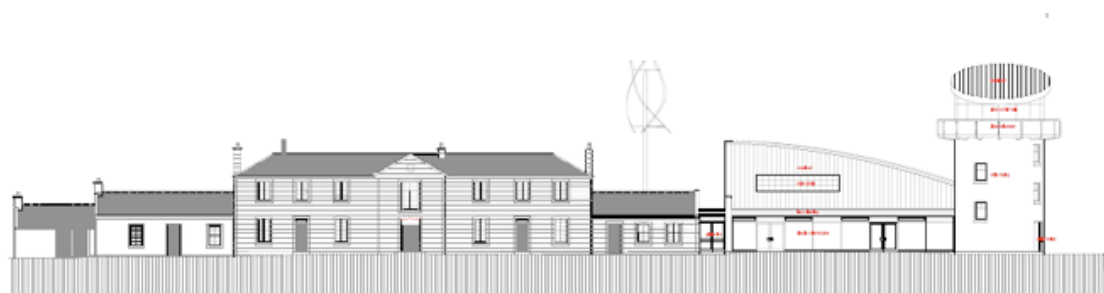


Lambhill Stables - Chairs Annual Report 2008/2009



Overview

The Lambhill Stables development is an innovative proposal being developed by Lambhill Stables - a charity and company limited by guarantee to restore and develop the former Grade C-listed Lambhill Stables building in the North of Glasgow as a key community asset. It grew out of a close partnership with the Coach House Trust and other key stakeholders, including the Glasgow North Regeneration Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage, British Waterways, the Waterways Trust for Scotland, the local community planning partnerships and the Community Health & Care Partnership.

The 580m² development involves a mixture of restoration work and new build, including office and training space, conference facilities, workshops/studios for hire, a kitchen and café area, a visitor amenity and a viewing tower. There will be a multi use 'social corridor' that will link the new and old building. The visitor attraction will be formed by working closely with Scottish Wildlife Trust & Scottish Natural Heritage with a view to eventually become a full visitor centre that will have an ecotourism appeal.

The redeveloped building will see the organisation providing a range of services in support of these key themes, including supported training & employment opportunities; training and learning classes; a working garden linked to canal and local regeneration and grounds maintenance; recycling activities; a renewables energy test centre; a kitchen, café and catering services; increasing awareness of cultural and natural heritage; a visitor

amenity linked to the Possil Marsh Site of Special Scientific Interest; and a youth learning and engagement resource.

The project will be focused on helping a wide range of people in the area, including those with mental or physical problems and long-term unemployed.

Highlights of 2008/2009

It has been an exciting year for Lambhill Stables, we have had to overcome several knocks but and now have gained the required funding to start the building project and are taking on new members of staff. The Highlights of the year has been as follows:

- Gaining a grant to cover 50% of the capital cost of the restoration from Big Lottery. This came to £384,279 and was the key to securing the other capital funding for phase 1 of the project.
- Gaining funding from our other key stakeholders City Growth Fund, Glasgow City Heritage Trust and North Glasgow Community Planning Partnership to take the total capital package over £700k.
- Gaining venue funding from the Climate Challenge Fund that will help employ staff.
- Gaining funding from Glasgow City Council Social Work department to take on staff to manage people on community service orders.
- Development of the community garden that has included building paths, a dry stonewall structure and growing a huge potato crop.
- A successful joint public meeting with Lambhill Community Council to increase membership and develop stronger links with the community.

Chair's statement

At the start of year we were struggling with submitting a Big Lottery application that was acceptable to the agent of the Big Lottery. We were short of revenue funding to pay our only member of staff, our project manager Allan Grant or to pay for the rent of our office in Ardoch House. Unfortunately we

had to consolidate the situation by making make Allan redundant and moving the office into the mezzanine level of our unit in Balmore Industrial Estate. The company has managed to pull through this difficult situation and has been successful by adjusting our business plan and gaining funding from our stakeholders. Particular credit for this must got to our business advisor Alastair McNeil, our project management consultant Don Lochrie, our gardener and artist/architect Robert Niven and finally the driving force behind the whole project Director David Cruickshank and the rest of board. Gaining the funding that we have is just the start of the project, the real work starts from here.

Kieran Wild

Lambhill Stables Chair