

A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR DORNOCH?

Dornoch & District Community Association (DADCA) is looking to replace the Dornoch Social Club with a new Community Centre on Meadows Park. **We need your help to drive this plan towards reality.**

In 2009 a Feasibility Study highlighted Meadows Park as the preferred site for a new Community building, but the project was put on hold to allow Dornoch Academy Parent Council the best chance to develop the Sports Hall. Now that this is part of the Highland Council Capital Programme, the DADCA Board believe the time is right to press ahead with the new Community Centre idea.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of the community, the Social Club is now extremely well used (we regularly have to turn bookings away due to lack of space) and is self-financing on a day-to-day basis.

However, aware of the structural problems which led to the hall being closed down in 2006, DADCA commissioned a number of professional building surveys (structural, timber, environment, access, etc.) which suggest that over £1m will be required to bring the Social Club up to current standards! Also, this would still leave us with (amongst other things) a main hall too small for some events, poor disabled access, limited parking and high running costs.

Therefore, we believe that the best solution is to aim for a new building to meet the needs of a growing community in the 21st Century.

In 2011 we asked the Trustees of the Social Club if they would be prepared to sell the building to DADCA. They agreed to do this and the purchase was completed in 2012. This means that the Social Club is now a community asset which could eventually be sold to part fund a new building.

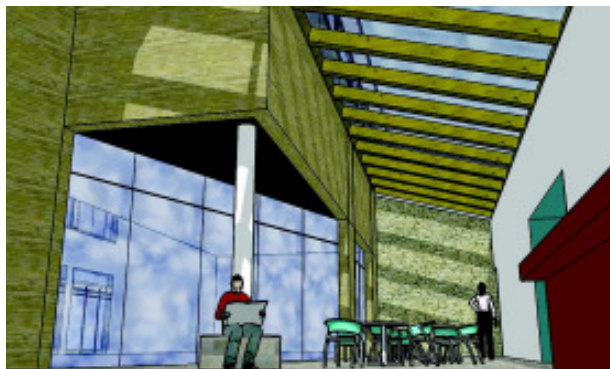


However, we would still need a substantial grant to allow the project to proceed, and so we approached the Big Lottery. We now believe that we could qualify for their Growing Community Assets fund, although a condition of this fund is that any building

must be built on land owned by the applicant.

We then discussed this dilemma with the Trustees of Meadows Park and thanks to their vision and foresight a plot has been made available there (conditional on our getting the Lottery money).

Therefore, we are now in a position to proceed with our Lottery application, but before we do we want to make sure that our ideas match yours.



The following survey is a chance for you to tell us what facilities YOU will need (and use) in YOUR new Community Centre.

There is a separate sheet inside which we hope will answer some of the questions you have about the project, but if you have any other questions not answered here

then please contact any one of the DADCA Board in person, via email info@dadca.org.uk or by telephone on (01862) 811898.

Completed questionnaires must be returned by Monday 8th April 2013
Results will be presented at a public meeting in the Social Club on Friday 19th April
We aim to submit the initial Lottery bid following the DADCA AGM in June

DADCA

**DORNOCH & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



Q1 - Existing Social Club : First, we would like to hear your views on the existing Social Club.

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| 1.1 | When were you last in the Social Club? | <input type="checkbox"/> Never | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 week | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 month | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year | <input type="checkbox"/> More | |
| 1.2 | How many times a year do you visit? | <input type="checkbox"/> Never | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 7-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 13-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25+ | |
| 1.3 | What is your opinion of the building? <i>(tick one box)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Awful | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Great | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |
| 1.4 | What type of events (if any) do you attend <i>(tick all that apply)</i> ? | | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Classes | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Fairs & workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Supprt Group | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Bowls | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Dornoch Cinema | <input type="checkbox"/> Pilates / Tai Chi / Yoga Classes | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Dornoch Festival Week | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Parties | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Dornoch Youth Cafe | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales of work / Car Boot Sales | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Fibre Fest | <input type="checkbox"/> St Andrews Fair | | | | | |
| | Others | | | | | | |
| 1.5 | What, if anything, puts you off from attending events in the Social Club <i>(tick all that apply)</i> ? | | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad acoustics | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Facilities | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Can't be bothered going out | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Heating | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Lighting | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult pedestrian access | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Location | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know what's on | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Toilets | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> No events interest me | <input type="checkbox"/> Uncomfortable seating | | | | | |
| | Other | | | | | | |

Q2 - New Building : From what you have read and your experiences of the existing building, we would like to know your views on a possible new Community Building.

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| 2.1 | Do we need one? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Care |
| 2.2 | What facilities do you think should be included in a new building bearing in mind they must be financially viable? <i>(n.b. these are just suggestions, not definite plans!)</i> | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Catering Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> IT Suite (Wi-Fi hotspot) | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Rooms | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing Wall | <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Area | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Lounge | <input type="checkbox"/> Play Area | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Suite | <input type="checkbox"/> Sauna | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Function Suite | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Court | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Five-a-Side pitch | | | | |
| | Others : | | | | |

Q3 - Fitness Suite : One of the ideas for a new building would be to include a fitness suite with changing facilities & showers, etc.. We would like to know your views on this idea.

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| 3.1 Do you currently attend a fitness suite? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 3.2 Do you think we need one in Dornoch? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 3.3 Would you use it yourself if we had one? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe |
| 3.4 Would you sign-up for a monthly or annual subscription? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe |
| 3.5 If so, how much would you expect to pay per month? | £ | | |
| 3.6 What items of equipment should it contain? | <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> | | |

Q4 - Group Memberships : To ensure that we consult as widely as possible it would be good to know what other local groups or organisations you interact with.

4.1 Please tick any of the following groups that you belong to, attend or support.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Allsorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Hogmanay Street Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Dornoch City AFC | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Bowling Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allotments | <input type="checkbox"/> Dornoch SWRI | <input type="checkbox"/> Jan Trumble Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Dornoch Youth Cafe | <input type="checkbox"/> Kim MacKenzie Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angling Club | <input type="checkbox"/> ESRA | <input type="checkbox"/> Macmillan Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Festival Week | <input type="checkbox"/> Pilates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers & Fairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe Band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Care Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro-Motion Fitness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church (any) | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Rainbows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Country Dancing | <input type="checkbox"/> Hatha Yoga group | <input type="checkbox"/> Royal British Legion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Fairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Highland Gathering | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinners Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Standfast Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curling Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Historylinks Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Tai-Chi Society |

Others :

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