funding to deliver them. Working through aspects to ensure we have strong grant funding application(s) to get us through next phases. Been asked to provide a funding route map through to project completion along with a strong demonstration of community need.



# Portskerra Play Park

- 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.
- Work ongoing on draft ITT for play park equipment and supply chain engagement has started.
- Play Park specific fund raising event held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Quiz and raffle – raised £159 on the day plus £25 of donations received after the event. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the event, donated raffle prizes and took part. Big thanks to the 6 children who prepared and asked questions (Stanley, Aurelia, Rowan, Evie, Benny, and Seumas).





# Community Action Plan

- Invitation to Tender (ITT) issued to 8 suppliers.
- Tender returns assessed against specified criteria. Interviews/discussions held on 17/03/2023. Preferred independent consultant selected to perform the work.
- Grant funding application submitted to Local Energy Scotland.
- Formal contract award will be made as soon as grant funding for the CAP is confirmed. Estimated commencement 1/4/2023.
- Programme for delivery of the CAP will be finalised with contractor once commencement date known (awaiting grant funding).



## Community events and fundraising:

- Photo competition for 2024 calendar ongoing (See <https://melvichcommunityscio.org/latest-updates-1/f/photography-competition-for-2024-calendar> for more info).
- Held Whist on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023, and quiz nights on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- Next events: Whist on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Halladale Inn (organising further dates at Reay Hall for during summer season); and a Quiz night on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at Halladale Inn.
- Community Growing Project will be meeting again soon to discuss the coming growing season.
- Dates for CAP consultations to be announced in due course
- More events being planned but if you want to get involved and help out then please get in touch.



## Work planned in coming months:

- Progress community asset transfer of Melvich public toilets and Portskerra Play Park.
- Finish 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 using the independent consultant (subject to grant funding award).
- Issue ITT and assess tenders for Play Park equipment and installation / maintenance (when confident of lease/ownership agreement).
- Run regular local fund raising initiatives and community events.





Any comments / questions ?



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