

## **Durness Parish Hall Committee**

### **Report to Durness Community Council      3 March 2025**

**Heating system:** the report and quote from the heating expert who visited the Hall is awaited; it is expected to recommend replacing the pumps as a repair would be uneconomical. We already have one quote so, together with this second one and the Business Energy Scotland report, we can now apply for a grant when the funding window reopens in March. Dunbar from Brora have been tasked to carry out a full electrical survey of the building.

**Maintenance:** the wooden floor in the sports hall has suffered further damage, apparently from water ingress (not heating system-related). A recommendation from several of those who have been assisting with the Hall's maintenance was the hiring of industrial strength heaters and de-humidifiers which are now in place.

**Fundraising: Whist Drive** - Wednesday 26 March, 7.30pm (*final meeting before the autumn*)

The recent Bingo Night was very well attended; £625 was raised.  
The Curry Night was also a great success with both sittings enjoying an excellent meal.

**Forthcoming events:**

- Scottish Opera** - Thursday 13 March, 7pm
- Concert: Cello** - Monday 31 March, 7.30pm
- Concert: Cuban Guitar Duo** - Monday 28 April
- Concert: Viola da Gamba** - Wednesday 11 June

A reminder that all Hall events are publicised on the Hall's Facebook account and by posters on local noticeboards. A new monthly calendar representation of all bookings is now posted on Facebook.

**Your Hall:** copies of the Hall Newsletter and community consultation questionnaire have been delivered to all residents; everyone is encouraged to complete the questionnaire (either on the paper copy or online) and submit it by Monday 17 March. The answers and ideas received will help us to plan events, develop the building and demonstrate community involvement when submitting funding applications.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish Hall Committee will take place on Tuesday 4 March at 7pm; all are welcome to attend.

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