

## **Stop Press Whitekirk Community Company Secure Scottish Land Fund Grant for Village Hall Purchase.**

**Well what a great Christmas present from the Scottish Land Fund who have awarded the WCC a grant of £39,500 towards the purchase of the hall from the Church of Scotland.**

I would take this opportunity to thank the Scottish Land Fund for all their assistance and advice with our application. This grant will allow the community to preserve our wonderful hall for generations to come, and the purchase of the hall will offer us a platform to continue the many improvements we have made over the last 10 years, that make our hall more useable. We still have some funds to raise so keep supporting our events.

I am also pleased to announce that we have secured funding of £6000 from the North Berwick Area Partnership. This funding has assisted in the installation of a disabled toilet for which works are underway at present. I thank on behalf of Whitekirk Community Company the North Berwick Area Partnership as this grant has enabled the hall to cater for all members of the community and visitors to the hall who may require these facilities.

The Whitekirk Village Hall is the only community facility and is used for various events including our Christmas Party (21<sup>st</sup> December at 16:00hrs) Burns Suppers, Quiz Nights, Wine Tasting, Ceilidh's and Music nights to mention a few. With the hall improvements we are looking to have an active programme of events during 2020 so keep an eye on our website and Facebook page.

We are also having our 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Ceilidh on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 to celebrate the work of so many people involved in making our community a great area to live. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the volunteers over the last 10 years, who have made this happen as well as all the community from all around the area for supporting our events.

David Warren

Chair

Whitekirk Community Company December 2019