

Friends of Dunhill Hall

Renovation plans revealed

Local man Tony Hennessey has created an arresting visual image to guide the renovation of Dunhill Hall. Tony revealed the drawings to a large gathering of local people at a public meeting in October last year.

The drawings were unanimously endorsed and a number of useful suggestions were made which have informed the work of the Committee.

The renovation aims to reveal the hidden character of the building as well as providing the community with an attractive, welcoming and practical multi-purpose space.

Using different finishes on walls to the front of the

building and the roofing materials will make a feature of the footprint of the old Schoolhouse. The 2ft thick walls, originally built in the early 1840's, remain standing behind the current cladding of concrete.

The kitchen area, which is at an angle to the rest of the building, was the schoolmasters home.

While the renovation will retain the current footprint and internal layout, the toilet area will be reconfigured to provide disabled facilities. Landscaping to the front will provide a new pedestrian access and forecourt area.

Welcome to the first ever Friends of Dunhill Hall Newsletter - to keep you up-to-date on the progress of the renovation of Dunhill Community Hall



Artists impression of front elevation



Internal layout of renovated building

Planning Permission

Having met with Rose Ryall (Waterford Co. Co. Heritage Officer) we are assured that the Hall is not a listed building.

Consultation with the planning department identified two elements of the renovation that require planning permission - the pedestrian entrance and the roof-light.



Valentines Boogie a huge success

Rekindling memories of 'Parish Socials' and 'Macra Discos' the Valentines Boogie in February was a huge success.

The main hall of the GAA centre was transformed for the night - thanks to the creative skills of all involved. A big thank-you to everyone who helped out on the night and with the clean-up the next day.

A capacity crowd danced the night away to the fantastic sound of The Partners and WLR Fm's John O'Shea.



Fundraising

We have been in contact with Waterford Leader Partnership about funding. A maximum of 75% funding could be available. Leaving a balance of 25% to be raised by the Community.

Grant streams for this year are closed. However, we are preparing an application for the next round in 2014.

A group of over 40 people have come together as Friends of Dunhill Hall to assist with the planning and co-ordination of fund-raising activity. Activities to date (table quiz, Boogie night & donations) have realised approximately €25,000. The next big event is a Grand Auction on 4th May (details overleaf).

In October last the idea of a monthly door-to-door collection was proposed. This has the dual benefit of demonstrating community commitment to the project as well as raising necessary funds, and will be an essential element of our application to funding agencies. We plan to begin this in Sept/Oct 2013.

Grand Auction



A wide variety of products and services will go under the hammer on Saturday **4th May** in Dunhill GAA Centre.

Thanks to generous support from local businesses the range of items on offer is sure to whet the appetite of even the most discerning of auction goers. With the hammer in the experienced hand of Roddy Keighery competitive bidding and value will be the order of the night.

A great nights entertainment is guaranteed with comedy and a disco 'til late. Full bar facilities

will be provided by Harney's.

Experienced (and not so experienced) auction heads will welcome the opportunity to view the catalogue and items between 3-5pm on Saturday. The bar will be open from 7.30pm, with the first item under the hammer at 8pm.

A 'Grab a Bargain' table and raffle for a 16G i-pod nano, €100 Home Heating Oil and other great prizes means no-one has to go home empty handed.

Entry fee—€5 (includes the catalogue).

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Are you interested in seeing Dunhill Community Hall become a warm and welcoming community space once again ?

Keep in touch by 'liking' our page on Facebook—Friends of Dunhill Hall.

If you would like to help out with any of our activities, contact us at dunhillcommhall@eircom.net

Selection of items for Auction (confirmed @ 22/4/13)

Electrical

- Miele vacuum
- Nepresso coffee machine
- Panasonic i-pod dock
- Samsung 46" full HD LED TV
- Panasonic home cinema
- Gas BBQ

Entertainment

- VIP O2 tickets x 2
Fleetwood Mac
Michael Bubble
- Family day Tramore Amusement Park
- Children's party Dunhill GAA centre
- Guinness Storehouse tickets

Gardening

- Honda lawnmower
- Hedging and plants
- Landscaping services

Home & business

- Solid fuel stove
- Home heating oil
- Accounts package (software & training)
- Duine Beag Montessori voucher
- Car parking

Sport

- 2 x All-Ireland Hurling Final tickets
- Meet & Greet – hurling heroes
Michael 'Brick' Walsh or Tommy Walsh(KK)
- Green fees (various courses)
- Golf lessons
- Greyhound pup

Food & wine

- Restaurant vouchers (Copper Hen, Pisces, Sabai, L'Atmosphere)
- ½ day Ballymaloe cookery course
- Newbridge cutlery
- Wine hampers (World Wide Wine)

Designer

- Jewellery (Button & Co, Tuula Harrington)
- Louis Copeland
- Garrett Dillon bespoke furniture

Agri services

- Animal supplements
- Fencing
- Calf & yearling feed
- Silage wrap
- Universal tractor oil
- Plant hire