

# Melvich Community SCIO

Update for Melvich Community Council:  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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## Melvich Community Hub project

- No significant change.
- Community Asset Transfer request for Melvich Public toilets going through due process (Application submitted 16/05/2022).
- Working to deliver outputs required for RIBA Stage 1. This stage should be complete ~ Summer 2023.
- Once RIBA Stage 1 is complete then we will be preparing / issuing an invitation to tender (ITT) for RIBA Stages 2-4 to provide updated cost comparisons and better demonstrate value for money. ITT likely to be issued in ~Autumn 2023.



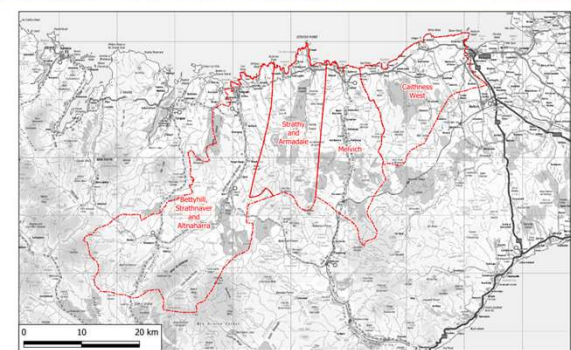
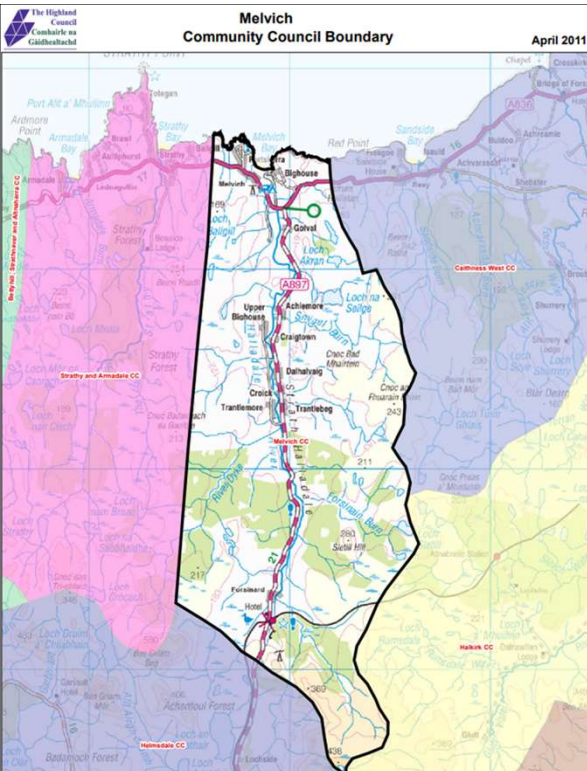
# Portskerra Play Park

- Community Asset Transfer (CAT) application submitted for Portskerra Play Park on 15/11/2022. Not yet shown on Highland Council CAT website page (20/06/2023). Process flowchart shows that Highland Council have 6 months to complete the “Assessment and Consideration” stage from submission of the CAT request.
- Had some communication from Phil Tomalin (HC Ward Manager) on this topic and now have a copy of the title deeds for this area of land. Due to a pre-emption on the land, **likely to be seeking a long term lease of the land** rather than outright ownership. In progress.
- **Work on Invitation to tender (ITT)** for play park equipment **ON HOLD** until uncertainties in lease/ownership issue resolved.



# Portskerra Play Park

- Community Football Match held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as a fundraiser.
- Over 70 people came along with 22 signing up to join one of the teams.
- Well done to all those who played and to the winners (finishing up on penalties for extra excitement).
- Thanks to Melvich Football Club, David Anderson, Kyla Anderson, Eileen Bryant and other volunteers from our community for helping in their different ways and making this a successful event.
- £247.15 raised towards the play park fund.



Map produced by Rural GD using Ordnance Survey Open Data and Community Council boundaries data from Scottish Government SpatialHub

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# Community Action Plan

- As mentioned previously, preferred independent consultant selected to perform the work had been selected for Melvich Community Council area.
- Caithness West CC, Strathlyon and Armadale CC and Bettyhill, Strathnaver and Altnaharra CC been added in as additional scope on our contract. Revised pricing received for delivery of CAPs for the 4 CC areas. Pricing further reviewed upon examination of additional efficiency opportunities.
- Questions from Local Energy Scotland and Scottish Government responded to in relation to grant funding application to ensure value for money from this work.
- **Received notification that our grant funding application for this work has been approved.**
- Formal contract award will be made as soon as grant award letter for the CAP is received.
- Programme for delivery of the CAP will be finalised after grant award letter received.



## Melvich Off Out Ventures (MOOV)

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- Sunday mornings – the MOOV dip
- Walk to Stroma took place earlier this month.
- Keep an eye on our website or the MOOV facebook group for details of the July walk.
- All welcome to attend these free events.



## Community events and fundraising:

- Community Growing Project have had a tidy-up of the village hub site – please help keep the area tidy and help weed so that everyone in our community can enjoy our communal space. Old fence on the slope now removed.
- 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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Reay Hall.
- Next Whist night 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 at Reay Hall.
- Had a presence at the Melvich Community Council Fun Day on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Thanks for a great event Melvich CC.
- More events being planned but if you want to get involved and help out then please get in touch.



Any comments / questions ?



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