

KADT Community Consultation Event

45 residents attended a community consultation event on 10th April, which focused on future plans for the McCosh Hall. The aim was to provide residents with an opportunity to speak on a 1:1 basis with the architects ARPL who have been appointed by the Scottish Land Fund to consult and prepare costs and detailed plans for a number of phases of work to the McCosh Hall.

Following a short presentation by the Chair, Jan Torrance on the progress of the acquisition work and relevant funding, ██████████ of ARPL Architects then spoke to the audience about previous work that had been carried out in 2021 and the process going forward to update these plans taking into account changes in use of the hall, the views of Trust members and residents in general.

Residents engaged fully in the process with a number of 1:1 conversations with the architect and group discussions with a number of helpful ideas on what they would like to see. There was nothing particularly new with storage, range of meeting rooms, access to toilets and the floor in the upper hall remaining the main concerns of residents. The boundary walls, trees and other external repair work were also mentioned.

██████████ then prepared some estimated costs splitting the work into essential repairs, renewables and development work reflecting the input from the community. These figures are included in the business plan and cover contingency of 10% and VAT at 20%. The Trust has had discussions with South Ayrshire Council, the Scottish Land Fund and NCCBC to ensure it can fund the necessary repairs and renewables. Further funding applications will be made to deliver the suggestions by the community for other necessary work such as storage and a new floor which will be crucial to the Trust's plans to increase the income stream of the hall in the years to come.

Trustees met on Monday 28th April to endorse the plans presented by the funding group. The Trust will also be communicating with our increasing members (now 72) and residents via our Facebook page, on our plans and timelines for funding and relevant works should our application be successful.