

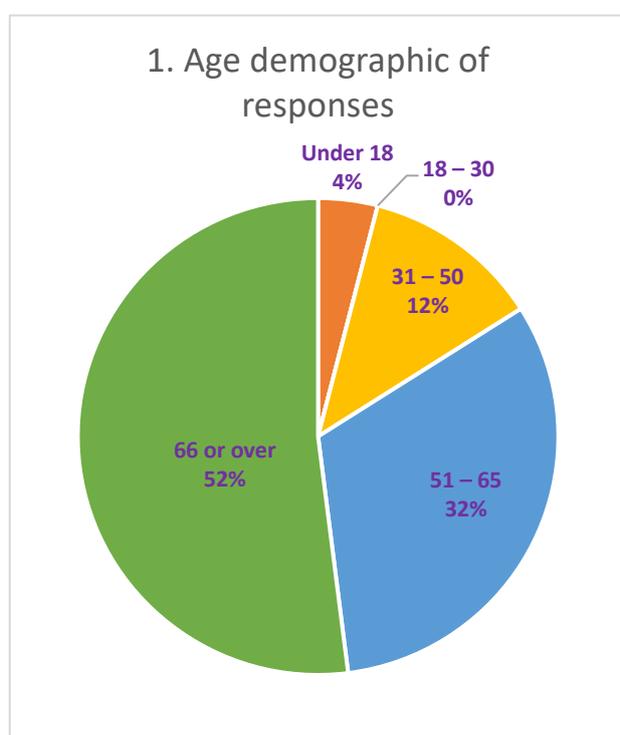
# PENNYGHAEL COMMUNITY HALL

## ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY SURVEY – January 2021



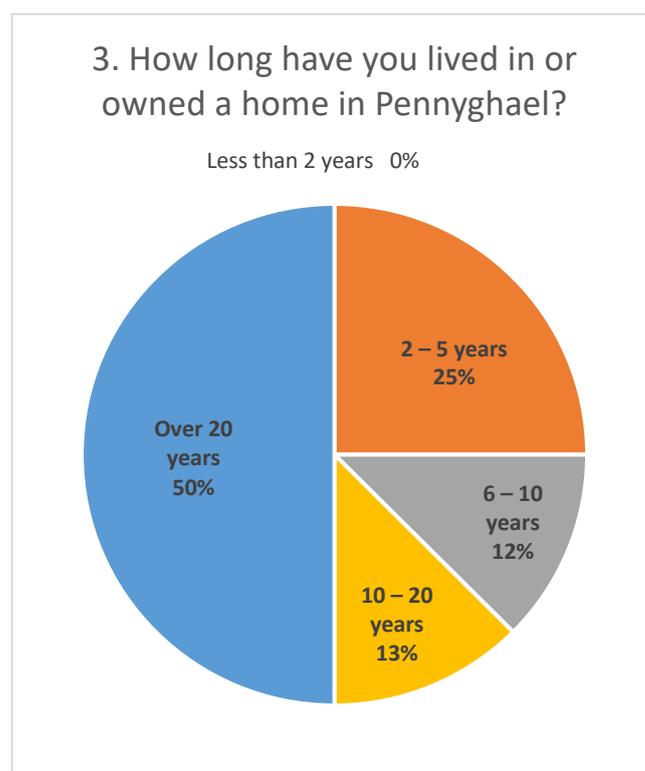
The Trustees of Pennyghael Community Hall undertook a Community Survey in January 2021 to evaluate and summarise the feelings and thoughts of the local community and to provide a set of goals and actions to be undertaken. It was envisaged that utilising this methodology was best practise to ensure that all members of the community’s points of view could be incorporated into future decision making. The Trustees are committed to being an effective governing body and the goals, priorities and or actions for the coming year will be reviewed as a consequence of the results of this document.

Fifty Community Surveys were posted out, with 25 responses being received. This gives an overall return rate of 50%.



**2. Gender**

Male	8
Female	16



**4. How many times per year do you visit the hall?**

None	1
1 – 3 times	3
4 – 6 times	6
6 – 10 times	2
More than 10 times	12

*(1 person chose not to select gender or how long they had lived in or owned a house in Pennyghael)*

## 5. What events do you attend?

*(Of the 25 responses)*

- 11 stated that they had utilised the hall through Public meetings
- 17 stated that they had utilised the hall through Occasional Social Events
- 5 stated that they had utilised the hall through Private parties
- 14 stated that they had attended one of the Pop-up cafes
- 6 stated that they had utilised the hall through Regular meeting of village organisations  
(One individual asked if there were any regular meetings of organisations)

*Added by member of public – 2 stated they utilised the hall for Voting*

*1 stated they utilised the hall for the Producers Market*

## 6. Please give your opinion of the facilities

Comments received were as follows:

### Accessibility

Fine for us, but not ideal for wheelchair users  
Is there a ramp yet?  
Need to sort disability access  
OK but worry about wheelchairs  
I do not like that there is not wheelchair access  
Wheelchair/elderly access needed at entrance and to toilets  
OK for able bodied people  
OK – but wheelchair access needs to be sorted out  
Not accessible easily for disabled – steps at front and inside to toilets  
Major problem – no disabled access  
In need of upgrading  
Needs disable access  
No problem for me as able bodied  
Not easy but disabled access needed  
Fine  
Not easy for disabled to enter hall or toilets  
Everything is OK  
No wheelchair access is pants!  
Like

### Main Hall

Overall fine for a village hall, although folding tables and chairs would allow greater space for some events.  
Nice enough, I've always though the seaside window should go to the floor  
I like the setup and the seating and tables but I find the floor gets slippery  
Good but underused  
Like  
Good  
OK – needs a coat of paint (as does the whole hall)  
Needs decorating and updating  
School room walls are damp, needs attention  
Re-decoration/better facilities for film projection  
Good  
A small squeeze in the passageway when something in main hall  
Everything is OK – sometimes cold  
Good room for social events  
Uninviting

## 6. Please give your opinion of the facilities

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### Kitchen facilities

Catering for larger events would be easier with good dishwashing/cooking facilities.

Need to be improved

Looks like it could do with more preparation space

Like

Workable but needs a serious revamp

Needs bringing up to standards for cooking and serving to public – complete redo in my opinion

In need of upgrading

Upgrade and new external door

If more events are to be introduced or hall used more for private functions then may need

Needs complete renovation

Very good but short on work surfaces

Not good – not acceptable for regulations

Acceptable

### Storage

Adequate for a village hall

Don't know

Seems OK

Freezers are great – can't comment on rest of storage

Not in a position to comment

Excellent in kitchen and cupboard in main hall

Requires upgrade

### Toilet Facilities

Adequate for a village hall

Are they still up steps?

It's a pity they are up a flight of stairs (wheelchairs)

I like the flooring but I find the doors hard to lock

Requires upgrade

Wheelchair access needed

Ladies is okay, Gents?

Like

OK but accessibility needs to be addressed

Needs bringing up to spec and should have M/F disabled toilet added.

Need to be updated, disabled loo needs to be on ground level

In need of upgrading

Good

Bit of an upgrade needed – loo roll holders

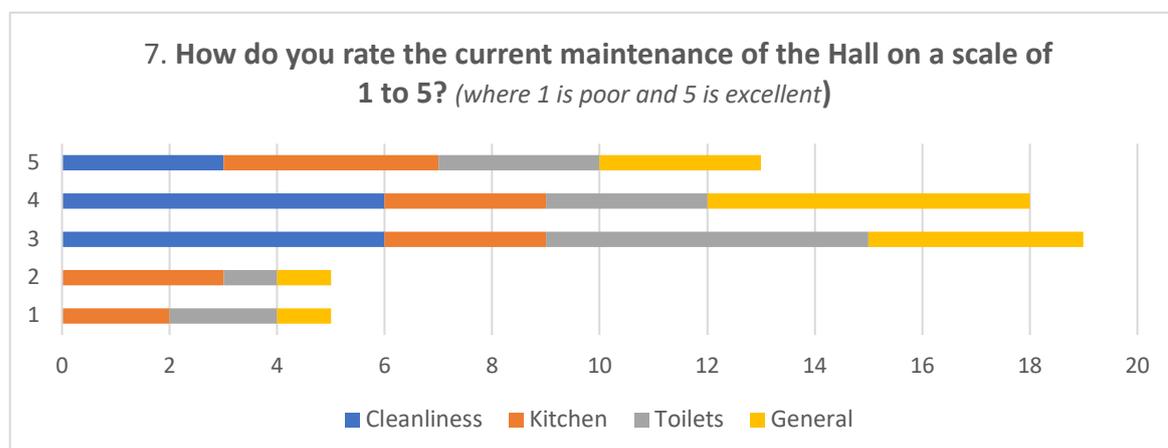
Improvement needed and disabled needed

Cold, but OK

### Additional Comments

Extreme condensation sometimes a problem at evening events, making floor slippery

These are easy suggestions to make but of course it all depends on funding



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Additional comments:

*“Maintenance of hall, once electrics finished, is OK for the purpose for which it’s used. Need to live within our means. Only worth a major upgrade if it is be run as a business, employing people rather than using volunteers.”*

*“Can’t rate as haven’t visited recently”*

*“Can’t rate as don’t know”*

### 8. What interests/hobbies/entertainments do you go to out of the village, which you would like to have at the village hall?

- Yoga
- Themed evenings with live music, markets-crafts, eating
- Social centre
- Local gatherings
- Chiropody, exercise facilities (there’s lots of rowing machines etc unused around the loch)
- Mull Makers as in Fionnphort and lunches as in Bunessan
- Music, other talks on local issues/nature; history meetings
- Musical performances
- Choir, eating out, book group, U3A
- We would love to hold arts and crafts workshops – as we have in the past – the hall attracted residents from all parts of the island in the past.
- Music/art/exhibitions/cooking events/film, but a real need for café/toilet facility in Pennyghael for tourists
- Live Music and food events; farmers/craft markets; photography exhibition/workshops
- There used to be a sports night with badminton, table tennis, pool and dominoes

*“Being more or less housebound, I cannot comment sensibly or constructively on earlier questions. However, I have a suggestion, It seems a great pity that, with the best will in the world, the PCH remains unused for a good proportion of each day. Is there any way that any part of the building could be used as a small business premises? The popularity of the pop-up café last year would suggest that something along those lines could be successful. The situation of the PCH is ideal – the idea doesn’t need selling.*

*I realise at least some of the problems that would need to be addressed – all the practicalities, legalities, finding a suitable candidate etc. but even if the idea is impracticable at this time, I would hope that the idea would not be dismissed for good.*

*I know the U3A has enjoyed using the premises .... Is there any mileage in promoting the venue for daytime courses during the off-season?”*

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9. How likely is it that you would attend additional activities at the Village Hall if the following were started?:

Of the 25 respondents:

12 stated that they would attend additional **Tea/Coffee drop in** sessions

13 stated that they would attend a **Pop-up Coffee Bar/Tea Room**

14 stated that they would attend **Social Events**

12 stated that they would attend **Regular quizzes**

12 stated that they would attend a **Film Club**

9 stated that they would attend **Fitness/Dance classes**

16 stated that they would attend **Live Music/Arts** events

the following stated they would attend under the section "Other":

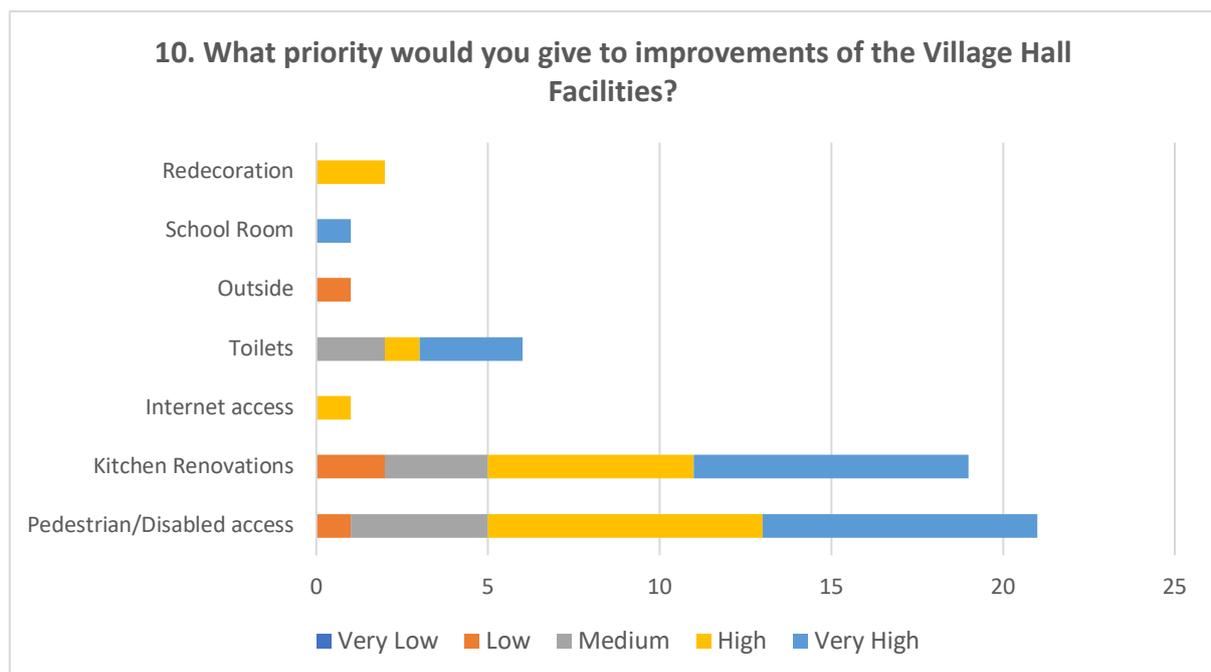
Exhibitions/galleries/lectures	3
Local events – sales	2
Whist drives	1
Bingo nights	2
General interest groups	2
Lunch club	1
Community groups (eg. Mother & toddlers)	1
Holiday Clubs (primary & teens)	1

Additional comments:

*"I'm getting a bit old for all this I'm afraid."*

*"All of the above, if I lived nearer."*

*"Day time cafes work well for tourists but not personally interested in using hall for this on a regular basis. Most interested in evening events which involve eating together – curry nights, Italian, Mexican etc. Licensed events not needed, could be better with BYOB."*



**Additional Comments to Survey**

“PS: Thanks for sweets!!!”

“Hard to imagine things returning to normal post-covid, but the Hall certainly has a part to play in bringing people together again and restoring our confidence.”

“Maybe useful to know if residents live here permanently or not.”

“I liked it when people took it in turns to arrange/or take responsibility for evening events so there was less sense of martyrdom that it is always the same people – not easy!! I would like to see Committee/Trustee meetings open to all with minutes circulated afterwards.”

**Jo Sinclair (Chair)**

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