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# The Phoenix Flier

The official newsletter of the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project

June 2017

Lochgilphead Phoenix Project are a registered charity and Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the objective of the advancement of community development through the regeneration of Lochgilphead and it's environs by improving the physical, social and economic structure for the benefit of the whole community.

In 2011 we asked the community what they would like to see done to improve the town. Top of the agenda were improvements to front green, town approaches, the back lands and the Clock Lodge.

We have continued to lobby for the interests of Lochgilphead with frequent briefings for the Mid Argyll councillors and the Community Council amongst others.

These activities extended to making the case for improvements in the town at last year's Crinan Canal Charrette and for a significant proportion of the Council's Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund to be allocated particularly to improvements to the front green.

We are taking forward proposals for the development of a nature reserve at the Corran complete with a bridge from the Front Green and a connection to the Crinan Canal for safer pedestrian access.



The Clock Lodge last year, before work started

### Our Clock Lodge Story So Far...

When the Council decided to dispose of the Clock Lodge, it was marketed at £1, but no offers were recieved.

The Phoenix Project were given time to come up with a plan. We completed a detailed Option Appraisal Report with our partner the Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust.

Harbro then became interested in developing the

site by building their new Country Store on the adjacent land.

The Council agreed to transfer to us and for the subsequent transfer to Harbro, provided Harbro complete wind and watertight repairs to the Lodge and offer the Phoenix Project a long lease at a peppercorn rent to operate the building as a community facility.

Planning Permission was subsequently received.



The Clock Lodge after wind and watertight conservation work

Harbro have now completed wind and watertight works and now own the site including the Clock Lodge.

Phoenix have a 99 year lease from Harbro at £1 per annum.

We have secured a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Architectural Heritage Fund to work up the case for full refurbishment and have appointed a Project Manager.

A detailed proposal for a Youth Arts Base is being worked up with the Templar Arts and Leisure Trust (talc).

Other users will be required to build the robust business plan to enable funding the full refurbishment of the building as a community facility - if you know of any interested parties do get in touch!