

Chair's Report – Aros Hall AGM 2024/25

It's been another busy and rewarding year at Aros Hall, and I want to start by thanking everyone who has made use of the space; from regular users and local groups to one-off events and visiting workshops. The Aros Hall lies in the heart of the town and holds a special place in the hearts of residents, and it's thanks to your involvement that it remains a much-loved space.

While the past year hasn't been without its challenges, there's also been a great deal to celebrate. Most notably, we ended the year with a net surplus of £11,012.24 - a reassuring sign that the hall is on a reasonable financial footing.

Throughout the year, the hall played host to a wide range of events and activities. From our fantastic regular hall users, to the beautiful displays of the Tobermory Horticultural Society Flower Show and celebrating our culture and heritage at the local Mòd. The Aros Hall continues to be a space to bring people together and celebrate community.

A real highlight this year came from the next generation: [REDACTED] from Tobermory High School chose Aros Hall as their nominated local charity for the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI). Their creative, award-winning pitch secured a fantastic £3,000 grant - a brilliant example of community spirit and youth leadership in action.

The Aros Hall was a bustling space over the festive period. Our Christmas Party and Hogmanay Dance were a hit - thank you to [REDACTED] for keeping everyone dancing. The 2024 pantomime, Cinderella, was a huge hit with the town and the effort involved in putting on the show is testament to the brilliant community that exists here.

The hall was able to support the town Christmas lights efforts by providing electricity for the new light dedicated to [REDACTED] which is cited in The Gallery courtyard. Thanks to generous support from MESS and Scottish Sea Farms Heart of the Community fund, we hosted free Christmas lantern-making workshops, culminating in a magical parade during the town's Christmas lights switch-on. We're especially grateful to [REDACTED] and the Mull and Iona Rangers Supporters Club, whose support made it possible to create a Santa's Grotto in Rainydays during the night of the switch-on. Every child who visited Santa received a free present. A huge thanks to Faith, who created a magical wee space for all our wee folk to enjoy.

In February, our annual Wine and Wisdom Quiz night brought folks together while raising funds for the hall. A huge thank you to our quizmasters - [REDACTED] - for hosting such an entertaining evening.

The Tobermory Producers Market, one of our key fundraising efforts, raised £3,287.76 in 2024. While this was a 14% drop from last year, mainly due to dreadful weather and the loss of some regular stallholders, we're grateful to have secured support from The Waterfall Fund to help boost promotion and grow the market in 2025. We're also thankful to Tobermory Harbour Association for providing the market site at a fair rate, and to Tobermory Distillery for once again offering their courtyard free of charge during the Christmas Markets, allowing us to welcome twice as many traders.

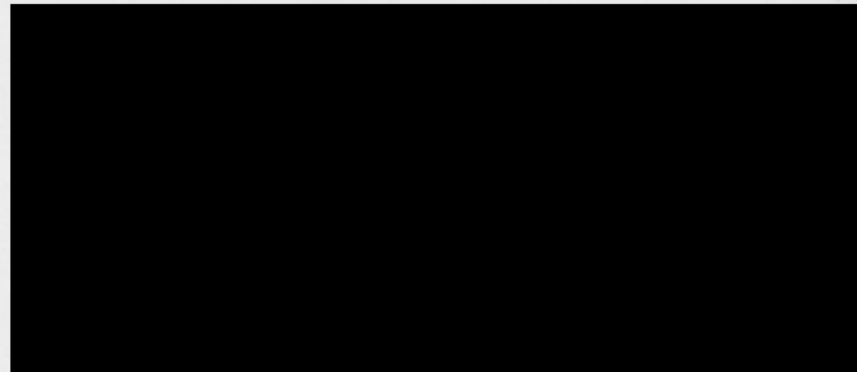
The MESS Island Castaways charity shop returned to the hall foyer from April to October, offering volunteering opportunities and raising funds for local causes. Meanwhile, the community fridge, also managed by MESS, continued its brilliant work diverting food from landfill and providing access to free food every day of the week. [REDACTED]

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our hall staff - [REDACTED] - who keep the hall running smoothly and looking its best. Your dedication is so appreciated.

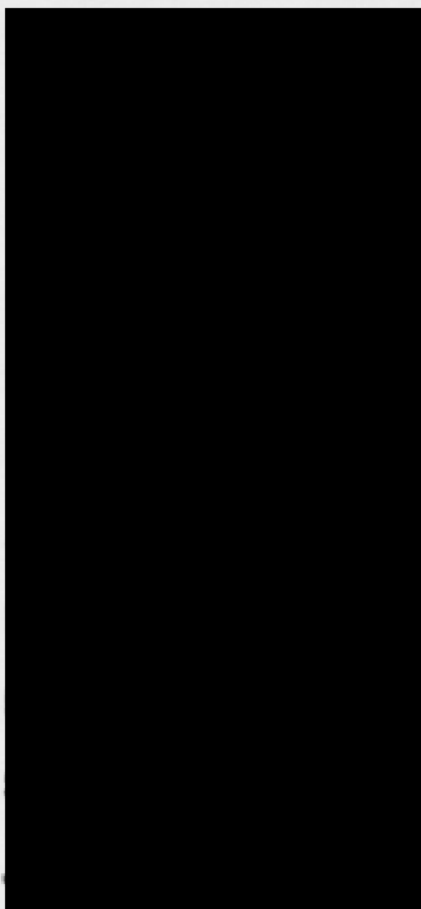
Thanks also go to our volunteer committee, who give their time to manage the hall on behalf of the community. This year we said farewell to [REDACTED] — thank you for your contributions — and welcomed new members: [REDACTED] We hope to continue growing the team in the year ahead.

Looking forward, we're excited about what's to come. Thanks to significant grant funding, we have ambitious plans to invest in and improve the hall's facilities, ensuring Aros Hall remains a welcoming and warm space for future generations.

Thank you all once again for your continued support.



Committee Members



**Aros Hall Management Committee
Income & Expenditure Account
2024-2025**

2023 - 24

2024 - 25

Income

14941.00
5281.36
2187.02

349.00
15.32
3000.00

3833.35

29.23

29636.28

Rental Income
Bar/Cafe
Donations
Fundraising (Net)
Soft Play
Bank Interest
Grants
Trustees bank a/c transfer
Xmas party
Markets (net)

13430.50
3113.32
3245.69
1633.13
378.00
6.81
5600.00
1465.63
1155.00
3287.76

Miscellaneous

Total Income

33315.84

Expenditure

9429.63
299.96
7250.58
3281.97
10459.18
340.67
367.85
174.40
22.19
77.40
82.84
160.00
268.32

831.00 retention

Wages
Telephone
Heat & Light
Insurance
Repairs & Replacements
Miscellaneous
Maintenance materials
(Extra) Cleaning Materials
Stat & Adv
PRS
Website
Gifts
Fire equipment checks
PAT Testing
Toilets refurb

10119.02
280.96
4402.92
4139.11
1730.76
162.80
619.86
300.78
11.00
166.76
209.98
160.00

33045.99

-3409.71

Total Expenditure

22303.95

NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

11011.89

Statement of Balances

11457.87
-3409.71

8048.16

Opening Balances
Surplus(Deficit) for year

8048.16
11011.89

Closing Balances

19060.05

Assets

41000.00

Heritable property (2002)
Fixtures & Fittings

41000.00

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the
trustees/members of

Charity name

AROS HALL

Registered charity
number

SC

027209

On the accounts of the
charity for the period

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

01

April

2024

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

31

March

2025

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page
numbers of additional sheets)Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's
statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [~~other than that disclosed on the attached page*~~]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

Date:

16/06/25