

A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR DORNOCH?

Aims of Meeting

- **To raise awareness of the new-build project**
- **To answer any questions that you may have**
- **To kick-start the Community Consultation process**
- **To recruit 'ambassadors' for the questionnaires**

How Did We Get Here?

- Social Club main building built in 1845 (as a school)
- Struie Room extension built in 1885
- Toilet / Kitchen / Bar extension built in 1980
- Dangerous building notice forced closure in 2006
- New committee elected 2007
- Community survey conducted in 2008
- Feasibility Study completed in 2009
- Building purchased from Trustees in 2012

Options Considered

Do nothing	Not practical as major investment will be required.
Expand on-site	Limited options & space. Access problems. Cost.
Dornoch Academy	Parent Council not willing. Too far out. Access & parking.
Abattoir site	ANM approached but were unwilling to sell. Too costly?
Glebe Field site	Cost & time of purchase. Cost of services? Planning?
Court House	Too small. Too costly. Disability issues. Parking.
Police Station	Still used! Time-scale? Cost of purchase?

Meadows Park

- Preferred option in Feasibility Study 2009
- Zoned for Community use in local plan 2010 (Section C1)

Potential for development of community centre subject to suitable access, landscaping, siting and design.

- Site availability confirmed by Trustees in 2013
- Unites a number of local community & sports facilities
- Room for future expansion
- No perceived planning issues
- No insurmountable roads department issues
- All services already on-site or adjacent

Big Lottery

Growing Community Assets

G.C.A. is designed to support communities to take more control & influence over their own future through ownership of assets. These are usually physical assets, such as land, buildings or equipment, but may include other types of asset such as energy.

- Funding of up to £1 million for 'community assets'
- Funding availability guaranteed until 2014
- Excess funding due to Olympics 'under-spend'

We want to fund projects that deliver the following four outcomes:

- *Communities work together to own and develop local assets*
- *Communities are sustainable and improve their economic, environmental and social future through the ownership and development of local assets*
- *Communities develop skills and knowledge through the ownership and development of local assets*
- *Communities overcome disadvantage and inequality through the ownership and development of local assets.*

Community Consultation

Community Questionnaire Paper-based and on-line.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/dadcasurvey

Social Club Users Letters, questionnaires, meetings.

Adjacent residents Letters & possible meeting.

Letters of support Public bodies, elected members,
Social Club users, individuals.

Public meeting Friday 19th April – 7.30

Action Points

Questionnaires

Maximum coverage & completion rate

Volunteers

Contact local residents (25 x 20 = 500)

Raise project profile

Website, Facebook, Twitter, posters

Letters

Existing Social Club users (with modified questionnaire).

Adjacent residents (Sinclair Court & Gamesview -> Tigh Na Oir)

Public bodies (Police, Fire, Medical)

Other halls (West Church, Clashmore, Free Church, Masonic Hall, etc.)

Elected members (MP, MSP, MEP, HC, CC)

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