

LISVANE MEMORIAL HALL CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1 MARCH 2024 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025

This year, the efforts of previous endeavours have come to fruition, with the Trustees successfully executing over £50,000 worth of projects, with more on the immediate horizon. Users have undoubtedly noticed the marked changes, and I hope these improvements have enhanced everyone's experience.

However, the heating systems in both halls continue to face reliability issues, leading to multiple complaints during cold weather. The Trustees are committed to addressing these issues during the upcoming summer quiet periods to minimise disruption.

Most improvements to the Memorial Hall have been funded by Cardiff County Council through the 'Section 106' fund which is a mechanism where developers make financial contributions or other obligations to local authorities as part of the planning permission process for a new development.

In total for the council financial reporting year (Apr – Mar) we were allocated £80,000 and this has mostly been spent within our own reporting year (Mar – Feb). The projects in total have been: -

- A complete overhaul of the main hall kitchen
- Redecoration of the main hall and hallway areas

Phase 2 which should be completed by end of May 2025 will be: -

- Refurbishment of the disabled toilet
- Replacement of the older doors to match the wood finish doors completed some time ago
- Decoration and improvements to the stage blocks
- Upgrades to the sound system, including a new hearing loop.

The ongoing development planning for the rest of 2025/26 will begin early in the financial year and improvements to access to the premises, the hall heating system and solar panels will be considered.

In this year, the Secretary, Carol Barrett, has put an enormous amount of effort into changing the charity from a Charitable Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This has been a difficult and lengthy process but has now put the charity in a great place. The new status has led to a reduction in liabilities for the current Trustees and reduces potential barriers to entry for any future trustees.

Income from lettings remains very stable; despite having lost a key regular hirer during the year, this was offset by a new regular hirer and an increase in one-off hires.

In addition, over £2700 was raised by two fundraising events organised by the 'Lisvane Coffee Ladies' and the Lisvane Community Association. The Trustees extend their heartfelt thanks for their efforts.



David Cann
LMH Chair
9 April 2025