## Number 1 - Colinsburgh Town Hall



Built in 1894 in characteristic dark (basalt) whinstone with blonde sandstone dressings with a massive front porch, used to provide shelter for coaches. Its south-facing gable window provides good natural light to the large hall space inside. The Town Hall is now used as a venue for numerous village events. There is also a free herb garden on the Western side of the Hall.

The 'Annals of Colinsburgh' written in 1896 by the Reverend Robert Dick of Colinsburgh relates the following about the building of the Hall:

"By permission Of the School Board, the schoolroom has since been used for all public gatherings, but it was felt that a larger and more convenient hall was required. At length in 1882, Lady Coutts Lindsay — who always took a warm interest in the well being of Colinsburgh, held a Bazaar in Balcarres House to raise funds for the purpose, and about £250 were realised. This proved insufficient for the purpose, and the matter was held in abeyance for a time, until Mr Scott Davidson Of Cairnie took it up with characteristic energy, and carried it through to a successful completion.

In1893, a bazaar was held in Balcarres Grounds on the day of the annual Flower Show, when most valuable assistance was given by Eudoxie, Countess of Lindsay, and the other ladies of the county families, and a further sum of about £900 was realised.

In the following year a large and commodious hall, comfortably seated for three hundred, was built at the east of the public schoolroom, partly on the site of Lady Lindsay's sewing school; and it was formally opened by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Crawford on the 25th October 1895, and it will no doubt be a great public boon for many a year to come to the inhabitants of Colinsburgh and surrounding neighbourhood."