

## KIRKBY LONSDALE TOWN COUNCIL, 3 NOVEMBER, 2021

### LUNESDALE HALL, KITCHEN UPGRADE

1. As Town Councillors will be aware the Lunesdale Hall Management Committee has embarked on a programme of improvements over the last two years. The Town Council has been very supportive of this programme and the Hall Committee is very grateful for the financial support that has been forthcoming.
2. The Hall has been able to attract a number of significant events (eg weddings and celebrations) and more recently has become a venue for Community lunches run by the local volunteers.
3. The kitchen facilities in the Hall are sufficient for coffee mornings and similar small-scale events, but are not really up to modern day standards for larger events and some of the equipment is now past its best. In order to cater for community lunches and to attract more weddings and larger events the Hall Committee are looking to upgrade the kitchen facilities. Various quotes and advice have been sought and the cost of purchasing, fitting and installing a catering cooker, cooker hood, fridge/freezer, warming cupboards, a commercial microwave, a commercial dishwasher and ban marie is in the order of £11,000. Costs may rise with the fitting of new floor covering and stainless steel splashbacks and covering of work surfaces.
4. Because the Hall has been instrumental in providing community lunches, Cumbria County Council has already agreed a grant of £3,000 and is currently considering a further grant of £1,500. The Hall's 100 Club has agreed a contribution of £1,000.
5. Upgrading the kitchen in the Lunesdale Hall would be a significant long term addition to the offer that can be made by the Hall to the facilities on offer in the Town. **If the Town Council were able to contribute £1,000 to this initiative**, then it is likely that the Hall would be able to fund the remainder of the cost and upgrade the kitchen facilities early in the New Year.

(Councillors Ree and Burchnall)