

Burray Community Association – Community Engagement

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Executive Summary

Burray Community Association (BCA) commissioned Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO) to identify options and propose recommendations for improving, upgrading and/or expanding community facilities in Burray to meet the needs of local residents. For the purposes of this report, recommendations are confined to the two existing assets managed by BCA, being the Village Hall and the Family Playpark.

Key Recommendations

The Village Hall Building

Upgrade/improve the energy system to increase efficiencies and reduce running costs. This could include:

- Upgrade aging wind turbine and install solar panels on south facing roof area;
- Install storage batteries in rear (south) compartment under side of hall building; and
- Replace control system for integrated wind/solar generation

Change to a more cost-effective heating system in order to make the facility more comfortable and usable during the colder winter months. This could include:

- Install air source, or ground source, heat pump(s) and introduce, or improve, the internal wall insulation
- Add optimum, local time, start/stop and thermostatic controls to the heating system

Make alterations to the internal physical infrastructure of the building to better optimise storage and user group areas. This would be best achieved through:

- Reconfiguring the men's and women's toilet and shower areas.

The Family Playpark

Upgrade and/or refurbish the play equipment and the crazy golf course:

- Reduce maintenance and repair costs to aging play equipment;
- Ensure compliance with continually changing safety requirements; and
- Re-open the Crazy Golf course to paying visitors and benefit from an additional income stream

Other Recommendations

Forward Action Plan

Develop a structured forward action plan to address the key areas identified in the summary above. The plan must have short, medium and long term SMART targets. It needs to be clear and transparent about what can be realistically achieved.

Community Support

Feedback to the Community and Hall User Groups, sharing the findings from the survey. Communicate by regular updates to maintain the momentum and enhance the good will and support that has been shown to date.

Background

Burray Community Association (BCA) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and has been registered since 2014.

The BCA committee is elected from the membership, and a Board of Charity Trustees is also elected by the membership and embedded within the committee as full committee members.

BCA runs the Burray Village Hall and the Family Playpark Area on behalf of the residents of Burray.

BCA has become increasingly concerned in recent times about the status of the facilities in terms of aging equipment, an expanded usage of the hall for additional activities which are needing to be accommodated and the reducing time left on the contract for energy produced by the Association's wind turbine which would have a negative future benefit on income levels.

In October 2022, BCA developed a scope of work (see Appendix 1) and approached Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO) to undertake a community engagement project. Prime components of the project were identified as;

- a survey of the local community and the groups who currently use the village hall in order to better understand their expectations;
- a technical inspection of the hall and the playpark area to better understand the timescales and challenges of the existing facilities; and
- an examination and analysis of the BCA's past, current and projected future financial situation

This report outlines the methodology undertaken and results of the community engagement project, along with a series of recommendations and proposals for BCA to explore further and take forwards.

Methodology and Information Gathering

Community Survey

An introductory meeting was arranged between VAO and BCA, where the nature, scope and the purpose of the project were discussed and agreed.

Two survey questionnaires were developed for

- Community Individuals
- Hall User Group Representatives

Over 80 survey forms were completed, utilising the online Survey Monkey tool primarily, and hard copies were also made available. They have provided an excellent overview of how the community feels about the Hall and the Playpark, including what is good about the existing facilities, what needs improvement and what Burray residents would like to see provided in the future.

The survey ran for 4 weeks and VAO met with the BCA committee after analysing the results of the surveys to share and discuss the general themes that had emerged from the surveys prior to issuing the first draft of this report.

Technical Inspection

A site visit was made by VAO, supported by Roger Jackson from the BCA committee. The hall was in use at the time by a children's group involved in a wide range of play activities.

Facilities inspected and issues discussed included:

- Electricity supply, distribution, wind turbine generation and current Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) arrangements;
- Heating systems – storage heaters from wind turbine and (more expensive) wall heaters from main electricity supply. It was noted there was no timer or thermostatic control for either system;
- The latest Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) for Burray Hall – see Appendix 2;
- Floor layout in the hall, including kitchen, toilets, showers and storage rooms; and
- Playpark area comprising a walk round of toilet block, all play equipment and the crazy golf course.

BCA Finances

A summary of BCA finances from 2014 to date was provided to VAO (attached at Appendix 3) which gave a clear and helpful guide as to regular running costs, income levels alongside specific information on the financial aspects of previous projects and upgrades.

Outcomes and Analysis

Community Survey

A total of 84 community surveys were received and 10 surveys were completed by user groups. This is a significant response rate (the population of Burray totals around 400 people) and it is felt that the number of completed surveys gives a comprehensive and reliable overview of the thoughts, opinions and aspirations of Burray residents in relation to the future of the Burray Hall and Playpark. A full breakdown of the responses is available at Appendix 4 (Community Individuals) and Appendix 5 (Hall User Groups) to this report.

There is an overwhelming level of positivity and warmth shown in the surveys.

Residents feel that the Hall is the centre of community life and provides an essential space for social activities for local residents. Only one respondent stated that they do not use the Hall, and 36% of respondents use the Hall on a weekly basis. 99% of respondents would miss the Hall if it was not there.

Respondents use the Hall for a variety of activities, and **95% felt that the Hall is a good venue for the type of activities they use it for.**

Overwhelmingly, the **key physical improvement that would increase the quality of the venue for respondents was improved heating (61%).** Cheaper hire charges (25%) and better publicity of events (21%) were also cited as suggestions that would improve the venue. These improvements were also echoed by the responses to the User Groups Survey.

A number of activities were highlighted as being those that respondents would like to see take place at the Hall in future. In particularly high numbers these included arts and crafts workshops and craft sales, after school activities (particularly for primary age children), adult education classes and a community cinema.

58% of respondents stated that they were also users of the Play Park, with **53% of those confirming that they use the Play Park once a week.**

A lot of suggestions were made about how to improve the Play Park, including suggestions about new equipment and activities as well as improvements to existing activities such as the Crazy Golf course.

Residents said:

- The Hall is the heart of the community
- People feel connected to their community through the events and activities that take place at the Burray Hall
- The facilities are good, especially the kitchen
- The Hall needs some improvements, in particular better heating and additional storage
- Reduced hire charges would be helpful
- Residents would like to see more activities such as art and craft workshops, after school activities and adult education classes
- The Playpark is well used and liked

- New equipment would improve the Playpark, alongside a refresh of the Crazy Golf

The BCA Committee should take great heart from the number of people who took the time and effort to complete the surveys, and also from the responses to the surveys themselves. The Burray Hall has a very real and clearly articulated importance to and for the community and is at the heart of community life.

Technical Considerations

Heating and Energy

The key area of improvement identified is in relation to the heating of the Hall. This chimes not only with the community but to user groups as well, and there was mention of several groups that have relocated their activities to other venues due to issues with the heating.

This issue was raised as part of the site visit, as being something that the BCA Committee wants to address. The results of the survey, therefore, reinforce the existing thoughts of the Committee rather than providing any surprises. A recent Energy Performance Certificate (Appendix 2) also substantiates the identified poor performance of the heating.

Heating for the Hall comes primarily from a wind turbine, which directly provides the electricity to the Hall's large storage heaters, and also provides an income to the BCA in the way of a Feed-In-Tariff (FIT). Additional wall heaters compensate when the storage heaters are depleted and the Hall is cold.

The FIT contract for the wind turbine ends in 2027 and it's uncertain whether or not BCA will continue to receive an income from it after that date. In the meantime the aging turbine is likely to require additional expenditure on repairs and maintenance.

The current fixed term electricity tariff ends in 2024 so it's vital that a succession plan is put in place to reduce energy requirements and/or to increase the ability for the Hall to produce its own renewable energy. This can be achieved by installing solar panels, storage batteries and heat pumps. This in turn has the potential to replace, and possibly increase, the income stream currently provided by the wind turbine.

Physical Infrastructure

Usage of Burray Village Hall has changed somewhat since it was most recently renovated and updated. A significant amount of space is currently taken up with separate men's and women's toilet and shower facilities. The showers are not used to the same extent as previously, with most people taking part in physical activity and exercise going home to shower.

A lack of storage for equipment used on a regular basis by user groups is an issue. Groups do want to be able to leave their materials and equipment at the Hall rather than bring it each week and then remove it again.

Should work be undertaken to reconfigure some of the internal space in the Hall to reduce shower facilities and increase storage, the Burray Hall Committee would be able to encourage more regular use of the Hall and enable a wider range of activities as identified through the survey results.

The equipment and facilities made available to the public at the Playpark are aging and require regular and increasing maintenance. This will continue to have a detrimental impact on Hall finances as time moves forwards. It is also potentially a concern in terms of public safety.

BCA Finances

A financial summary was provided (attached at Appendix 3) which outlined the financial position between 2014 and 2022. This summary gives a good long-term view of the financial position and the benefit, in particular, that is derived from the wind turbine contract.

The Feed in Tariff (FIT) income for the wind turbine over the 2014-2022 period was £20,300. Without this income and the one-off Covid support payment, the Hall would have had a deficit of £24,000 for the same period. With the turbine income and the Covid support payment the net surplus for the period was £7,400.

This clearly demonstrates the negative impact the Hall will face when the turbine contract comes to an end in 2027. It is imperative that work is undertaken to improve the energy efficiency of the Hall as well as find an alternative source of income to replace the turbine income.

A number of funding streams are available to community groups and charitable organisations to make Halls more energy efficient and support the Net Zero agenda. The combination of practical evidence (through the EPC report) and the high level of responses identifying heating to be an issue, and the threat caused to the future of the Hall because of the ending of the turbine contract should support the committee to make a very strong case for funding.

Options

Any options appraisal would normally include an option to “do nothing”.

But in this case, a “do nothing” scenario would leave the Hall in financial deficit within four to five years, with the situation becoming catastrophic from 2027 onwards.

The FIT contract with the wind turbine ends in 2027. This gives the BCA Committee a good period of time to plan and act to mitigate against the loss of income. But work needs to start now to ensure a smooth transition to a new income model and a more energy efficient heating system.

Recommendations

Develop a Forward Plan

Create a forward action plan for the Association, with short, medium and long term SMART targets. This can include building improvements and activities and enables the Association to be clear and transparent about what it hopes to achieve. This can be reported and updated at each AGM. The Forward Plan should enable the BCA Committee to explore and conclude:

How does BCA want to enable additional activities identified in the survey?

- direct provision by committee members?
- external providers hire the hall and use its facilities?
- a mixture of both?

From the activities identified in the survey results

- which are achievable in the short term?
- which require improvements to the building?
- which are not practical to take forward?

Feedback to the Community and Hall User Groups

Hold an event to share the findings of the surveys, thank people for taking part, and share plans identified in the forward plan for the future of the Hall and Play Park. This could take place on the back of an event that is known to be well attended.

Make contact with the individuals who stated an interest in supporting the delivery of activities or joining the Committee – try not to lose the momentum and good will that has been shared through the survey.

Heating and Reducing Energy Costs

Engage with Local Energy Scotland regarding the potential for funding through the CARES programme.

Grant funding, advice and support is available to community organisations, charitable organisations and faith groups that want to decarbonise their community buildings by installing low carbon or renewable energy systems, such as heat pumps or solar panels. (Refer <https://localenergy.scot/let-s-do-net-zero-community-buildings-cares-funding-available/>)

Building and Playpark Improvements

1. Engage with Orkney Islands Council regarding funding for Hall and Play Park improvements. This should initially include funding towards a feasibility study.

A new tranche of funding for the CDF was approved by the Council in December 2022. The new guidance is not yet available on the OIC website but can be sought from the Economic Development Service.

(Refer <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Council/C/Community-Development-Fund.htm>)

Acknowledgements

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The two surveys were developed by Clare Gee, Community Development Worker for VAO with the close support of the BCA Trustees, and in particular Roger Jackson, Chair of BCA.

The Trustees signed off the final versions of the surveys, and the surveys were hosted on Survey Monkey, hosted by VAO, allowing for online responses. Paper copies were also made available on demand.

Please note that VAO cannot instruct or require its recommendations to be adopted, however, by working closely with and supported by BCA in the development of this report, it is hoped that the recommendations herein are those which are both practical and feasible for BCA to take forwards.

VAO would like to thank BCA, and in particular its Chair, Roger Jackson, for the time, enthusiasm and information provided throughout development of this report.

Report Approval

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Scope of Work 22 October 2022
- Appendix 2 Burray Hall EPC 21 December 2022
- Appendix 3 Summary of BCA Finances 2014 to 2022
- Appendix 4 Full Survey Results – Community Individuals
- Appendix 5 Full Survey Results – Hall User Groups

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SCOPE OF WORK FOR COMMUNITY SURVEY

Burray Community Association
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October 2022

1. Purpose

Identify and analyse the community and social needs of the people of Burray in order to support the future development of a strategy for the provision of improved local amenities and services

2. Background

Overview

In recent years, the Burray Community Association (BCA) has raised considerable sums for upgrades and improvements to the benefit of Burray village and surrounding area residents. This includes, but is not limited to;

- ☐ A new children's playpark incorporating a crazy golf course
- ☐ Roof replacement and efficient lighting upgrade for the village hall

In addition, the BCA committee manages the provision and safety of the playpark and village hall for regular use by a wide variety of different local community groups. The hall is also used for public and private events provided by third parties under the auspices of the committee

Finances

Analysis of the BCA's finances, shows increasing costs for maintaining the hall and playpark, against a diminishing income. The latter is primarily derived from the day-to-day use of the hall and its facilities, together with regular Feed In Tariff payments from an aging wind turbine.

Over the six years pre-covid, the deficit between income and costs totalled £6k. This equates to an average deficit of £1000/year, currently funded by the BCA bank account. This will be unsustainable over the longer term, and the situation is under additional threat by uncertainty of the condition and reliability of the wind turbine.

The short term financial goal of the BCA committee is to reduce the annual deficit to zero. Thereafter, improved and enhanced facilities will lead to wider usage and higher income

Wind Turbine

The wind turbine is over 14 years old now. It is the main source of energy for heating the hall and also provides a Feed-In Tariff (FIT) income of approximately £2k/year. If it fails, the BCA not only loses the income while the turbine's offline, but also incurs increased electricity supply costs for heating the hall. As such, the BCA committee needs to keep substantial funds available for emergency repairs if/when required urgently. Inspection and preventative maintenance is regularly undertaken to mitigate the risk of failure. But this also involves additional expense.

A strategy for the long term practical future for the wind turbine needs to be considered and agreed by the BCA committee in the near future

Community Demographic and Associated Needs

There is a perceived demographic trend towards an older population in the region generally, and this is currently influencing the bias for associated community provision and services. But there's also an increase in new housing and more people moving into Burray and the surrounding areas.

In order to develop a strategy for expansion or improvement, the committee needs greater understanding of the *actual* population demographic together with its indicative needs.

3. Objective

The committee is undertaking a review of the Burray Hall premises and local facilities generally, in order to identify changes that will benefit the surrounding community.

Key to this, is understanding how the current community facilities are perceived and experienced by as many Burray residents as possible, in order to develop a specification for a programme of minor and/or major change. This in turn will enable the committee to seek necessary funding for such change from local, regional or national sources

The committee also wishes to engage representation from a wider range of local residents in the running and maintaining of its community facilities and amenities.

4. Evidence Gathering

The base specification for gathering data will require, but will not be limited to,;

- ☐ a survey of the community and the groups who currently use the village hall in order to understand their expectations
- ☐ a technical survey of the hall and the playpark to understand the timescales and challenges of the existing facilities

It is envisaged the community survey will be designed after initial consultation with the BCA committee, then reviewed and approved by the committee before distribution

Thereafter the community survey would be conducted digitally (online) and supported by the distribution and collection of hardcopy leaflets, using high profile distribution points and/or postal services. In order to achieve a minimum 40% participation overall input, a community event should be considered.

Surveyors might also wish to interview current and past BCA committee members in order to gain additional insight from previous practical experience?

5. Deliverable(s)

An evidence based report to identify options, and propose a recommendation, for improving, upgrading and/or expanding community facilities in Burray

An outline methodology to fund, plan and implement the recommended option over a defined timescale

A presentation to the BCA committee outlining the above findings and recommendation - this will include a question and answer session

Energy Performance Certificate Scotland

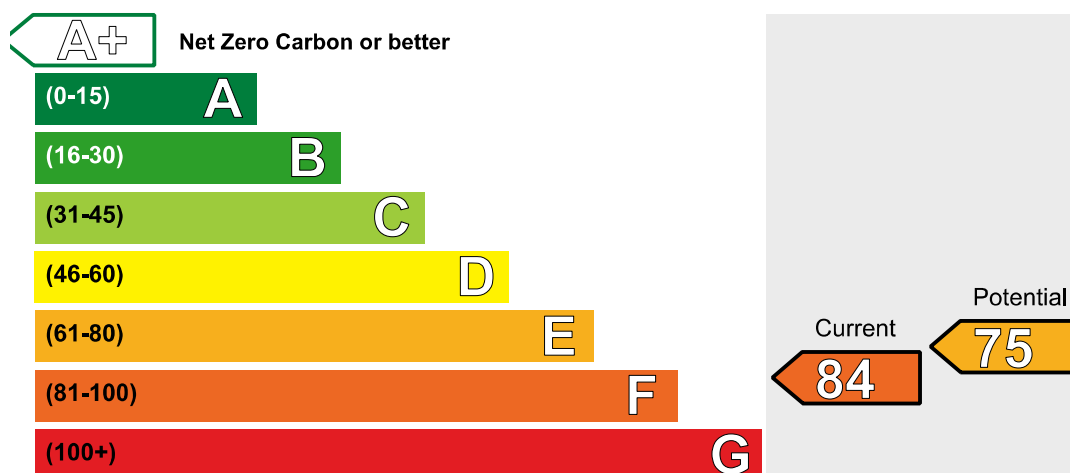
Non-Domestic buildings and buildings other than dwellings

Burray Hall, Burray, Orkney KW17 2UG

Date of assessment:	21 December 2022	Reference Number:	9910-1132-5632-2422-1096
Date of certificate:	23 December 2022	Building type:	Community/Day Centre
Total conditioned area:	220.766m ²	Assessment Software:	EPCgen, v5.6.b.0
Primary energy indicator:	661 kWh/m ² /yr	Approved Organisation:	Elmhurst Energy Systems

Building Energy Performance Rating

Excellent



Very Poor

Approximate Energy Use:215 kWh per m² per year**Approximate Carbon Dioxide Emissions:**84.3 kgCO₂ per m² per year

The building energy performance rating is a measure of the effect of a building on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. The better the rating, the less impact on the environment. The current rating is based upon an assessor's survey of the building. The potential rating shows the effect of undertaking all of the recommended measures listed below. The Recommendations Report which accompanies this certificate explains how this rating is calculated and gives further information on the performance of this building and how to improve it.

Benchmark

A building of this type built to current building regulations at the date of issue of this certificate would have a building energy performance rating of:

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Recommendations for the cost-effective improvement of energy performance

1. Add optimum start/stop to the heating system.
2. Some walls have uninsulated cavities - introduce cavity wall insulation.
3. Add weather compensation controls to heating system.
4. Add local time control to heating system.

There are additional improvement measures applicable to this building. Refer to the Recommendations Report.

THIS PAGE IS THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE WHICH MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE BUILDING AND NOT BE REMOVED UNLESS REPLACED WITH AN UPDATED CERTIFICATE.

Background

This section provides additional information regarding the building and your energy assessment.

Building type:	Non-residential Institutions: Community/Day Centre
Total useful floor area:	221m ²
Main heating fuel:	GridSuppliedElectricity
Building Environment:	HeatingandNaturalVentilation
Renewable energy source:	Wind generators
Electricity:	Grid supplied

The Recommendations Report provides additional information in support of your Energy Performance Certificate. It was produced in line with the Government's approved calculation methodology and is based upon output from CLG, iSBEM, v5.6.b, SBEM, v5.6.b.0.

This calculates energy used in the heating, hot water provision, lighting and ventilation of your building. Different fuels produce different amounts of carbon dioxide for every kilowatt hour (kWh) of energy used. The calculation methodology therefore applies fuel emission factors to energy use for each fuel used to give an overall rating for your building. This assessment covers all fixed building services but excludes energy used in portable appliances, office equipment and for industrial processes.

As buildings can be used in different ways, energy use is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use your building. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between the performance of similar buildings in different parts of Scotland.

Further information on the assessment process and approved software tools can be found online at: www.scotland.gov.uk/epc.

Recommendations for improvement

This section lists the improvement measures recommended on your Energy Performance Certificate and further action you can take to improve the performance of your building. These measures have been checked by your assessor as being appropriate for your building and are listed under four headings: short payback period, medium payback period, long payback period and other improvement measures.

The calculation tool has automatically produced a set of recommendations which are reviewed by your assessor to ensure that they are relevant to the building and its use. The assessor may add or remove recommendations and may also have commented on the recommendations based upon their professional knowledge and expertise. This may include inserting additional recommendations or measures under 'other recommendations' (see below).

Note that these recommendations do not include advice on matters relating to the operation and maintenance of your building as such cannot be identified or represented within the calculation process.

Implementing improvements - legal disclaimer.

The advice provided in this Recommendations Report is intended to be for information only. Recipients of this report are advised to seek further professional advice before making any decision on how to improve the energy performance of the building.

Recommended measures with a short payback period (less than 3 years)

Recommendations (short payback)	Potential Impact
Add optimum start/stop to the heating system.	MEDIUM
Some walls have uninsulated cavities - introduce cavity wall insulation.	MEDIUM
Add weather compensation controls to heating system.	MEDIUM

Recommended measures with a medium payback period (3 to 7 years)

Recommendations (medium payback)	Potential Impact
Add local time control to heating system.	MEDIUM
Some solid walls are poorly insulated - introduce or improve internal wall insulation.	MEDIUM
Carry out a pressure test, identify and treat identified air leakage. Enter result in EPC calculation.	MEDIUM
Consider installing an air source heat pump.	HIGH
Consider installing a ground source heat pump.	HIGH

Recommended measures with a long payback period (more than 7 years)

Recommendations (long payback)	Potential Impact
Consider installing solar water heating.	LOW
Consider installing PV.	LOW

Other measures

This section lists other measures selected by your assessor based upon an understanding of the building and/or a valid existing Recommendations Report.

Your assessor has not identified other measures for this building.

Payback period:

Payback periods are based upon data provided by Good Practice Guides and Carbon Trust energy survey reports and are average figures calculated using a simple payback method. It is assumed that the source data is correct and accurate, using up to date information.

They should be considered indicative. The figures have been calculated as an average across a range of buildings and may therefore differ from the actual payback period for the building being assessed. It is recommended that the cost effectiveness and payback of each suggested measure be further investigated before making any decision on how to improve the energy efficiency of your building.

Carbon Impact:

Each measure is assigned a low, medium or high potential impact on the energy efficiency of your building. This relates to their potential to reduce carbon dioxide emissions arising from energy used in your building. For automatically generated recommendations, the carbon impact is determined by the approved software but may be adjusted by your assessor based upon their knowledge of the building. The impact of 'other recommendations' is determined by the assessor.

Comparative assessment - Feed-in Tariff

Eligibility for standard tariff for solar PV under the DECC Feed-in Tariff initiative is contingent on a minimum energy efficiency requirement being met. This requires a building to have an EPC band of D or better. Further information can be found at: www.decc.gov.uk/fits This requirement is based upon the means of determining EPC band which is used in England & Wales.

If calculated using this process, but using Scottish climate data, your building would currently have an EPC band of E (and a rating of 124).

Requirements under section 63 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act

From 1 September 2016, regulations require the assessment and improvement of existing non-domestic buildings with an area of more than 1,000 m². See www.gov.scot/section63 for information.

As this building does not exceed 1,000 m² in area, it is not currently subject to these regulations.

About this document

This report and the accompanying Energy Performance Certificate are valid for a maximum of ten years. These documents cease to be valid where superseded by a more recent assessment of the same building carried out by a member of an Approved Organisation.

Your Energy Performance Certificate and this Recommendations Report for this building were produced following an energy assessment undertaken by an assessor accredited by Elmhurst Energy Systems (<http://www.po.org.uk>), an Approved Organisation Appointed by Scottish Ministers. The certificate has been produced under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2008 from data lodged to the Scottish EPC register. You can verify the validity of this document by visiting www.scottishepcregister.org.uk and entering the report reference number (RRN) printed at the top of this page.

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If you have any concerns regarding the content of this report or the service provided by your assessor you should in the first instance raise these matters with your assessor and with the Approved Organisation to which they belong. All Approved Organisations are required to publish their complaints and disciplinary procedures and details can be found online at the web address given above.

Use of this energy performance information

Once lodged by your EPC assessor, this Energy Performance Certificate and Recommendations Report are available to view online at www.scottishepcregister.org.uk, with the facility to search for any single record by entering the property address. This gives everyone access to any current, valid EPC except where a property has a Green Deal Plan, in which case the report reference number (RRN) must first be provided. The energy performance data in these documents, together with other building information gathered during the assessment is held on the Scottish EPC Register and is available to authorised recipients, including organisations delivering energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives on behalf of the Scottish and UK governments. A range of data from all assessments undertaken in Scotland is also published periodically by the Scottish Government. Further information on these matters and on Energy Performance Certificates in general, can be found at www.gov.scot/epc.

Appendix 3 Summary of BCA Finances 2014 to 2022

INCOME											
Seq	Description	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	TOTAL(S)
1	General				£268.16	£368.00	£339.84	£53.00	£45.00	£42.00	£1,116
2	Table Tennis	£514.00	£314.00	£657.00	£671.50	£726.55	£1,550.17	£261.00	£0.00	£125.00	£4,819
3	User Groups	£649.00	£334.00	£60.00		£304.50	£1,746.00	£1,355.00	£0.00	£70.00	£4,519
4	Craft Fayre	£584.80	£667.00								£1,252
5	Whist Drives	£1,106.50	£409.00	£43.00							£1,559
6	General Hire of Hall	£961.00	£2,144.50	£1,352.50	£1,796.52	£1,725.00	£1,908.00	£565.00	£210.00	£1,933.00	£12,596
7	Donations	£217.37	£7,096.36	£648.41	£324.34	£70.00	£313.86	£578.50	£1,921.08	£291.02	£11,461
8	Donation Hall Roof		£7,000.00								£7,000
9	Putter Hire				£1,770.00	£1,015.00	£600.00	£200.00	£0.00	£421.00	£4,006
10	FITs	£3,582.77	£1,546.60	£2,555.15	£2,057.80	£2,054.76	£2,186.21	£2,323.94	£1,735.35	£2,262.74	£20,305
11	General Fund Raising	£1,545.22	£5,949.08	£4,197.35	£1,498.79	£1,404.82	£1,633.20	£1,902.56	£136.00	£3,050.45	£21,317
12	Playpark Fund Raising	£2,215.19	£6,417.18	£3,112.40							£11,745
13	Sponsored Walk for Roof	£2,069.00									£2,069
14	Big Breakfast				£488.00						£488
15	50/50 Sale	£15.90									£16
16	Plastic Chair Sale	£90.00		£100.00							£190
17	Burns Supper	£240.77									£241
18	Coin Meter	£4.00		£159.00							£163
19	Grants	£258.00	£41,502.00	£28,374.00	£70,890.66	£4,000.00		£11,305.00		£1,476.68	£157,806
20	Xmas Tree Lights - OIC	£560.20									£560
21	Petty Cash	£50.00	£26.64		£26.64						£103
	TOTALS	£14,664	£73,406	£41,259	£79,792	£11,669	£10,277	£18,544	£4,047	£9,672	£263,331
EXPENSES											
Seq	Description	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	TOTAL(S)
1	Miscellaneous Items		£1,255.45	£2,007.88	£3,908.24	£1,182.14	£2,345.17	£368.55	£129.80	£1,989.36	£13,187
2	Chairs	£500.00									£500
3	Advertising	£104.33	£117.62		£50.40						£272
4	Xmas Party	£273.25	£230.61	£281.47	£457.29			£131.41	£37.95	£314.19	£1,726
5	Xmas Lights	£2,418.20	£1,015.32								£3,434
6	PA System and Misc	£916.68									£917
7	Constitution	£516.00									£516
8	Money to Playgroup	£644.00									£644
9	VAO and Courses	£337.19	£45.00	£45.00	£15.00						£442
10	Orkney Com				£45.00						£45
11	Burns Supper	£30.90									£31
12	Fire Decals	£470.94	£138.96	£71.76							£682
13	Gas	£38.00									£38
14	Electricity/Hydro	£436.47	£523.75	£379.83	£351.23	£820.65	£457.50	£401.89	£339.18	£589.47	£4,300
15	Phone/Broadband					£344.94	£368.78	£305.37	£331.35	£292.59	£1,643
16	Maint/Upgrade	£9,624.40	£5,596.33	£24,189.73	£63,399.16	£4,604.43	£805.36	£280.20	£645.84	£1,359.51	£110,505
17	Cleaning					£963.75	£1,699.00	£811.00	£98.00	£1,743.91	£5,316
18	Playpark	£192.00	£60,592.79	£15,706.65	£2,952.29	£1,642.03	£370.39	£453.98	£2,363.85	£2,764.49	£87,038
19	Janitorial	£48.32	£389.12	£84.25	£10.53	£94.76	£132.01	£86.26	£672.78	£0.00	£1,518
20	Wind Turbine	£4,010.41	£704.11	£4,140.79		£1,694.78	£2,735.19	£0.00	£0.00	£357.12	£13,642
21	Insurance	£1,256.09	£1,301.98	£757.89	£849.93	£920.39	£849.95	£1,721.13	£873.37	£920.42	£9,451
22	Petty Cash	£50.00									£50
	TOTALS	£21,867	£71,911	£47,665	£72,039	£12,268	£9,763	£4,560	£5,492	£10,331	£255,897
Net Profit/Loss (for each year)		-£7,203	£1,495	-£6,406	£7,753	-£599	£514	£13,984	-£1,445	-£659	£7,434
Bank Balance (end August)		£16,213	£16,986	£11,699	£19,426	£18,839	£19,367	£33,352	£31,907	£31,248	

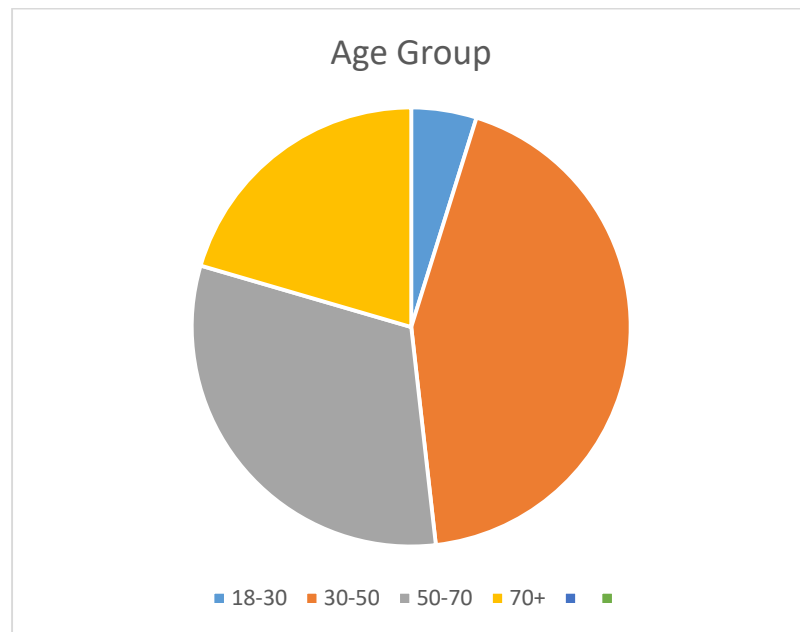
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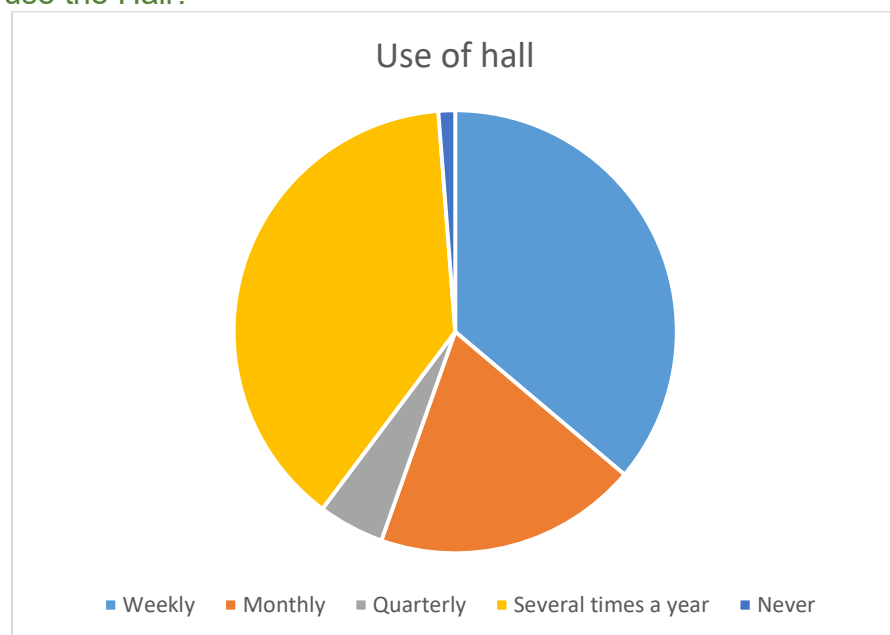
Responses	84	100%
Survey Monkey	80	95%
Hard copies	4	5%

1. Do you live in Burray? Yes **78 (94%)** No **5 (6%)**

2. What age group are you?



3. How often do you use the Hall?



4. Do you think it is important that Burray has its own community hall?

Yes **83** (100%) No **0** (0%)

Please tell us why

56 comments

- When needed it's the kirk, concert venue, wedding venue, sale room, play group, sports hall etc
- It's handy for the village
- Nice meeting place which is not a church or a pub
- It provides a focal point for community events
- Heritage
- Local groups need somewhere to meet up and hold AGMs etc
- It is a vital meeting point
- One of the social centres of the village for people of all ages and backgrounds
- Focal point for community events
- Gets the community together for different events
- Brings everyone together
- Helps keep the community together
- It's the heart of the community
- Centre of community events
- Playgroup is vital for providing young children life skills and socialising which benefits their learning and development
- To bring everyone together and to feel connected to the community
- It's such a good safe place for kids and adults to meet up and socialise, be part of the community
- It's one of the few remaining meeting places in Burray. Everything else has been closed
- It provides a focal point for community activity in all its forms – from celebrations and kids activities to meetings and funerals
- Activities for all interests and age groups especially the children
- It is part of the community and brings the community together
- It's a distinct community from the parishes on either side of it
- It's the centre of the community
- A place for groups to meet is important in a small rural area
- You do a lot of activities would be a shame to not have one
- It's a community focal point to bring folk together
- Community needs a community place
- Focal point for community activities
- People need social events and activities in their own local area, it's important to reduce loneliness and build support networks – and reduce travel
- Heart of the community
- Som
- So many activities and events happen there, it's been an amazing place for me to catch up with my neighbours and meet new people, I don't know how I'd do that otherwise

- It is a well used hall and great for bringing the community together
- It's a good place for the community to come together, the space is great for toddler groups to support families and young children, private events, social purposes
- A centre for activities that bring the community together
- Focal point for the community coming together
- Provides a focal point for village activities
- Its good to meet up, keep motivated
- As a venue for community events and base for organisations and groups
- As a focal point to bind the community
- It helps with the sense of community and brings people together
- It allows us to get more involved in hobbies, interests, to engage in physical activity, to learn new skills and to meet people as well as socialise with friends
- It is the central hub for the village!
- Where else would you hold all the activities that go n there!!!Fir community events and since it's not got a community school we need this venue for community activities
- It's a hub for fostering community spirit and activity!
- Part of out community and always has been
- Brings the community together
- To provide a focus for the community
- It brings more of the island population together than anything else
- Good place for folk to meet up
- A place for people of all ages to meet and run activities
- It brings our community together and making friends is easier when we are mingling together in the hall for events
- It creates a space for people of all ages to meet and associate
- It keeps the community together. Having a hall and being able to hold events helps keep the community spirit strong
- It's a centre and focus for the community and other activities and events

5. If Burray didn't have a hall, would you miss it?

Yes **81** (99%) No **1** (1%)

Please tell us why

44 comments

- We would not have the community that has always been ensconced in Burray
- No concerts
- Wouldn't have somewhere to go on to meet up
- It provides a good venue for a number of events held throughout the year
- It is handy to have for events etc not all events would be able to be held in the Sands so you need another local venue
- Would be a miss for a venue for so many things, the only other option would be in Hope
- Focal point for community events
- Less activities for my children to be involved in, less adult conversation
- Many fond memories and times had and brings the community together
- I've only used it once but it would be a miss for everyone else that duz use it more frequently
- Burray residents require a place to hold their various events as they have done since the hall was built in 1885
- Because it's great!
- It provides a social network in an affordable way. If it ceased to exist, I'd be limited to similar experiences on offer due to the increased cost and logistics of travelling to alternative venues
- Meeting other Burray residents and the kids love events there
- It's used for such a lot of community events and private hires
- As above
- It is the centre of the island as a meeting place
- There would be less community engagement
- It would be a great miss for children and adults
- An adaptable place to be together would be gone
- Would miss the social occasions
- I have not hired the hall, but attended some of the events organised
- Somewhere for people to meet
- There would be nowhere to gather as a community
- It's walking distance from my house and the people you meet there are all friends/neighbours so it makes a huge difference. It's not the same going to an event in Kirkwall/out of Burray because it's no longer your village community
- I think it is the hub of the village
- Always been a good place for everyone to get together from toddler groups, parties and community organisations
- It's a great place to meet people and socialise
- Great for conerts and leisure activities that I would not normally attend
- The village needs to keep in touch with getting out and mingling for a meet up cuppa and a chat

- I enjoy concerts in the hall and am a member of the photography group that uses the hall
- There is no other facility in the village for such a wide variety of activities
- I think the kids would miss it, given the amount of activities that have been going on recently
- I would miss the weekly activity session
- We may not go there every week/month but its nice to know its there if we do want to go to something local
- Need somewhere to get the community together
- There would be no toddler group, no clubs etc
- Wouldn't have as many social gatherings
- There would be nowhere to hold my funeral! And would miss concerts and events
- Myself and my children enjoy spending time with friends, and doing fun activities makes us feel less alone
- There would be no place for the community as a whole to meet and mix together
- We don't have a community school like most other communities therefore we wouldn't have any where for social community gatherings
- I'd need to travel further to other areas

Current usage

6. What kinds of activities and events do you attend at the Hall?

Respondents **83**
Responses **375**
Average no. of activities attended **4.5** per respondent

Concerts	49	59%
Funerals	48	58%
Plant and cake sales	44	53%
Private events	43	52%
Community group	35	42%
Craft group	24	29%
Committee meetings	21	25%
Coffee mornings	20	24%
Exercise classes	20	24%
Other	17	20%
Weddings	15	18%
Sports activities	13	16%
Baby / toddler group	12	14%
Senior citizens group	9	11%
Church functions	5	6%
None	0	0%

Other:

Remembrance Service
Xmas Tree Lighting
Kids clubs
Photography group
Ball Group
Childrens after school group
Friday Club
One off fundraisers like Bingo and Christmas events
Fundraisers
Kids activities
Tabletop sales
After School clubs
Women friendly group
Photo Group
Tea and Tech
Friday Fun games day
Organised events (e.g. Jubilee and Coronation events)
Soup and Sandwich get togethers

7. Do you ever hire the hall for activities or events? If so, what type?

Respondents **75**
 Responses **105**
 Average number of hire activities **1.4** per respondent

None	36	48%
Private events	22	48%
Other	12	16%
Baby / toddler group	4	5%
Concerts	4	5%
Weddings	3	4%
Funerals	3	4%
Coffee mornings	3	4%
Craft group	3	4%
Committee meetings	3	4%
Sports activities	3	4%
Community group	3	4%
Exercise classes	2	4%
Senior citizens group	2	3%
Plant and cake sales	2	3%
Church functions	0	0%

Other:

Day after wedding as it was raining
 Children's birthday parties
 Tea and Tech Group
 Birthday party
 I haven't but absolutely would if needed
 Not yet but I can imagine hiring for a birthday for example
 Kids parties / toddlers etc
 Party's
 Not done so recently
 Organised events (e.g. Jubilee and Coronation events)
 Soup and Sandwich get togethers

Potential improvements and activities

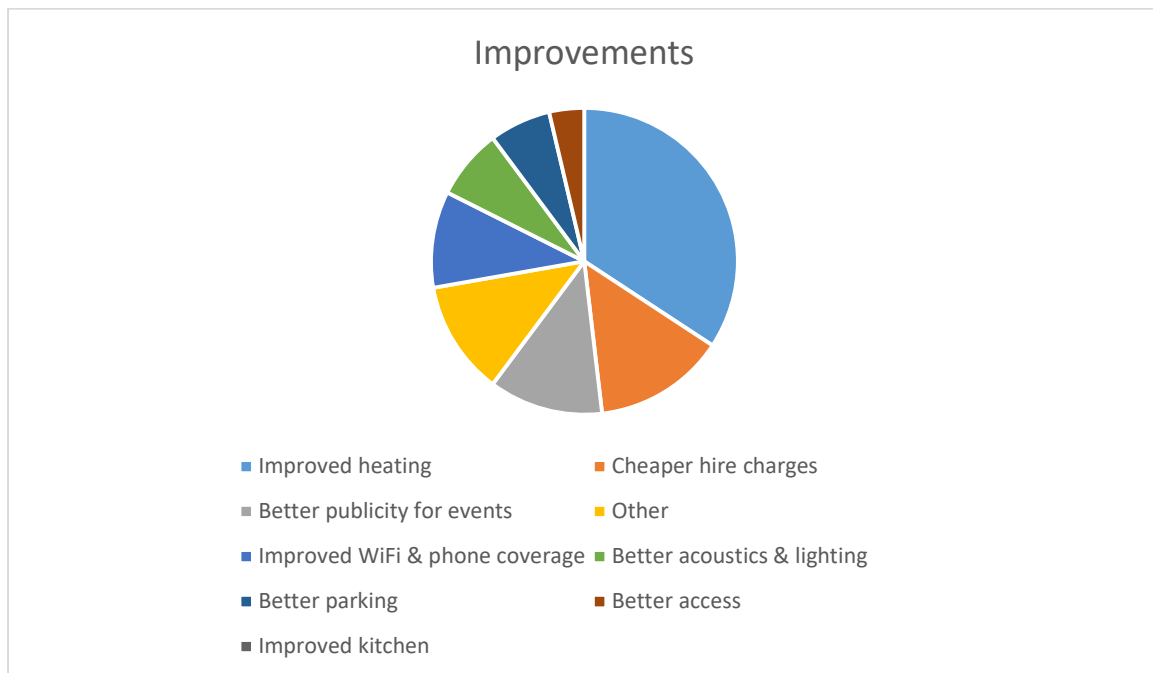
8. Is the Hall a good venue for the types of events and activities you use it for?

Yes **78** (95%) No **4** (5%)

Comments **23** responses

- Very good as far as I can see
- Good acoustics
- Small but nice
- Yes but it can be very cold for meetings in the evening
- Would be good to have somewhere a bit bigger / higher for sports such as football and badminton
- N/A
- Good facilities and easily accessible
- Has a great kitchen and other spaces
- It's central to the village with adequate parking close at hand
- The committee room now has additional furniture and a huge tv which now encroaches on the space we would normally have used
- The pilates class I attended has been moved to the Cromarty hall because it was so cold as the heating didn't work for 3 weeks. We have also had bees falling from the windows last year and found drawing pins on the floor whilst exercising barefoot
- Good, clean facilities at a reasonable price
- It's fully equipped
- It's a good size for smaller events
- The Hall could be warmer
- Really good for exercise classes and I recently went to a craft evening that was amazing! Perfect set up!
- I mainly use it for playgroup and it is a great size and layout for it
- It can be very cold at times
- Hall size is restrictive for sports activities above recreational level
- Near by plenty of parking
- Not ideal as the older people find the heat not enough when coming out of warm houses
- The hall has everything we need to host kids parties to adult parties. It's great for getting people out of their houses and spending time with people you wouldn't usually hang out with
- Plenty of space to spread out and have a few different activities going at once

9. What would make it a better venue? For example:



Comments

- It's getting better but very cold sometime
- For the events I attend I think the facilities are fine
- All good
- Heating in the toilets could be much better
- More storage
- N/A
- Main hall could do with a deep clean of the floor. Price to hire hall has risen but this is through no fault of the committee in my opinion. Other halls are being funded such as community hall in St Margaret's Hope and therefore they can charge cheaper rates for hall hire. I do not believe this is fair and feel this is a matter that needs to be addressed by the council. Historically this has been the case for years that Burray has not been treated fairly regarding community facilities in comparison to other local villages
- The stage seems to be permanently up at the moment, however it isn't great for the toddlers
- I think it's pretty great
- Larger Hall area
- More storage, a bit cramped for some things eg badminton which used to happen
- The Heating is expensive as we rely on Wind Energy, with a back up electric bar heaters when the wind energy is depleted or the wind doesn't blow

10. Are there any other activities that you would like to see held at the Hall?

Respondents	72
Responses	392
Number of responses per respondent	5
Social activities	5
Community Cinema	28
Dances	25
Table top sales	25
Lunch Club	14
Book club	13
Educational activities	5
Adult education classes	30
IT classes	14
Health and wellbeing activities	4
Health services (e.g. chiropody)	18
Accessible fitness (e.g. chair based exercise / indoor bowls)	17
Hair dressing salon	8
Activities for children and young people	3
After school activities (primary)	31
Youth club	27
After school activities (secondary)	14
Arts and crafts	5
Arts and crafts workshops (e.g. photography)	35
Craft sales	31
Exhibitions	26
Other (please specify below)	14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a book swap • Health and wellbeing activities would save me going in to town • At present I don't have much spare time to attend the types of activities listed • Table top sales are making a comeback all over • Exercise classes e.g. Pilates, yoga • Before school club • Music instrument lessons for children • Very interested in craft club / craft evenings! 	

- All the above. I would love to see the hall being used for an even wider range of wonderful activities than it already is
- Exercise classes like yoga, pilates or other
- Increased number of concerts / music nights
- Tea/coffee just go along and chat hours....
- More craft sessions for adults
- Really enjoyed the wet felting evening, would enjoy making workshops, eg, zentangle, crochet/knit and natter, needle craft with felt, make objects and animals etc, POTTERY class! Would love this!
- Adult craft classes

11. If these activities were available, how much would you be prepared to pay for them?

- Depends on what it is
- Up to £3 as I'm not working
- A fair price
- The price would depend on the activity if it was a workshop you would pay a bit extra to cover cost of materials
- Not sure
- Depends on the activity, what is included and whether fund raising function
- Going rate for this function!
- £10 to £20 per session
- £10 a table for sellers free entry for shoppers
- As much as needed to help keep the hall going
- Dependent on the activity - £5 per session
- Kids classes/clubs around £2 per child per session, plus materials Adults anything between £5-£10 plus materials
- That would depend a great deal on what was being provided in the price, or if the price was simply for the hall rental
- £5
- Say maybe £2 pw for a youth club & more like £15-£20 for a craft workshop?
- Adult Education classes – up to £6 Child -up to £4
- The normal going rate for similar activities in Orkney
- Per session charge or a group booking charge, £5... but then I understand it has to be worth it for the use of the facilities and time otherwise instructor
- If they were priced similar to those in town, but saving travel costs, they would presumably attract people
- Up to £5
- Youth club and after school clubs I would be happy to pay £3-4 a session
- It's very cheap
- £3
- Youth club £3, exhibitions would vary depending on what it was, workshops say £5
- Depends on the perceived value of the offering. A good band £20
- £3 but more if it was a catered for event like a lunch club
- What is needed to cover all costs, plus a little extra for the funds
- £3-£5
- Probably max £5 for less regular ones (like craft sessions) or more if it needed to be more for materials. I ended up stopping exercise classes because it got too expensive and they were £6 a session once a week, so I probably wouldn't spend that much on exercise classes. I have activelife so would be very interested in an activelife exercise class coming to Burray!
- Whatever was agreed
- £3 per person for most of the above. Some activities I would consider paying more for
- Depends what it is and how long it lasts for. As an example 1hr. exercise class £5
- Currently pay between £1.50 for playgroup to £7.50 for pilates

- Up to £5 per head dependent on the activity
- With the exception of social activities, they should be free where possible. Payed for by profits from concerts and raffles
- Given the money would go back to the community I'd be happy to pay anything!
- Upwards of £5 per session
- £5-£10 every week may be more. Sometimes you just want to chat, not have to knit or paint or do anything. A place to meet up with folk, get to know folk
- I currently pay £7.50 per class for Pilates. A cheaper block booking would be good
- £10 per person
- £2
- Under £5 per session. Excluding hairdresser
- This would depend on what it was but from 2.50 to 4.00 as I'm a pensioner
- Depends if they were weekly (a few £) or occasionally (£10+ for concerts) Chiropody I think starts at £30-40
- £2 per person. £1.50 per child under 12 and for over 60 years. Per person Up to £4 for craft classes when a teacher comes in eg pottery etc.
- Per 2 hour session, probably £12-£20
- For kids activities I wouldn't mind paying a bit extra to cover cost of materials

12. Are the events and activities currently taking place happening at a convenient time for you to attend?

70 responses

Yes	43	61%
No	1	1%
Most / Some	10	14%
N/A	2	3%
Not affected for other reasons	2	3%

Other comments:

- Nothing on at weekends
- Not all of them are unfortunately
- Retired so time not such an issue for me as others
- The after school clubs mstly are, working at kgs a bit of an overlap, otherwise yes
- Not personally due to other commitments, but I do believe they are at a good time
- I attend the Ball Group is very convenient and time is good
- Yes I attend the ones outside of normal office working hours
- Best for me through school hours as I have no childcare
- No but that's because I do other things
- I work during the day and some weekends so evenings or weekends best for me to attend sessions
- Most of them are – I work full-time so can't engage with any activities during the day Mon-Fri or Friday evenings
- Yes pretty good
- Friday afternoon is a bit tricky as it's the end of the week, and everyone is tired
- Mostly but not all

13. Does the Burray Hall currently provide a venue that is suitable and affordable for you to use or hire?

Number of responses	70	
Yes	45	64%
No	1	1%
Not sure	7	10%

Other comments

- Probably yes but I haven't had a need to hire the hall so not aware of the cost. Facility wise it would have what I would need
- Not hired it for a while so not sure of current pricing
- I don't know what it costs I've never asked
- I haven't hired yet
- Lately it has been far too cold for the members when sitting in without having to put money into the meter. Most attendees have to sit with their coats on all evening
- Yes, probably a bit expensive for parties etc as by the time you hire the hall, maybe a bouncy castle and food, it can be quite costly
- Yes, but I would only do it occasionally
- I'm not hiring it, just attending other people's events
- Yes very affordable
- We need better heating and more affordable
- Very suitable but with the recent rise in cost it's really expensive. Probably would consider elsewhere first if I'm hiring privately
- I've never hired it so not sure!
- Yes although it could be even better if the hall was better funded by the council or grant schemes to ensure hire charges could be lower
- Having hired the hall in the past I found it to be comparable with other halls in Orkney but didn't get high enough attendance to cover hall costs and my time
- From the playgroup perspective it's got very expensive (although we are looking at alternate ways to support this)
- For most of the time
- It is more expensive to hire than similar venues
- Yes, though several events have been free (would have been happy to pay)
- Not hired it recently but was ok charge when I did
- Have not asked
- The playgroup rent is very high. I know there have been talks about some sort of merging so we have enough office bearers / management etc?
- Yes, it's great
- Too expensive, too cold, not value for money
- Not sure of current pricing

14. Are there activities, events and groups that you attend outwith Burray currently that you would prefer to attend in Burray? Please specify below.

Number of responses	48
Yes	1
No	17
N/A	3

Activities attended outwith Burray

- Swimming
- Crafts
- Chess
- Second hand sales
- Yoga
- Pilates
- Book club
- Garden club
- Indoor football
- Badminton
- Rugby
- Kids youth club
- Craft events
- Tabletop sales
- Dance classes
- Exercise classes
- Film showings
- Zumba
- T'ai chi
- Bookbug
- Quiz
- Pound exercise class
- Archery
- Dog classes
- Knitting group

Other comments

- Activities in Kirkwall such as community education and services such as hairdressing can be difficult to get to reliably in the winter because of Barrier closures. Local access in Burray or Hope would be helpful
- Yes, the Pilates and Barre classes that were in Burray and have been moved to the Hope
- More classes for toddler/nursery age such as football, bookbug, gymnastics etc

- Activelife classes in Kirkwall but I know that's a stretch for them to come to Burray! Otherwise no
- Definitely I'd attend T'ai chi classes in Burray, not possible for me to get to Kirkwall for these
- I attend a group in Robertsons, but what with it being so crowded and the TV blaring hardly the place to chat. Not only that we are suppose to go for the knittin...lol
- Yoga, bookbug, other exercise classes included in active life
- I would like to see some adult exercise classes

15. Do you currently use the Playpark?

Yes **48** (58%) No **35** (42%)

If you have answered Yes, how frequently do you use the Playpark?

Once a month	5	11%
Once a week	25	53%
Daily	1	2%
Other	16	34%

16. Are there any changes you would like to see made at the Playpark?

Total responses	47	
Yes	0	0%
No	4	
N/A	2	

Other comments

- Climbing frame
- Safety rubberised rail on edge of large slide!
- More seating/benches. Can be very busy in the summer and not always somewhere to sit
- Zip line would be great
- Basketball hoops in the multicourt
- I think the crazy golf needs attention. Sharp edges and pools of water gather in uneven surfaces
- Tarmac removed from tennis court and replaced with either outdoor hardcourt or other suitable material
- WiFi would be good since there's no mobile signal
- Considering they are doing changes at the moment can't really comment, as both my children use the toddler area, however the slide is a great hit
- Possibly the golf as it doesn't get used very often and it is quite rundown/scruffy
- Don't use it much but the community event & BBQ last summer was a fantastic event
- Benches at the top. Zip line
- I feel sometimes it's not the safest area tii keave kids to play in due to sharp edges etc
- No the play park is really gd
- Bigger bbq New peedie Playpark equipment intermediate slide!
- The longer grass round the crazy golf cut more
- We love it!
- The slide is be quite 'aggressive' for a slide. Have witnessed several injuries both child and adult
- More equipment
- Coffee machine!

- I would like to see the mini golf tidied up
- Upgrade in the toddler and baby area! Zip line or basket swing within the park also
- The committee have made many improvements to the play park over the years thanks to their hard work and determination. I would love to see this continued and the wider community coming together (children and older people) to make the play park an even brighter and more beautiful space. Possibly something the Burray in Bloom group could also be involved in. Lots of bulbs, wild flower areas, more trees etc. I am looking forward to seeing the new equipment that has been purchased erected into the play park. I would love to see even more new equipment purchased in future and the equipment we have maintained to a good standard
- The playpark is a really great asset
- Clean it up some, advertise it more, crazy golf etc
- Tennis group for the children to encourage more use of facility
- Rubber mats at the bottom of the slide improvements to the toilet facilities
- Use it more with the kids in the summer. Would like to see more community events here, some fab ones been organised here before. Would like to see shelter in between toilets sone up and utilised more. Could there be electricity fir band hook up etc? Would like to see crazy golf fixed up so it could be better fit for use
- The slide is very unsafe. The mini golf is a bit tired and grubby looking
- The toilets and more rubbish facilities and less nettles!
- New equipment and maybe outdoor toys that can be stored and pulled out large outdoor board games etc
- Better equipment
- A big covered bandstand with power and lights
- I help at the play park better entrance and something on the hill as you enter ie steps. More swings and something at the bottom of slide
- I use it more in summer. Access is difficult for those with mobility issues
- Bins around park with heavy lids to keep in litter from high winds, more swings for oler kids, zip line would be cool, exercise equipment, trampoline/ mini square trampolines 3 or 4 dug into the ground, smaller slide. Child/teen climbing frame, similar to the one in toddlers partk. Decrease the amount of golf holes and add or flatten some land to build a sand pit that can be covered. Renovate the golf course, fix the holes under them, and give them a paint job, maybe use different colours for the floors. Paint the numbers of the golf holes
- I would like to see some adult exercise equipment installed
- Some adult friendly equipment would be nice, a smaller slide and a new kids climbing frame would be great too

Can you help?

17. Would you be interested in running, or helping to run, new activities using your skills, experience and interests?

Yes

6 8%

No

36 48%

If so, what activities would you be happy to support?

33 responses:

- Sales
- Possibly. I have qualification as adult ed teacher. Health not great at the moment though. Do a lot of artwork across a variety of media
- Don't know
- I would in future but not much free time currently
- I did 20 plus years on the committee
- Any kids clubs
- I would love to help, but due to times of work and 2 very young children I find it difficult
- Any
- Children's story club...but not just at the moment
- If there was any development of cultural events, I'm sure I could help
- Run the Tea and Tech Group that I would be happy to keep running
- Crafts... Homework help
- Community events like dances concerts bingo
- Book club!
- Yes I'd be happy to, but I don't think I have many skills to teach!! I work in biotech (science and biodiversity using DNA tech) and work majority in communications and marketing so would happily help folk with digital stuff or setting up their businesses online etc., or with digital design etc!
- Playgrouo would be interested in getting involved in some gardening projects with help from the community association and the wider community. I feel their expertise in gardening could really benefit the children and this could bring joy to both groups
- Sorry I don't have time
- As often as possible, between my day job
- But I'm prepared to help setting up for an activity or clearing up afterwards
- General help, don't feel I have specific skills
- Help out with youth club/after school activities
- Short courses in aromatherapy
- Getting too old
- Don't have time at present to be association member but happy to help with events / fundraising as required
- If available I'd like to help and will consider anything
- Have done my turn over the years
- Most activities
- Anything child/family orientated or fitness
- Table tennis
- Craft group
- Not sure about more commitments than currently offering but possibly

- I already help out with after school classed and crafting sessions
- IT for older people

18. Could you help us to expand activities and improve the hall in a different way?
For example:

Total respondents	38	
Total responses	78	
Fundraising	28	74%
Organising community events	17	45%
Joining the committee	15	39%
Practical support (e.g. building maintenance)	10	26%
Administering the social media for the Hall	8	21%

Other suggestions

If you have any further suggestions or comments, please let us know below:

- I had attended Pilates classes at the hall, but it became so cold, for example I needed to wear two pairs of socks and three layers of tops due to no heating, it became unsustainable, hence the move to Cromarty hall. Here the room is clean and carpeted providing a better environment with which to practise Pilates and yoga. The Burray Hall can fall short with a clean floor. I once had a drawing pin scratch my arm. Thankfully it was under my mat, so no harm done. I'm surprised adult exercise classes (other than 'accessible chair') wasn't on the list of activities that would draw me to using the hall more. I often look at and admire the photographs displayed on the Hall walls. I'm not aware of a photographic club in Burray, but I'm guessing there must be one. Advertising issue? Could the crazy golf be made more of? A regular club of 'crazy golfers'. Competitions? Or perhaps it's too niche? It's great to see there are lots of activities for children. When living on Papa Westray, there were lots of community gatherings during the Winter months, meals and dances, pizza nights with games eg a table tennis, indoor bowls and table top games. It got us out during those dark cold windy evenings. I am relatively new to Burray, so perhaps you do this already, apologies if that's the case. There is also the famous Papay coffee mornings every Wednesday. There are the regular 4 or 5 bakers to provide cake and those attending pay £1.00 for coffee/tea with free fill ups and £1.00 per cake. It helps raise money for charity and a great way for folk to meet for a blether. Have you tried a 'garden club'? I know there is one at the Hope, but a lot of folk seem reluctant to drive there, especially in winter
- Hall heating could be improved!
- It's great to have access to it and really value everything the committee and community association do. I would like to help more but young kids and already coaching sports
- I'm afraid I'm not currently in a position to help due to work commitments but I hope to be able to in the future
- Yes, I would rather pay for my child to attend events where adults have been paid to run it than have to attend with my child at free events
- I think the BCA is a well run committee and provides a good range of activities and I hope that it continues to build on from there
- Could the hall run a community shop?
- The committee is doing a fantastic job. Thank you
- I'd happily help with joining the committee or help with social media etc! I'd love to be more active in BCA
- I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work. The new look committee room looks fantastic and the Friday Club is being run very effectively. I do hope this club continues. Well done on the new play group equipment and seeing up the new book swap facilities
- The hall is a great asset to the community and all the people who keep it going are invaluable. As we are new to the village I would like to say a

massive thank you to everybody involved for their hard work and ongoing commitment

- I am happy to contribute to things but getting to old to run things. Have done my part when I was younger!
- I would just like to thank the voluntary committee for the funding they gave accessed and everything they have organised in the hall recently
- Just to say the amount of activity in the hall has been next level latterly. Really impressed with the amount of work being put in. Well done all!

Keep in touch

If you want to be entered in to the £50 cash prize draw please give us your details:

58 responses

General information

10 responses

1. How often do you hire the Hall?

Weekly	5	50%
Monthly	2	20%
Quarterly		
Several times a year	2	20%
On an ad hoc basis	1	10%

2. Do you use the Burray Hall because of its location? **Yes 9 (100%)**

3. Do you use the Burray Hall because of its facilities? **Yes 10 (100%)**

4. Do you use the Burray Hall because of its hire charges? **Yes 6 (60%)**
No 4 (40%)

5. If the Burray Hall did not exist, would you run your group at another venue?

Yes 7 (70%)

No 3 (30%)

If **yes**, which other facility would you use if the Burray Hall was not available?

Comments:

- Would probably try to arrange at school hall if Burray Hall was unavailable
- We would see whether we could hire the school, but the hall's where we want to be!
- Cromarty Hall, St Mary's Burwick? Group members' homes
- This would probably in the Hope not as convenient as more transport needed
- Cromarty Hall
- Cromarty Hall, South Ronaldsay
- Braeburn Court
- Probably not in Burray

Current usage

6. What kinds of activities and events do you hire the Hall for?

Private events	3
Concerts	2
Church functions	1
Weddings	0
Funerals	0
Coffee mornings	1
Exercise classes	1
Baby / toddler group	2
Senior citizens group	2
Plant and cake sales	1
Craft group	2
Committee meetings	2
Sports activities	1
Community group	2
Other	3

Other:

- Burray Photography Group
- The Ball group uses the Hall nothing else available in the area
- Book swap

Potential improvements and activities

7. What facilities in the Hall do you use currently?

10 respondents

21 responses

Main Hall	7
Meeting Room	8
Kitchen	6
Changing facilities / showers	0

8. Is the Hall a good venue for the types of events and activities you use it for?

Yes 4

No 0

Please tell us more

- We meet once a month and sometimes hold public events and the hall is a good venue
- We use the main hall for exhibitions of our photos, meeting room for photography discussion and practical exercises
- Needs better heating and storage
- Hall size is an issue for more than recreational play in our sport. The area does not allow for the most basic level of competition for more than one table tennis table play

9. What would make it a better venue? For example:

Improved heating	6
Better access (please describe below)	2
Hearing loop	0
Better acoustics and lighting (please describe below)	1
Fixed or modular staging (please describe below)	0
Improved broadband and WiFi	0
Computer access	0
Equipment (please describe below)	2
Improved kitchen facilities (please describe below)	0
Office space	0
Storage (please describe below)	6
Better parking	2
Cheaper hire charges	4
CCTV	1
Other (please describe below)	5

Other:

- Hall is a cold building and heating is sometimes broken down or insufficient. More storage space required for all groups. More parking for larger events. Hall could be more subsidised to ensure those using it pay a reasonable price. More fundraising required to ensure the hall remains accessible and affordable for all groups of people
- Would appreciate ready access to laptop and projector
- Cheaper hiring would be great as we are a small group on limited budgets
- Larger hall area
- It would benefit from some acoustic panels on the walls and ceiling, it would make it easier to communicate with other people at events and hear people speaking/singing clearly. Heavy curtains like Westray school hall around the hall could be another approach. The acoustic panels would be best though

Of these improvements, which would you be prepared to pay an additional charge for, such as 50p per hour? Please choose your top 3:

Choice 1

- Baking
- Improved heating
- Equipment
- Heating
- Other
- Acoustic panels
- Heating

Choice 2

- Arts and crafts
- Better access especially wheelchair users
- Storage
- storage

Choice 3

- Beauty
- More storage space
- cctv

Other suggestions

10. If you have any further suggestions or comments, please let us know below:

- We're very happy with the hall and its facilities – it's been brilliant for us and the BCA have been awesome too. We love coming! We think the charges really are very reasonable, other than for the sound – we just plug our laptop into the moveable speaker you have there in the cupboard but that costs an extra £30. The £40 hire charge for the four hours is very reasonable indeed
- I've answered this on behalf of Burray Photography Group, which has not met for many months, mainly because of my illness. Planning to start up again during March 23
- Hire charges reduced for seniors as on a smaller budget
- For TT the hall is ok for recreational use which appears to be the main requirement at present
- The hall is too expensive to run for a concert venue catering for 100 people compared to King Street Hall and other venues... (which are more central and therefore have a greater capacity for paying guests)

Keep in touch

If you can help support the development and improvements of the Hall, or you would like to be kept up to date with developments as they progress, please give us your contact details:

7 responses