

Explanatory notes re the Community Hub

In various community consultations there have been a number of needs expressed that do require a building in order for these needs to be fulfilled. The narrative in questionnaire mailed recently does give some indication of what we are thinking to do in the Hub. Included in the files here are draft plans for a new build; it does not necessarily have to be a new build, if an existing building became available then that could be seriously considered. Please do not think that any of this is a “done deal” or set in stone. When we could expect to achieve such a building would be determined by the revenues from the wind turbine and the competing demands on those revenues and by other grants that we could leverage in. Production of these draft plans was kindly funded by the Investing in Ideas part of the Big lottery fund as we described at the AGM 2008.

Over and above the activities described in the questionnaire we see the Hub providing a relaxed social drop in centre for the entire island. We DO NOT see it as replacing or competing with the Community Centre but rather as a complementary building owned and run by the island. A place to curl up in an armchair with a cup of tea and have a good blether with who ever is around; for those evenings when you don't feel like biding home but you don't want to do too much.

As we have said the plans are very much open for comments and suggestions. The Peedie Gathering area is intended as a space for our younger folk, the quiet areas for those that want a little more peace and quiet. The office space would be available to rent to bring in some income and hopefully encourage some folk to start up that business they have always fancied. We would intend to incorporate as much renewable energy and energy saving into the building as possible; this means higher capital costs but – hopefully- far cheaper running costs.

Anyway go and have a look at the plans and let us know what you think.