

Bunessan Community Association - SC012499  
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# Bunessan Community Association



## Charity Overview

Founded in 1985, the Buinessan Community Association was established to support and benefit the community of Buinessan, a village on the Hebridean Island of Mull. The community association organises local events and manages the local community centre.

The Association committee is made up of 4 office bearers and 10 members that span the entire geographical area of our community, all genders, professions and ages from 21-80. We have the common goal of enriching our local area and discuss, at regular meetings, events which will help better our community including ways to use, safeguard and maintain our local community centre. We hold various “open days” to clean, paint and perform general maintenance which is well attended by the wider community. We use social media to advertise our plans, events and to gain valuable feedback from local residents. The key values we try to promote are: culture, the advancement of community and citizenship, prevention of poverty, intergenerational socialising and the preservation of the indigenous Gaelic language.

## Project Overview

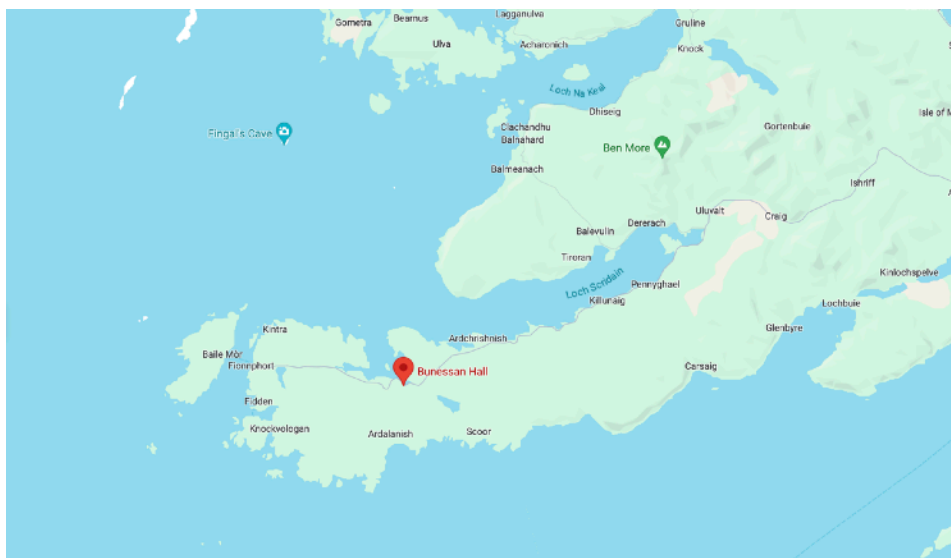
We're currently fundraising towards the remaining capital costs required to adjust the internal layout of the community centre to allow the installation of a larger kitchen / catering space. The original kitchen was designed and fitted in the late 1980's and requires redevelopment to make it more functional for community groups and to improve accessibility.

The community centre is the focal point and heart of our community and this project will enable us to diversify and increase the nature of community activities on offer. A new kitchen will allow the Association and wider community to hold larger community events which promote all of our key values.

One of the main driving factors behind the fundraising is that the community centre hosts many significant “life events” (weddings and funerals). The current installation has become critically unfit to serve the needs of the community during these important events.

## Project Details

Bunessan Community Centre or known locally as 'Bunessan Hall', is located in the Ross of Mull area of the Island of Mull, an Inner-Hebridean Scottish island.



The Community Association was established to fundraise for the development, and subsequently manage the running of the “new Bunessan Hall” in the late 1980’s.

The “new hall” was completed on the site of the previous corrugated iron hall in July 1990.

The hall is a hub for the community. It is used frequently by sports clubs, the community cafe, Bunessan Primary School PE lessons, art exhibitions, live music, ceilidh dances, and most importantly, significant life/community events like funerals and weddings.

The current small domestic spec kitchen, which was installed when the hall was built, has lasted 34 years with very little upgrades and maintenance. To improve the functionality of the hall we aim to replace and enlarge the current kitchen space. Within this project we also aim to increase the accessibility of this area of the building.

This project will greatly enhance the community centre, in turn, enriching the local community that really relies on this space, and has done for generations. This much-needed investment will also help safeguard the centre’s future by improving viability of this great community asset.

We have hired an architect to draw up plans for the works (attached) and advertised locally for tradespersons to quote for work. The lowest-priced quote can be seen in the budget of the fundraising section. Argyll and Bute Council have granted us a building warrant for the works.

## Project Fundraising

We began fundraising for this project 12 months ago and quickly realised that we can't do this alone. Locally, we've been having fundraisers such as ceilidh dances, whist drives, car boot sales etc. but realised that a project of this scale cannot source the capital required from the generosity of the community without additional assistance.

Since then, we have applied to a couple of local funds and also the National Lottery. We've been successful with a local (community hydro scheme funded) grant of £5,000 and a National Lottery (Awards for All) £10,000 grant and the Hugh Fraser Foundation awarding us £6000.

Our current fundraising efforts can be seen here:

<b>National Lottery - 'Awards for All'</b>	£	10,000.00
<b>Waterfall Fund</b>	£	5,000.00
<b>Hugh Fraser Foundation</b>	£	6,000.00
<b>Own Fundraising Activities</b>	£	6,800.00
<b>Capital From Own Funds</b>	£	5,000.00
<b>Running Fundraising Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>32,800.00</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	£	40,000.00
<b>Contingency (5%)</b>	£	2,000.00
<b>Total Fundraising Objective</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>42,000.00</b>
<b>Fundraising Deficit</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>9,200.00</b>

We currently have a funding target of **£9,200**.

Being a small-scale local and volunteer-run charity, we've never had a Reserves Policy. As a general rule, we always have at least 2 years (average) running costs in our current account (£8,000) as a reserve and we have a (5%) contingency built in to the refurbishment project.

Please let us know if you require any additional information.

Architect drawings, quote for work and our accounts attached in the appendix.

We thank you for your time and look forward to your reply.

View full plans and building warrant application here: <https://publicaccess.argyll-bute.gov.uk/online-applications/caseDetails.do?caseType=ScottishBuildingWarrant&keyVal=S3GT6YCHGTA00>



Contractor quote (this project is exempt from VAT):

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Plumbing and building

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Hi Kate I have the pleasure in submitting you this estimate for works to be done at Buessan community hall. The estimate consists of all related works as described by AGL.  
Works to be done stripping out of internal walls in kitchen and store, removing of internal doors ,stripping out of kitchen ,altering of electrics and plumbing to make safe and bring to standard ,fitting of new fan and extracting vent through roof,making good of all walls with waterproof wipeable surface also floor with anti slip Lino,taping and painting of all walls and ceilings and painted in white,all internal joinery finishings , fitting of kitchen and appliances

Skip hire included in estimate

Provisional cost for the investigation of asbestos £5000  
Provisional cost for the supply of new kitchen £10,000  
Provisional cost for the unseen extras £ 2500 ( rotten floors and joists in kitchen )

Labour and materials £ 22,500  
Total costs including pc sums £ 40,000

Vat to be added @20% to estimate

Yours Ross Kirsop

Accounts:

**Bunessan Community Association Charity Number SCO 12499**

**End of Year Accounts 2023**

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Bank Balance B/F	17422.96	Insurance	1296.19
Rentals	1660.00	CHUBB	229.31
Rentals via BACS	1350.00	Architect's Fee	2220.00
Donations	1140.00	SSE	2179.12
100 Club	575.00	Building Warrant	530.00
		Key Safe	189.98
		Cleaning Materials, etc.	516.82
		Bank Charges	7.80
		Total Expenditure	7169.22
		Carried Forward	14978.74
Total	22147.96	Total	22147.96

Independently Inspected by Paul Martin Hardwidge

Signature 

Date 26th February 2024