

# Colinsburgh Town Hall Vision Statement

Colinsburgh Town Hall, built in 1894, owned by Colinsburgh and managed by the Colinsburgh Community Trust Charity provides a facility for a large number of community projects, services, and events. The building, whilst essentially sound following a number of upgrade works funded by successful grant applications and fund-raising, still requires **renovation across a number of areas** to ensure it remains a usable, safe, and comfortable environment for the foreseeable future. **Storage facilities are stretched**, and the potential loss of the Galloway Library will mean a number of community organisations who use it will need to relocate to the Town Hall, **putting extra pressure on the current space available**. The Town Hall is also **not very energy efficient**: it is **poorly insulated** and uses **expensive wall-mounted electrical heaters**. There is practically **no parking** available on the site and **nowhere to store bikes**.

In the future, following the delivery of the Colinsburgh Town Hall Improvement Strategy funded by successful **grant applications from a wide range of providers**, the Town Hall will be fit for purpose and fit for use. It will have had **all essential maintenance work** carried out on the internal and external fabric of the building to ensure that the Hall environment is safe, dry, and weather tight. The outstanding work on the **large window** will have been completed. All internal **fixtures and fittings will be serviceable and operational** or have been replaced. The hall will have been **rewired**. A fast **Wi-Fi** connection will be in place. All internal spaces will be **redesigned** where required, and the **main wooden floor and entrance lobby tiling renovated**. **Extra parking** will be provided, including access to **charging points for EVs**. All these works will have been **scheduled to minimise the impact** on activities. A **maintenance schedule** will be prepared and kept up to date to help plan future grant applications to fund the work. **Additional storage/activities space** will be enabled or provided which will also ensure that organisational activities relocated from the Galloway Library are **satisfactorily accommodated**.

An **efficient and sustainable energy generation and storage system** will be provided. **Surplus energy** will be utilised for the benefit of the Hall and local community. The current heating system will be removed and replaced with an alternative, **more efficient heating solution, professionally designed** for large, high rooms with an intermittent heating demand. Attention will be paid to **improved insulation** where this is affordable and viable. This will **reduce energy-running costs** and **support the Green agenda**.

The delivery of this vision by the strategy will make Colinsburgh Town Hall a highly attractive, usable, and desirable facility, both for existing organisations and activities (and any new ones) for the foreseeable future.