

## Carradale Village Hall

### Chair's Report

1 March 2025– 28 February 2026

For the benefit of those members of our community who may not be familiar with my previous reports our title deed states that the hall should be used for “all leisure, recreational and cultural activities” and the Management Committee do their best to ensure that, through our affiliated groups and events, the title provisions are respected and honoured. During the course of the year we had 11 Affiliated Groups, the vast majority of which continue to meet on a regular basis, although 3 Groups are not currently active.

The Management Committee also has the duty of looking after the building and grounds and, with regard to the latter, we are grateful to Johnny Durnan for his ongoing maintenance work on our behalf. With regard to the hall itself the most important project completed during the last financial year was the total refurbishment of the kitchen to a high quality commercial standard and if anybody has not yet seen the new kitchen a visit to it is warmly recommended. We did encounter a bit of a hiccup in that we were under the impression that as we already had a kitchen which was being refurbished, we did not appreciate that a Building Warrant was required so we were obliged to submit a retrospective application which, unfortunately, delayed the opening of the kitchen for operational use. I am pleased to report, however, that the kitchen was recently inspected by Building Control of Argyll and Bute Council and a Completion Certificate has now been issued. The refurbishment could not have been done without the generous assistance of grants from East Kintyre Windfarm Trust, Cour Community Benefit Fund and East Kintyre Community Fund to all of whom the Committee are greatly indebted. I reported last year that some of the fencing along the road had been damaged beyond repair when the oak tree was brought down but, as will be seen, new replacement fencing is now in place. During the year the Hearing Loop system in the hall was checked and the system has now been upgraded. The fire exit doors leading out to the car park which were damaged beyond repair during the January 2025 storm have also been replaced. Our next project will be the installation of solar panels to the hall roof for which a Building Warrant has recently been obtained.

The 100 club continues to be well supported and our thanks and appreciation go to Viv Campbell and Jean Campbell for their efforts in running this.

To conclude I extend my grateful thanks to all members of the committee for their various contributions and assistance throughout the year with particular thanks to Maryann Gosling for taking over the role of Secretary and to James McKinven for looking after reservations and the books and accounts. And, last but not least, our thanks to Tony and Margaret Leighton for preparing and presenting our 2 annual quizzes which make a very welcome contribution to the hall finances.

Alan G T Walker

Chair 17 June 2026

