



## THE EASDALE ISLAND TRUST

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### ***To residents and home owners of Easdale island:***

#### **The Fish Hall / Drill Hall**

The Easdale Island Trust is in the early stages of formation and nothing is yet finalised on paper. It is my intention to donate or lease the fish hall to the trust in order that it may be used by you for something like its original purpose, i.e. as a community hall.

The purpose and aims of the trust are stated something like this:

*....a charitable trust established for the purpose of sustaining and enhancing the social fabric and promoting economic advancement of the Island community and its environs, in keeping with its historical background and with its location in an area of outstanding natural beauty. The trust will redevelop and operate the drill hall as a multi-functional building for the benefit of the people of the island.*

In the future the trust could operate the existing museum and any other facility or amenity that may be in the general interest of the Island community.

The fish hall is a unique building especially in terms of its interior timberwork, and my prime concern is to see it preserved in a way that will retain its unique historical atmosphere. But it does need quite a lot of renovation work, especially to the roof.

Last October we devised a project for some interior design students from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in Dundee. Their brief was to design a redevelopment of the fish hall as a multi-purpose building that could be used for a variety of purposes including museum, art exhibitions, functions such as weddings or banquets, concerts, meetings, lectures, and just about anything else you can think of, whilst retaining its character and historical background links. To make it multi-purpose implies that any semi-permanent exhibits like a museum would need to be easily moved to make way for other functions.

The students have completed their project and I have invited them back to the island on the weekend 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> April. I am proposing to hold a meeting in the Fish Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> April at which they will unveil their ideas to you. Afterwards their presentations will be left there for anyone to look at. I have had a preview of their ideas, some of which are quite stunning. Of course your own thoughts and ideas will be welcome at the same time. Or indeed at any time!

**Adrian Laycock**