DUNAVERTY HALL CHAIRMANS REPORT NOVEMBER 9th 2026.

I am pleased to report another successful year for Dunaverty hall. The hall continues to be very well used by the various user groups who have been very supportive of the hall since it was opened 10 years past in June this year. Tracy`s keep fit class ,Penny`s yoga class, the Friday night badminton club, the Wednesday morning warm rooms group run by Alison and Rose , Friday morning playgroup which seems to have an ever increasing number of kids, and the Monday afternoon bowlers all bring a regular income to the hall , and bring people together to enjoy the facilities and comfort of our community hall.

In addition to the weekly users the hall continues to be popular for birthday parties for people of all ages, and is used by many other groups on a semi-regular basis. Vaccination clinics, the church, SWI, The Kintyre Way , and MOWI are examples of some of the groups and companies who have used the hall in the last year. The Campbeltown Young Farmers club have also been using the hall for some of their activities, and Jessica Ronald one of their enthusiastic members has joined our committee and has been attending our meetings for some time . We are delighted to have Jessica with us.

When our treasurer Tim Allen gives his financial report you will see and hear that our financial position has improved substantially since last year. This improvement is mainly due to finally getting the renewable heat incentive payments restored by ofgem, which were stopped when the meters that determine the payments due to the hall became faulty. There followed a long period finding the correct meters, having them installed and then getting OFGEM to reinstate the payments. This was achieved mainly due to the hard work and persistence of both Tim and Dave Cook who had to spend an enormous amount of time and effort to satisfy Ofgem, not only reinstating the payments but providing all the data for the two years thereby getting a retrospective payment of over £14,000 , a wonderful result for all their hard work.

I mentioned in last years report that we hoped to have soler panels installed to help keep our energy costs as low as possible, and this is still our aim with possibly one or two EV charge points as well. We are getting competitive quotes for this work so that we can apply for funding to help to finance what would be quite an expensive project, but one that would be very beneficial to the long term viability of our hall.

The condition of the hall continues to be good with no real fabric issues to worry about in spite of the recent storms. The generator has once again proved its worth to the community with warmth ,hot water for showers and charging for phones and laptops etc available to all who needed. Special thanks to Fraser Cameron for keeping the generator fuelled up, and to the other volunteers who manned the hall during the power cut. During the year a new cold water tap was installed at the rear of the hall , mainly for the use of the community council gardening group which was established earlier this year. Our thanks to Alistair Mitchell for

installing the tap and for shelving the cleaners cupboard which has tidied it up and greatly improved storage .

Jane Whitehall has been clearing out the former post office, and now has dates from the PO to remove the safe and other items belonging to them. When that is done consideration will be given to how to best use this space.

To conclude my report , my thanks to everyone who has used and supported the hall in the past year, especially our committee for all their hard work throughout the year. There will be more change this coming year than for some time. Tim our treasurer has intimated his intention to resign after serving for five years in this job. We have been very fortunate to have had someone of Tims calibre as treasurer during what has been a difficult period. His, and Dave Cooks attention to detail was the reason that we had a successful outcome to the Ofgem saga and I am very grateful to them both for everything that they have done. Tim`s decision to give up the treasurers job means that we require to find a new person to fill this important role, and we are fortunate to already have someone actively studying what is involved and learning from Tim. Tim has very kindly offered to help whoever takes on this role right through to the end of the current financial year in May 2027.

Looking forward, I am sure that the hall will continue to be an important place for the Southend and wider community. The hall committee and the community council continue to work together and agreement has already been reached in principle, to purchase a robotic mower to keep the community sports field cut and in a tidy and usable condition throughout the year. Finally, my thanks once again to all the committee and volunteers who help and work hard doing all the jobs that need doing that benefit not just the hall, but the whole community. I have been doing this job for more than 10 years now , so when it comes to the election of office bearers I will be stepping down. I have enjoyed being part of getting this community building to the stage that its now at. I have enjoyed working and getting to know all the people who have served on the committee and helped in many other ways. Lastly my thanks to Inez whose constant love, support and (mostly) good advice, has been so important to me.

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