

Dear all,

** Update from Achnamara village Hall Committee **

Thank you to everyone who replied to Community Survey 2, or who gave their time to speak to the consultants who prepared the Feasibility Study.

The survey results are attached, and will be uploaded to our community [website](#)

The Feasibility study will be available from next week.

Please take a look through both and come back to us with any comments.

It was clear from both the Survey and the Study that some options better delivered against what the community said they wanted. This includes:

- securing the site of the current Hall
- exploring options for a new Hall site
- buying the pier, and land at the pier to improve parking and possibly provide toilets and showers etc
- buying forestry around the village to put the community in control of what any replanting scheme looks like, when felling takes place and allow the community to share in some of the income
- buying land for community led housing or for self-build plots
- buying land for a community hydro

We will now work with the consultants to prepare a detailed business plan and start making applications for funding. We also need to speak to Forestry and Land Scotland, about the extent of land they might be prepared to sell. One of the consultants, Gordon Gray Stephens will be helping us with this.

A lot of these projects will take 3-10 years to develop so, assuming we get the go ahead to buy the land, it will still be some time before anything changes on the ground. We will continue to ask the community how they want things to develop.

There was little appetite it seemed for the community to look at buying the school so we have decided not to proceed with this for the time being. Should the school close and the Council offer it to the community, we can think again then about what could be done with it.

As always, if anyone has any questions or wants to find out more, please feel free to contact any member of AVHC:

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** Café Connect: [tomorrow](#), [Saturday 27th](#) April 2019 **

Louise advises that her daughter Teri will be coming [tomorrow](#) with her Neal's Yard Remedies [Neal's Yard Remedies](#)

Regards,

Steve Benham.

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