

Haugh of Urr Village Hall



Hall Background

- Typical rural hall built 1908
- Owned by community
- Well used, busy hall
- 12 regular user groups + private lets
- Local Primary School involvement
- Podiatry, Polling Station
- Supports community of 400-600



The Vision

- To have a thriving village hall which is:-
 - available to all
 - affordable by all
- Strategic Aims
 - to be sustainable
 - reduce our carbon footprint & reduce costs
 - to provide an excellent, attractive village hall for local people
 - encourage new user groups
 - support inclusiveness



The Challenge

- Hall was cold, damp, draughty and very poor inside
- Part of ceiling had collapsed on the Bowling Club!
- Users complained about the hall condition
- Private lets were reducing
- Our financial position was getting worse
- Our spend on heating was a major worry
- We needed to do something!!



The Approach

- Consulted with all users
- Analysed feedback
- Planned for a major internal refurbishment
- Specified the project
- Projected cost £97,000
- Applied to the D & G Council under their "Village Halls Improvement Scheme"
- Awarded £9999 in May 2006



Next Steps

- Applied to Lloyds/TSB Foundation
- Awarded £6000 towards cost of replacement windows in October 2006.
- Attended Big Lottery Workshop
- Completed "Outline Proposal" under "Investing in Communities"
- "your Outline Proposal does not involve the transformational and dynamic use of assets that will lead to the Growing Community Assets investment area achieving its outcomes"



Major Rethink

- Broke project down into discrete projects
- Decision: refurbish Main Hall first
- SCVS advice
- Applied to RDSAF to replace the ceiling
- Awarded £4905.13
- Applied to "Awards for All"
- Awarded £10,000 after some difficulties!



The Project

- Funding of £30904.13 achieved
- Local fundraising of £2000
- Target start date July 2007
- Actual start September 2007



The Demolition Team



Work in Progress





Refurbished Main Hall



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