

## Outer Hebrides Community Energy Fund (OHCEF) Case Study – Comunn Eachdraidh Nis Energy Efficiency Project

### Background

Comunn Eachdraidh Nis (CEN) is a Historical Society based in Ness, Isle of Lewis. The organisation has accredited museum status and boasts an extensive display of artefacts, photographs, croft histories, sound and video recordings and extracts from published material. CEN operates from an old school building which also houses a cafe. The school building dates back to 1879 and suffered from a lack of insulation.



### Details of Work Carried Out

The group obtained funding from OHCEF to carry out an energy audit of their building, Sgoil Chrois. This energy audit recommended measures which could be taken to make the building more energy efficient, as well as what types of heating and renewable energy technologies could be put in place. The group decided to carry out insulation work as the first phase of the project, and obtained further funding from OHCEF for this work. Kingspan internal wall insulation was installed in the Archive Room, Resource Room, Cafe, Display Room and Kitchen.



### Costs and Funding

Work	Total Project Cost	OHCEF Amount
Energy Audit	£2,106.00	£2,000.70
Insulation Work	£24,146.85	£22,939.51

### Results and Local Impact

The work has left the group with a facility which is much easier to heat. It is expected that the work will help to save the group around £1,000 per year on heating bills and around 13 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

### Comments and Lessons Learned

Anne Macleod comments:

“We are very grateful to Community Energy Scotland for their help with this project. The insulation work funded by OHCEF completely transformed the building, providing staff with a much improved working environment, as well as making it a more pleasurable experience for

visitors. The application and claim forms were relatively straightforward and Community Energy Scotland staff were very helpful.”

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