



Introduction

This e-bulletin is the digital newsletter for all members of the Maryburgh Amenities Company Ltd. and is designed to keep all its members informed and updated. August has been a busy month. Volunteers have given up their time over two weekends to help with painting both the halls in the Amenities Centre. Progress is also being made by the consultants SKS Scotland with preparing a business plan for the community and there is more news from Grow your Own Cinema.



Maryburgh Amenities Centre after the Volunteering Day's.

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<http://maryburghhub.info/> and click on the Amenities menu item and select The e-Bulletin page.



SKS Scotland Update

SKS Scotland has been undertaking a programme of work in August to progress the transfer of the former primary school site from the Highland Council to community ownership.



Colin Duff of SKS Scotland has been in touch with various Maryburgh community groups and individuals such as the Ross & Cromarty Heritage Society throughout August in order to prepare a formal business plan to

assist with obtaining funding support from the Scottish Land Fund.

It is important that Colin is given as much support and help as possible if he is to produce a viable business plan for the community. This will then allow the Scottish Land Fund to provide the funding for the acquisition costs and revenue funding for up to 2 years on behalf of the community.



If any hall users, community groups or individuals are approached by Colin, please assist by providing as much information as possible to allow him to produce a viable business plan.

VOLUNTEERING DAY

The Volunteering day was organised by the Maryburgh Youth Initiative. This is a group of youth members who have got together after the closure of the Maryburgh Youth Club in 2015. These young people have been keen to take a more proactive role in the decision making processes around them.



After organising a successful fundraising stall at this year's Maryburgh Gala they organised a Volunteering Day and Slip "n" slide day.

Sunday 21st August - a day of renovation and a wee bit of recreation. Under the supervision of Rhiannon Elder (Youth Highland), the members of The Maryburgh Youth Initiative organised a fun day for the younger members of the community whilst the grownups organised their own fun in the hall with screw drivers, emery paper and tins of paint etc.



The hall, thanks to a number of volunteers, is now looking fantastic! The (once brown) wall at the south end is now magnolia, the walls are magnolia . . . it's amazing what you can do with a "job lot" of emulsion. The toilets are now, to say the least immaculate. What a difference a lick of paint makes! The small hall has

also benefited from a "make over", thanks to Eilidh and her little helpers.

Volunteers were kept from hunger pangs with hot dogs and burgers, plus a seemingly never ending supply of coffee and tea. Thanks kids!



The Slip and Slide looked like great fun . . . what better way to spend a day than sliding down a long plastic tarpaulin which is covered in soapy bubbles? Wonderful!



Well done to Youth Highland for a well organised fun day and in doing so raising £250.00 for their funds. Thanks to the willing volunteers for the hard work.

While the volunteers had worked hard all day the work still needed to be completed. Inspired by the Maryburgh Youth Initiative some of the willing volunteers returned the following Sunday the 28th August to complete the job.



The completed makeover of the two halls can be seen in the main image on the first page.



Maryburgh Youth Initiative Members

If the Maryburgh Youth Initiative has inspired you and you wouldn't mind helping out in future activities, why not let Jamie Dunsmore know jamedunsmore@hotmail.com.

Are you a young person in Maryburgh and would like to know more about the Maryburgh Youth Initiative then why not contact them at Maryburghyouth@gmail.com.

Grow Your Own Cinema



More news from another Maryburgh Initiative. Grow Your Own Cinema is a community cinema project with volunteer led screenings intended to bring people together socially and recreationally. This is

YOUR VILLAGE CINEMA

There is a meeting for anyone interested in the Amenities Centre Small hall at 7:30pm on Thursday 15th September. All welcome.

See poster included for more details:

Grow your own

CINEMA

A community cinema with volunteer led screenings intended to bring people together socially and recreationally.

Your Village Cinema!

*** Meeting for all interested in helping:**

Amenities Small Hall

Thursday Sept. 15th 7.30 pm