

Historic tenement back in use....

.....from Campbeltown THI



Front Elevation - Before



Front Elevation - After

Location: Kirk Street, Campbeltown

Empty for over 10 years

Another historic tenement in Campbeltown town centre has been saved via the Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI). The category C(S) listed early 19th century tenement had lain vacant for over 20 years and had fallen in to a serious state of disrepair, causing damp ingress in neighbouring buildings and ruining the historic streetscape.

In 2009, Argyll and Bute Council secured Heritage Lottery Funding for the Campbeltown THI, a heritage led regeneration scheme that aims to provide a sustainable economic future for Campbeltown town centre by repairing and conserving its built heritage. As a named target building for the THI, due to its historic importance, prominence in the townscape and deteriorating condition, grant funding was ring fenced for 13-15 Kirk Street.

A local property owner purchased the building from the Crown with a view to fully refurbishing the building, bringing it back in to use as four rental flats. From that point Campbeltown THI staff worked in partnership with the owners as they carried out a procurement exercise that led to the appointment of their Design Team, secured match funding and developed the design that met the eligibility criteria of the THI grant. Additional support including a grant to complete the project budget was made available from Argyll and Bute Council Housing Services staff.

The work started in September 2012 and was carried out by local contractors, using traditional methods and materials. The building was in such a poor condition internally that only the four walls and roof remained. THI staff arranged an official opening ceremony in August 2013 when the transformed building was unveiled by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

All four flats are now rented out privately. THI and Housing Services staff are now in the process of securing an agreement and a funding package that will result in the vacant tenement at 50-52 Main Street / 2 Cross Street being brought back in to sustainable use.

Total project costs were £356,000. Funded as follows; THI £176,000, Housing Services £40,000, owner £140,000.



Internal - Before



Internal - After



Rear Elevation - Before



Rear Elevation - After

Photos and details provided by James Lafferty, Campbeltown THI, Argyll and Bute Council.

For more information on Campbeltown THI, visit the THI web pages at:

www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/CampbeltownTHI