

Update from the Applecross Community Hall

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The Community Hall is running extremely short on funds after having been hit hard by the COVID pandemic. Our situation is born out of two years where we have had very little regular income, substantial running costs have continued and large expenditure has been required for critical repairs. These repairs include a new fire alarm system, considerable drainage works and the installation of a new commercial cooker hood.

Unfortunately we are not eligible for a lot of grant funding as our accounts are out of date with OSCR, with the last set being submitted back in 2013. Our plan, as advised by many, is to restart as a SCIO (incorporated charity) and we have already attained public approval to do this but it is not a quick process to follow through with. In the mean time we still need to meet our £15,000 per year running costs and we have upcoming costs of approximately £3500 to meet before the end of January 2022.

The hall does not receive any guaranteed annual funding and during the last two years has suffered greatly as a result. The committee would like to ask the community if they would consider allocating the £5000 per annum income from the Allt-na-Moine hydro scheme community benefit. This would allow us a reliable baseline income to protect and maintain our vital community asset in a real time of need.

We have many events planned for the winter including film nights, dinners, parties and more. We hope to open our bar for locals nights so please come along and support us. There is a new button on our website if you feel like making a donation and we would graciously accept any offers to help us fundraise.

Jack Marris
Chairman