

## Development of Wyre Community and Heritage Centre

### Summary

Development/upgrading of an existing building to ensure its continued use as a fit-for-purpose community facility for social events, meetings etc., housing and displaying an extensive heritage archive, and offering shelter and comfort facilities to visitors immediately adjacent to the major heritage sites on Wyre – Cubbie Roo’s Castle and St. Mary’s Chapel.

Proposed improvements include:

- environmentally preferable, fully weatherproof, durable and visually appropriate box-profile roofing;
- the provision of kitchen and WC/wash-hand basin/shower facilities;
- and
- heating the building in a more effective, economical and environmentally friendly manner via the installation of ceiling insulation and the use of locally wind-generated electricity.

### Aims

Ensuring the continuing availability and enhancement of the facility for social events and meetings of various kinds, including the periodic surgeries held by the Orkney and Shetland MP and the Orkney MSP, which is essential if the decline in the population of Wyre is to be effectively stemmed or, better, reversed. To maintain a facility for visitors to heritage sites on Wyre, for its archive of heritage information and for rest, shelter and conveniences at some distance from the Wyre pier.

Maintaining and enhancing the facility to increasing the number of visitors which will also contribute to the maintenance of a good level of ferry service to the island which is itself an important factor in maintaining/enhancing the population.

The project includes the following elements:

Financial Information	£	%
Total project costs	£61,407.03	
Total eligible costs	£61,407.03	100%
LEADER funding	£29,168.33	47.5%
OIC Community Development Fund	£29,002.00	47.2%
REW Development Trust	£3,236.70	5.3%

