

## Community update and SCIO membership drive invite

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Our village hall charity has now been registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) SCO 50324. However in order to effect transfer of the assets from the previous charity structure we have had to undergo a charity re-organisation of the old structure on the insistence of OSCR the charity regulator. The necessary legal work for this process has been prepared and submitted to OSCR and is in process. As part of the SCIO registration requirements, a governing document, the SCIO constitution, had to be drafted and agreed by the lawyers (Turcan Connell solicitors acting on our behalf), and OSCR. The constitution also had to be compatible with the requirements of the major community charity funding bodies on whom we depend for grant funding and can be viewed on the village website [clachaninkintyre.org](http://clachaninkintyre.org). The 2 essential components of the SCIO, as set out in the constitution, is a legally held responsible Board of Trustees equivalent to the previous village hall Committee, and also a SCIO membership register. Membership is open to all Clachan residents, within appropriate post codes, over the age of 16 years. The reason why membership is restricted to village residents as opposed to include 2<sup>nd</sup> home owners and say people who might be employed in the area who might also be hall users, is to ensure that the community retains control of the important decisions regarding the assets held and other important community issues, as other parties might over time have agendas and interests that diverge from that of the primary residents.

The Board wishes to invite all Clachan village residents aged 16 years and over to become members of the new Clachan Village Hall SCIO by filling an application form that can be downloaded from the website, fill it in and post it to *Battery House, Clachan, Tarbert, Argyll PA29 6XW* or email it as a scanned document. Alternatively you can leave it at the village shop for collection. Application forms will also be left at the village shop. You can also simply send an email to [wardmask@btinternet.com](mailto:wardmask@btinternet.com) expressing your wish to become a Clachan Village Hall SCIO member and provide your name, address including post code and confirm that you are aged 16years or over and that Clachan is your primary residence.

There is no membership fee involved and no personal liability beyond the requirements of probity. By joining you gain voting rights at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings that might be held from time to time as outlined in the constitution, giving you a say in the issues that are relevant to our village hall charity and community. Members are also welcome to put their name(s) forward to become Board Members/Trustees at the first AGM (date to be confirmed).

**Clachan Village Hall SCIO Board of Trustees**