

# the RIVIE REVIEW



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## MORE THAN A HALL GREEN FOR GO

THE Big Lottery made it clear some time ago that they will not fund us simply to build a new village hall. They will consider funding a project that is in line with their **outcomes** and they must be against identified **needs**.

So, working with our advisor from the Big Lottery, we have developed a plan as follows -

Our project's identified **needs** are:

- Increased community space
- Improved community care both locally and in NE Scotland
- Improved and more inclusive access to local services
- Performing and Visual Arts space in the Formartine area

In order to meet our **needs** we will deliver the following **outcomes**:

- *Increased sustainability* within the community by establishing a social enterprise that will ultimately reinvest surplus funds back into the community
- *Improved quality of life* of both the local and wider community in NE Scotland
- *Increased skills, knowledge and confidence* through arts, heritage, provision of care and the operation and management of a social enterprise
- *Improved access to services* for vulnerable and isolated people within the community

The scope of the project involves raising the required funds not just from the BIG LOTTERY but from other funders, in order to finance the conversion of the existing buildings into lettable units (two of which will be suitable for respite), and building a new community centre on the Rivie.

Establishing a community based sustainable social enterprise focused around the centre will necessitate forming a trading subsidiary which will create employment opportunities and grow the heart in the community by encouraging greater participation in more community based activities.

## FIGHTING FUND NEEDS REPLENISHED

SO far we have raised almost £100,000 for the project. This includes the £21,000 raised by local fundraising in just one year - 2005. Since then, the CASCT committee has deliberately chosen not to undertake local fundraising for the project, preferring to support other activities to raise general community funds.

However, all of the CASCT funds have now been exhausted in paying professional fees as part of preparing our Big Lottery application. As a result, we have now started dedicated fundraising again to replenish our fighting fund. We have set ourselves a target of £10,000. This is required to ensure that we can cover the incidental costs that will inevitably arise between now and us being awarded grants by our main funders.

A flying start has been achieved through donations totalling £1800 from Canyon Offshore Ltd and the £420 raised at the Easter Sunday Coffee Morning.

Planned events include a Race Night on June 27 and Strawberry Teas on July 12, both in the hall. A Ceilidh featuring music from the excellent Danse Macabre will take place in the Victoria Hall, Ellon, on November 20. Also, a range of new greeting cards will be launched in early summer.

ON January 20, 2009, the (Aberdeenshire) Formartine Area Committee unanimously approved the planning application submitted by the Community Council on CASCT's behalf and granted a delegated consent to CASCT's plans to build our proposed new Hall and Community Hub.

This milestone decision gives fresh impetus to finalising CASCT's application for funding from the Big Lottery and other funders.

## MAKE YOUR VIEW COUNT

AS part of making our application to the Big Lottery, CASCT will honour its pledge to conduct an inclusive and independently verified postal ballot. All residents and house owners aged 16 and over of Collieston and Slains will have the opportunity to vote "YES" or "NO" in respect of whether you want the project to proceed.

An information pack containing numbered ballot papers and a stamped addressed envelope for returning the papers to Rev. Stephen Emery, our Independent Returning Officer, will be distributed during the first week of June. The votes will be counted on Thursday June 25 and the result announced at our AGM on Friday June 26.

If you would like further information about the project, or have any ideas about, or would like to help with fundraising, then please get in touch with any member of the CASCT committee. Remember, you can always donate to the project and, assuming you pay tax, every £1 donated is worth £1.28.