

Outer Hebrides Community Energy Fund Case Study – Berneray Hall

Background

Berneray Community Association is responsible for the running of Berneray Community Hall. The hall is used by a variety of groups within the community, but suffered from a lack of energy efficiency. The group was keen to see an increase in energy efficiency to help reduce energy bills and increase community usage through the provision of a warmer, more attractive facility. The group owns a 6kW Proven Wind Turbine which feeds electricity into the hall, and increasing the hall's energy efficiency would also mean that better use is made of the electricity produced by the wind turbine.



Details of Work Carried Out

The group obtained funding from OHCEF to carry out energy efficiency work on the Berneray Hall building. This work included the replacement of ten windows and three external doors with double-glazed window units and more energy efficient, better-fitting doors, as well as the installation of cavity wall insulation in the external walls and loft insulation in the roof void of the games room.

Cost and Funding

Work	Total Project Cost	OHCEF Amount
Windows and Doors	£10,536.30	£10,009.49
Insulation	£2,622.90	£2,491.75



Results and Local Impact

The work was carried out in a timely manner and to a high quality, and has left the group with a more energy efficient facility which is easier to heat. The group hopes that the improvements will encourage more members of the community to use the hall.

Comments and Lessons Learned

The group found that proper preparation prior to the start of the project was key to ensuring the success of the project, and found discussions with Community Energy Scotland helpful. Having a project team dedicated to the delivery of the project and a clear project plan was also useful.

Jane Taylor, Chair of the Berneray Community Association, comments:

“We have had positive feedback from users – both visitors and locals alike. The hall committee are absolutely delighted with the results – the hall looks much smarter, is draught-free and is much cosier than before.”

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