

News Release

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LORD PROVOST JOINS RESIDENTS OF MARYHILL FOR THE OPENING OF ACRE HALL

Friday 19th October 2007 - The Lord Provost, Bob Winter, joined mums, children, residents, and local representatives today to celebrate the £50,000 refurbishment of Acre Community Hall in Maryhill.

Acre Hall was delivered on a lorry in two parts 13 years ago, gifted to the Acre tenants in Maryhill by the Urban Funding Project. Today, the community facility has been transformed, thanks to a generous £25,000 donation by Morris & Spottiswood which has been match funded by Glasgow Housing Association's Wider Action Programme involving Summerston Acre Local Housing Organisation.

Leading fit out, housing & maintenance provider Morris & Spottiswood offered to fund the much needed refurbishment of the hall as part of its 'work in the community' programme. The monies donated by both Morris & Spottiswood and Summerston Acre Local Housing Organisation, have paved the way for the installation of a new kitchen and modern appliances, new windows, heating, lighting, floor coverings, sanitary ware, entrance doors and alarm systems.

Acre chairperson, John Team, says the improvements to the hall will mean a new lease of life for the local community. "The hall provides vital services such as a play scheme run throughout school holidays, functions, hall lets, pensioner clubs and various children's events, all of which wouldn't be achievable without the help of our volunteers. This is a much loved facility but it was becoming quite dilapidated. Thanks to these improvements, I am confident it is going to be an even greater asset to the community.

Commenting, Dougie Bennett, managing director of Morris & Spottiswood's Housing and Maintenance division, said, "Giving something back and making a difference in the communities in which we work is an integral part of our business. We try to identify how we can contribute long-term benefits to the community, rather than "quick fixes", and we are delighted that together with the Summerston Acre Local Housing Organisation we have been able to do this for their local community.

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