



Business Plan Appendices

Arbroath Court House

Arbroath Court House Community Trust

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1 Introduction








The initial planning process took place in Autumn 2015. Significant research and community needs analysis happened and that led to an outline business case document. Following on from there, additional details led to an update in January of 2017. More importantly the organisation was successful with a Scottish Land Fund stage 1 application which allowed them to commission Community Enterprise to undertake a more detailed piece of research as well as supporting the group with building membership and addressing the legal structure.

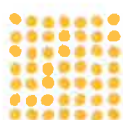
These appendices include the detailed data from all of these phases. This allows the consulted to produce a shorter more focussed business plan. The two documents should be read in conjunction.



2 Market Research and Needs Analysis

2.1 Statistics and Demographics

 Population	<p>There are 26,690 people living in Arbroath</p>	 Education & skills	<p>32% of people have no qualifications in Arbroath compared with 27% across Angus</p>
 Vulnerable groups	<p>23% of pensioners are living in poverty in Arbroath compared with 16% across Angus</p>	 Economy	<p>38% people aged 16-74 are in full-time employment in Arbroath compared with 39% across Angus</p>
 Housing	<p>2% of households lack central heating in Arbroath compared with 2% across Angus</p>	 Access & transport	<p>33% of households have no car in Arbroath compared with 23% across Angus</p>
 Health & wellbeing	<p>20% of people have a limiting long-term illness in Arbroath compared with 19% across Angus</p>		



Population¹

Arbroath has a population of approximately 23,902. The population is almost evenly split between those who identify as men and women (47.8% and 52.2% respectively). The largest age groups are those aged between 45 and 59 years old (19.6%) followed by those aged 30 to 44 years old (19.6% and 18.5%, respectively). There are slightly less people aged between 16 and 29 years old than the Scottish average (17.9% v 18.5%). Almost 90% of the population are White – Scottish.

Health & Wellbeing

A few areas in Arbroath are situated in the lower percentiles of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (2016) in the health domain, particularly those situated around the Abbey and close to the coast which are within the 20% most deprived areas of Scotland. There is a higher number of people with disabilities (32.4%) compared to the national average (29.9%). 6.4% of Arbroath's population are claimants of Disability Living Allowance benefits compared to 5.6% in Scotland. There is also a higher percentage of people with mental health problems (4.6%) than the Scottish Average (3.8%) and Angus in general (3.1%). These statistics are higher in the aforementioned areas.

Housing

Owner occupied households (56.6%) are almost 10% less than the average in Angus (64.9%). There is a higher number of social rented households (30.7%), from both the council (18.4%) and housing associations (12.3%) compared to Angus (21.5%, 15.1%, 6.4%, respectively). Social housing is mostly situated in St Vigeans, around the Abbey and close to the coast. Most households are houses (62.9%) or flats (37%).

Education

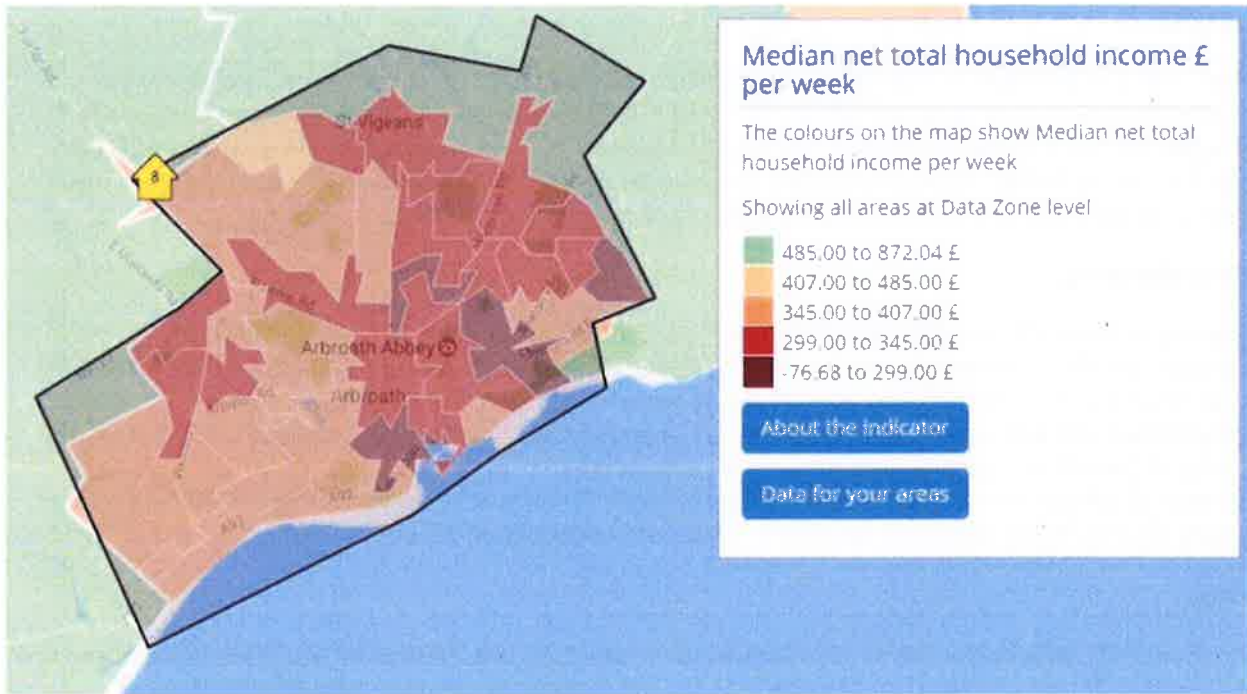
There is a higher number of people with no qualifications (31.5%) compared to both Angus (27.3%) and Scotland (26.8%). Additionally, people in Arbroath are less likely to be educated at degree level (17.7%) compared to Angus (23.6%) and Scotland (26.1%). Students are more likely to attend higher education than employment, however, the statistics are lower than the Angus average (10.1 v 21.1% and 17.7% v 38.5%, respectively). Arbroath hosts many areas that belong to the 20% most deprived areas of Scotland, according to SIMD.

Economic Activity

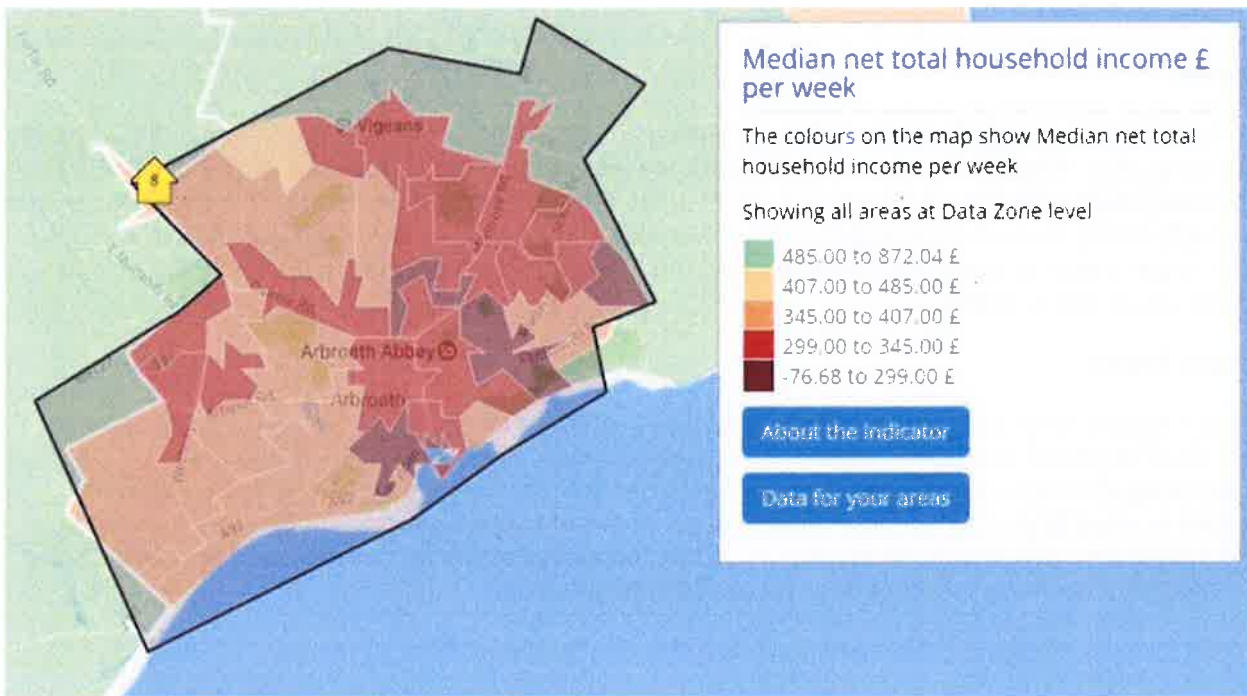
There is a slightly lower economically active population in Arbroath (67.5%) than the Scottish average (69%). Unemployment rate is also higher at 6.1% compared to Scotland's 4.8%. There are approximately 2% more retired people compared to the Scottish average of 14.9%. The three main industries are healthcare, retail and manufacturing. There is also a higher population in skilled trade (16.3%) compared to the Scottish average of 12.5%. According to SIMD, most areas of Arbroath belong in the lowest percentiles of income deprivation (see image below).

¹ Census Scotland 2011





Crime



Crime rates are some of the highest in Scotland currently, but there has been a 2% decrease in crime in Angus from 2015.

2.2 Policy and Strategy Fit

Scottish Government's Purpose

The overarching purpose of the Scottish Government is to focus services on creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, chiefly through increasing sustainable economic growth. As such, the Government's strategic objectives are as follows:

- o Wealthier and Fairer – enable businesses and people to increase their wealth and more people to share fairly in that wealth



- Smarter – expand opportunities for Scots to succeed from nurture through to lifelong learning, ensuring higher and more widely shared achievements
- Healthier – help people to sustain and improve their health, especially in disadvantaged communities, ensuring better, local and faster access to health
- Safer and Stronger – help local communities to flourish, becoming stronger, safer places to live, offering improved opportunities and a better quality of life
- Greener – improve Scotland’s natural and built environment and the sustainable use and enjoyment of it

An upgraded Arbroath Courthouse will be the catalyst to new social trading opportunities and attract visitors from elsewhere, provide opportunities for life-long learning, increase participation in creative activity leading to good wellbeing indicators.

Community Empowerment Act

The Community Empowerment Action Plan was jointly developed by Scottish Government with COSLA and the Third Sector and launched in 2009. It encourages people in both rural and urban areas to participate in the running of their neighbourhoods. The bill is now through the Scottish Parliament.

One of the Act’s specific actions is to support communities to own assets. The Government recognises that asset ownership can provide revenue for community organisations, making them more sustainable in the long term as well as give local people a renewed sense of pride in their communities, a real sense of a stake in the future of the places they live and work.

The Scottish Government has committed to invest resources in new work that will help to overcome some of the barriers that community face to asset ownership and ensure that it happens in a way that benefits rather than hampers communities. This includes funding the Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) to undertake the Community Ownership Support Service.

Arbroath Courthouse Trust is planning on taking an asset into community control for the long term.

Tourism Strategy

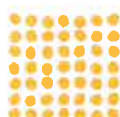
Tourism is one of Scotland’s largest business sectors. As such, the Scottish Government is keen to drive growth through a coordinated approach: *The Tourism Development Framework* (July 2013) published by VisitScotland, incorporates development strategies across Scotland and aims to develop a joined up approach to planning for growth in the visitor economy to 2020. The plan sets out priority areas for investment in accommodation which include:

- Investment in rural areas in new and existing self-catering accommodation, bunkhouse provision, holiday parks and eco-friendly developments which support the wider “rural tourism product”; and
- Accommodation investments that take account of and enhance access for visitors with disabilities and access issues.

Priority areas for investment in attractions, activities and visitor experience include:

- ✓ Investment in managed access to the countryside and coasts to maximise the enjoyment of the visitor of the landscape;
- ✓ Further development of the national mountain biking, water sport and wildlife experience;
- ✓ Investment in accommodation across the serviced and non-serviced sectors

Arbroath Courthouse initiatives will build on the tourists and visitors who come to the Abbey and harbour.



Social Enterprise

The 10 year Social Enterprise Strategy was launched in December 2016 with a 3 year action plan launched in March 2017. This supports a culture change towards trading and sustainability in the third sector and the Arbroath Courthouse is an exemplar of that model, seeking to become sustainable beyond grants.

Employment

Scottish Government Employability Framework: The framework states that person-centred delivery is essential for success. The is organised in to four pillars (Strategy and Effective Leadership, Better Integration and Partnership Working, Towards Prevention - Tackling Inequality and Improving Performance).

The Scottish Government Economic Strategy²

Scotland's Economic Strategy sets out an overarching framework achieving a more productive, cohesive and fairer Scotland. It focuses on the two mutually supportive goals of increasing competitiveness and tackling inequality, underpinned by four priorities for sustainable growth:

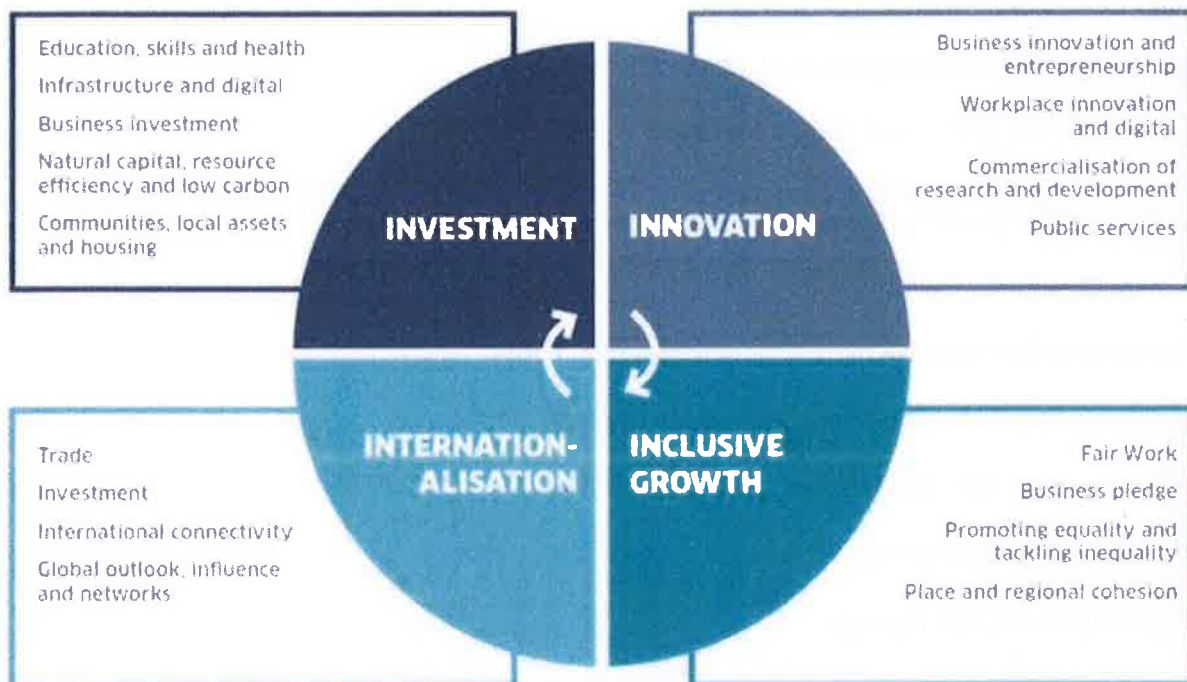
- *Investing* in people and infrastructure in a sustainable way;
- Fostering a culture of *innovation* and research and development;
- Promoting *inclusive growth* and creating opportunity through a fair and inclusive jobs market and regional cohesion; and,
- Promoting Scotland on the *international* stage to boost trade and investment, influence and networks.

The four priorities encompass the following policy areas of particular relevance for the Courthouse:

1. *Investing in our people, infrastructure and assets* in a sustainable way to drive long-term improvements in competitiveness and create opportunities for everyone in society to benefit from these improvements. This includes:
 - a. investing in people at all stages of life to ensure a well-skilled, healthy and resilient population and an innovative, engaged and productive workforce;
 - b. investing in strengthening the success and resilience of local communities.
2. *Promoting inclusive growth* as a critical driver of improved economic performance over the long term. This includes:
 - a. promoting Fair Work and building a labour market that provides sustainable and well-paid jobs;
 - b. addressing long-standing barriers in the labour market so that everyone has the opportunity to fulfil their potential;
 - c. realising opportunities across Scotland's cities, towns and rural areas, capitalising upon local knowledge and resources to deliver more equal growth across the country.

² Scotland's Economic Strategy Summary; Tuesday, March 3, 2015; ISBN: 9781785441790





Regeneration Strategy

Regeneration is about building sustainable communities, which means they are economically, socially and physically sustainable.

The vision underpinning the Regeneration Strategy³ is a Scotland where the most disadvantaged communities are supported and where all places are sustainable and promote well-being.

The strategy gives the framework for local action to tackle area inequality, create opportunities and improve communities. Regeneration is about targeting funding to support change according to the needs of communities. It means ensuring that activity focuses on outcomes and puts communities first, involving local residents and empowering communities to take action themselves.

Town Centre Regeneration

There are a range of policy frameworks relating to the regeneration of town centres. Scotland's Town Partnership has been influential in promoting positive towns like Arbroath. There has been a momentum towards a new kind of town centre to address the issue of empty property – trying to find a new kind of towns. With the demise of the town centre and the growth of on-line shops, there is a need for a new way of having vibrant town centres and Arbroath can be on the cusp of that with the Courthouse as a catalyst.

The Scottish Government's Town Centre Action Plan (launched in 2013) states;

“Town centres are a key element of the economic, social and environmental fabric of Scotland's towns; often at the core of community and economic life, offering spaces in which to live, meet and interact, do business, and access facilities and services. We must take collective responsibility to help town centres thrive sustainably, reinvent their function, and meet the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors for the 21st century.”

³ Achieving a Sustainable Future – Regeneration Strategy published by The Scottish Government, Edinburgh 2011. ISBN: 978-1-78045-538-9



Local Policy

2.3 Angus Single Outcome Agreement 2013-16

Though out of date this is the most recent document.

The vision of the Angus Community Planning Partnership is that: 'Angus is a place where a first class quality of life can be enjoyed by all'

Behind this vision is a set of core values which underpin the work of the partnership:

- Provide excellent public services that are value for money
- Improve public services through partnership working
- Actively engage with communities
- Promote sustainable growth
- Promote fairness and equality

This new community plan and single outcome agreement outlines the five priority areas that the partnership will focus on to support the achievement of that vision. These priorities are:

- Prosperous and Fair
- Learning and Supportive
- Safe and Strong
- Caring and Healthy
- Sustainable

It also states that "Particular challenges in Angus are the projected shortfall of affordable and market housing, the 'health' of town centres, accessibility by public transport, and the implementation of the Zero Waste Strategy."

In addition, the historic, cultural and archaeological heritage needs to be protected and enhanced, and the vitality and viability of town centres maintained.

2.4 Arbroath Snapshot – May 2015

Arbroath Snapshots was a community consultation exercise carried out by Angus Council throughout May 2015. The Council consulted with 263 people on the streets of Arbroath. The key results from this are detailed below.

Positive aspects of Arbroath:

- Beside the sea but close to the countryside / Open Spaces / parks/ green spaces / the Harbour / natural trails and walks
- Community spirit / good neighbours / friendly people
- Quiet / ideal size town
- Good transport links

Main Issues in Arbroath:



- Shop closures / lack of shops
- Issues with drug users
- Not enough for 8-12 year olds / teenagers to do
- Appearance of High Street / Run down

Suggested Solutions:

- Investment into town centre / encourage new business/shops
- Improve High Street appearance – painting/flower baskets etc.
- More amenities for teenagers / more youth groups
- The community needs to get involved

2.5 Arbroath Local Planning Event – 2015

Angus Council held a local planning event to consult with the community about different factors affecting Arbroath. At this event, participants were presented with a set of overarching themes and subthemes, which they discussed in groups. These themes were derived from previous consultation exercises and the groups were also presented with table and graph statistics related to each theme. The key points to come out of the group discussions are listed below.

Theme 1: Town and Town Centre Regeneration

- Subtheme 1: Pride in Arbroath
 - Tourism – promote and change perceptions of the town
 - Improve feelings of community safety – drug use, traffic, anti-social behaviour
 - Making the most of what we have – unique assets
 - Reduce litter/dog fouling
- Subtheme 2: Town Centre Regeneration
 - Help businesses grow
 - Attract investment
 - Improve the look of the town centre
 - Employment

Theme 2: Improve Access to Services

- Subtheme 1: Equality of services and opportunities
 - Information sharing
 - Prevention/Early intervention
 - Local process/structure
 - Employability
 - Equality



- Subtheme 2: Hub
 - Co-location of services
 - Improved Mental Health services
 - Early Intervention
- Subtheme 3: Digital Inclusion
 - Access and infrastructure
 - Information sharing
 - Literacies (computer literacy; struggle for people to fill in online forms)
 - Employability

Theme 3: Improve Community Engagement

- Community Council / Community structures / partnerships
- Co-production of services with communities
- Understanding people and place
- Capacity building support for community groups

2.6 Community Survey Analysis (2015)

A total of 209 people responded to this survey. 57 of these respondents were answering on behalf of a total of 143 others (e.g. family/group). This brings the total number of opinions to 352. Other respondents gave very vague estimates (“100-200 people”, “15 families” and some noted organisations had been consulted). Though it is therefore impossible to give a figure, it is reasonable to suggest that circa 500 people had some influence in the survey results.

Respondent Profile

84% of respondents were local individuals; 4% were on behalf of a local group; 2 individuals (1%) were visitors; 11% were local employees.

A local individual	83.6%
A local group	4.3%
A stakeholder organisation	0.5%
A visitor	1.0%
A local employee	10.6%

Respondent Locations

The majority of respondents (91%) reside in Arbroath. The remainder resided in Arbirlot (2.3%), St Vigeans, Elliot, Marywell, Easter Knox (1.7% each)

Arbroath	90.9%
St. Vigeans	1.7%
Elliot	1.7%
Marywell	1.7%
Arbirlot	2.3%
Easter Knox	1.7%



Groups

Local groups and stakeholder/voluntary organisations represented included:

- Hayshead Primary School Community
- Arbroath Academy

When asked to rate Arbroath as a place to live on a 1-10 scale, 50% of respondents rated Arbroath as above average. 12% rated it as average, and 38% rated it below average. A more detailed analysis can be found below.

Answer Options	Response Percent
1	1.0%
2	7.7%
3	15.8%
4	13.8%
5	11.7%
6	14.8%
7	14.3%
8	14.3%
9	4.1%
10	2.6%

Comments
I am not originally from Arbroath but I have lived in the town for 16 years, and it has so much to offer those that love being outdoors, like myself.
As both a resident in the area for 30 years and through my professional contact with young families, I am aware that the quality of life for parents and children in Arbroath has deteriorated.
We try hard to recycle and be friendly.
Used to have a great sense of community but people are scared to make contact with new neighbours the drug problem in Arbroath needs addressing
On the whole very good. Let down by the drug and alcohol related issues. One or two areas of the town could be doing with a spruce up. Too many benefits people want too much for nothing.
The town and the surrounding area has become quite dilapidated due to a lack of investment and attention to it. Whilst there have been some signs of re-generation much more needs to be done to restore a pride in the town and the surrounding area.
Lovely scenery at the coast. Cold though and high street is tired.

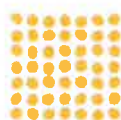


Respondents were asked what they liked about the area. The things people liked most about Arbroath were good transport links and family connections, with 46% in favour of both. 40% said they liked the friendly people in the area, 37% picked good schools and 25% liked the good local sports facilities. These are highlighted below in bold. Only 8% selected “nothing”.

Friendly people	40%
Good community facilities	15%
Good local sports facilities	25%
Good arts and cultural facilities	11%
Good schools	37%
Lots for children to do	11%
Lots for adults to do	8%
Lots for older people to do	7%
Good transport links	46%
Family connections	46%
Good employment opportunities	2%
Training opportunities	8%
Strong community spirit	12%
Eating out	17%
Shopping	7%
Pubs	11%
Nothing	8%

Comments:
I think living by the sea, with the beach so close by, is fantastic. I feel safe in the town, walking my dog as I frequently do.
Lots of beautiful scenery: Elliot Beach, Keptie Pond, St Vigeans Nature Trail, Vicky Park, The Cliffs
I'm happy with the town, because I don't drive it is useful that things are nearby each other.
We need more centre of town shopping.

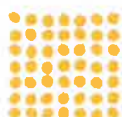
The respondents were also asked what they would like to see changed in the area. A large amount of respondents (58%) felt that more jobs were needed in Arbroath. A similar proportion (56%) would like to see more opportunities for meeting people and social interaction. 48% were in favour of improving community facilities and 44% felt that more activities for children/young people were needed. Only 17% felt that the local sports facilities needed improvement. These are highlighted in the table below:

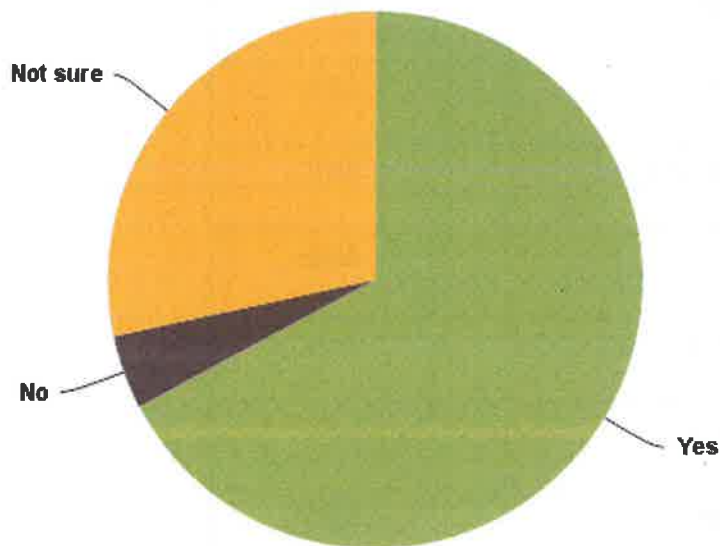


Better community facilities	48%
Better local sports facilities	17%
Better arts and cultural facilities	45%
More jobs	58%
More training opportunities	33%
More cafes/coffee shops	25%
More activities for children	44%
More activities for young people	44%
More activities for older people	34%
More opportunities for learning and education	32%
More opportunities for meeting people and social interaction	56%

Comments:
There is a lack of retail opportunities within Arbroath.
Improve the Town as a destination; highlight amazing facilities Arbroath already has. Improve the high street and links.
Youth drop in cafe with games and stuff to do
Use some business enterprise in trying to attract well/better known Brands to the area, creating employment for the area and raising the town's profile in the commercial sectors.
More shops that would actually encourage us to shop locally instead of having to travel to Dundee etc

Respondents were asked if they felt that development to the Arbroath Courthouse into a community building would bring people together. 67% thought that this would indeed bring people together, 4% did not, and 28% were unsure.

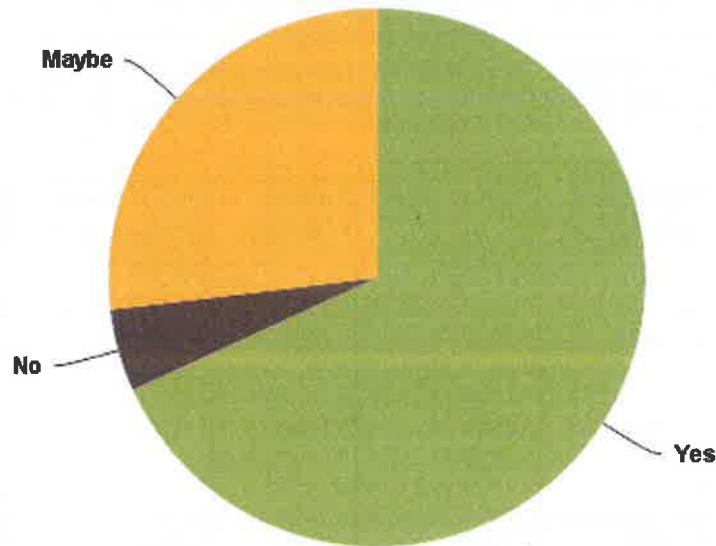




Comments
It will be a focus for all members of the community to get together, and hopefully serve the less represented groups and interests.
An empty building in the centre of town does not give a good impression. A community hub would be good for all.
Long-time residents such as myself and the organisation I work for feel very sad that the look and feel of the town has deteriorated. Personally I used to shop, eat out and link into leisure activities locally. I now get no pleasure at all from spending time in the centre of the town - I find it depressing. I believe bringing people together to develop a community facility would help promote a sense of hope and promise for the future and give those of us who feel everything is being "done to" them a voice.
There is I am afraid a fair bit of apathy around. An attitude of the council should be doing this, unfair in my opinion, we want this but do not ask us for help or to do. We are too busy, work family etc, people should realise if things are to happen they must participate. Ditch the Ipad, X box and Facebook computer stuff and be part of the community spirit. Do not rely on the few familiar faces to do it all!!
By giving people ownership they have more pride, which in turn gives confidence and encourages them to strive to be better. Hopefully this in turn encourages more interest from investors.
Like everything else, it will be a hit or a miss - trial and error - it will depend on what activities are available for local people to do and if the interest will be there.



Respondents were also asked if they thought a community hub was something they would use if it was available to them. 68% said they would use it, 5% said they wouldn't use it and 27% were unsure.



Comments
Personally I would use the facility if it involved leisure activities that I engage with such as music concerts, perhaps an indoor market weekly. My organisation would use the facility to hold fund raising and/or training events. A crèche facility in the hub would be well used by young families I believe.
Based on the activities that I can see mentioned in this survey, then probably not as there are already existing facilities within the town where I can go to find them.
I'm not very sure what a community hub is to be honest. It doesn't sound like a place I would need to go. I personally have my own family, have a group of friends and family in the town, work full time and don't require any additional support services at this time. The term 'community hub' sounds like a place where someone would go for support or to meet new people etc.
I work within social care, would love to see more places like this for people to meet and feel that sense of community
I'd most definitely use the community hub due to its location in the town.



Current activities

The respondents were questioned on which kind of activities they currently attend, how far they travel to take part and if they would attend these activities locally in a new centre. While some travel to attend activities, there seemed to be a popular demand for activities being held locally. In this case, the most popular need was for an advice session (70%), an older peoples group (65%), Bingo (58%). Adult education and a youth group drew at 54%. Most other options came above 50% in this column, with sport being the lowest at 21%.

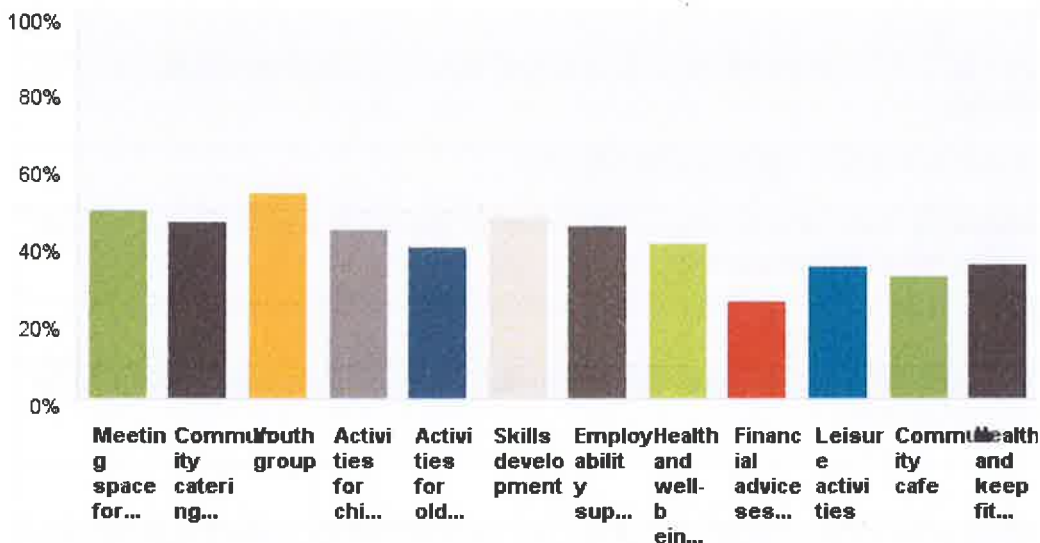
	Within walking distance	Within a 3 mile radius	Further, but still in Arbroath	Outwith Arbroath	I'd use these locally in a new centre	Total Respondents
Sport	34%	34%	21%	22%	21%	58
Exercise Class	33%	26%	17%	13%	37%	46
Music, drama, dance	20%	32%	24%	20%	52%	66
Hobby or crafts	25%	21%	12%	19%	49%	57
Social events	38%	33%	19%	28%	49%	72
pre-5 activities	14%	23%	32%	14%	50%	22
Children's group	28%	41%	9%	16%	38%	32
Youth group	18%	32%	21%	11%	54%	28
Older people's group	17%	35%	9%	0%	65%	23
Advice session	25%	20%	20%	10%	70%	20
Adult education	36%	32%	21%	11%	54%	28
Bingo	16%	11%	16%	26%	58%	19



	Within walking distance	Within a 3 mile radius	Further, but still in Arbroath	Outwith Arbroath	I'd use these locally in a new centre	Total Respondents
Weddings and social events	25%	32%	25%	45%	43%	60
IT and internet access	45%	17%	3%	3%	45%	29
Gym	46%	30%	8%	19%	32%	37
Other	60%	13%	27%	0%	27%	15

Development of Services/Activities

The table below lists by popularity the services and/or activities people would like to see developed at the Arbroath Courthouse. The top 5 services/activities people wanted to see included a Youth Group (53.4%), a meeting space for existing groups (49.2%), skills development (47.7%), a community catering outlet (46.1%), and employability support (45.1%). However, a number of people were also interested in seeing activities for children (44.0%) and health and well-being advice sessions (40.4%).



Meeting space for existing groups	49.2%	95
Community catering outlet	46.1%	89
Youth group	53.4%	103
Activities for children	44.0%	85
Activities for older people	39.4%	76



Skills development	47.7%	92
Employability support	45.1%	87
Health and well-being advice sessions	40.4%	78
Financial advice sessions	25.4%	49
Leisure activities	34.7%	67
Community cafe	32.1%	62
Health and keep fit activities	35.2%	68
Other (please specify)		19

Specific Suggestions:

I would like to see some sort of food outlet for vegans and vegetarians (like myself and my family) with a reasonable choice (not the usual tokenism single offering), as this is one of the reasons we go to Aberdeen or Dundee to eat out.
Would very much like to see Arbroath courthouse put on trials and such. A re-enactment of times past old wine court from old days. (very poor handwriting)
Social meeting/interaction
Any training that may be offered
everything and more
I think we need to move away from community café models, how about a community cocktail bar? This has done this in Edinburgh
Whatever can be provided would be a real bonus for Arbroath
social integration embracing the cultural, diverse make-up of the local population i.e eastern European, Asian and other ethnic minority groups
film mornings for kids
None of the above as I firmly believe these activities are already catered for or could be catered for within the town in existing facilities
job placements
a group for the middle aged, as we are usually left out, we are either too old for youth groups, and too young to go into the "older" group category.
Museum?
Welfare rights advice
Gallery space for exhibitions, wedding fairs, art fairs etc

Respondents were also asked what type of space they would like to have in a new community hub and 73% of people would like multi-functional space, 60% would like a function hall, 49% would like a café and 30% would like a theatre space.



Answer Choices-	Responses-
Multi-functional space	73%
Function Hall	60%
Café	49%
Theatre space	38%
Library	30%
Gym	24%
Dance studio	21%
Sports Hall	15%
Office space	14%
Outdoor play area	14%
Changing rooms	12%
Total Respondents: 196	

Specific suggestions:

An outdoor play area in the centre would be fantastic
Library specific about the town.
I should like to see part of it used as a courtroom to re-enact trials and such like from 18th/19th century local people dressing up in period costumes for visitors/locals to see a kind of Inverness jail scenario.
You need to be careful not to replicate nearby facilities (cafe project, cafes, and sports centres). Something like a bowling alley? Kids soft play?
Horse riding area
Venue for live music/gigs
Indoor play area
Wee retail units
Indoor soft play
Small retail
ALL OF THE OTHER FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE ALREADY IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO COURTHOUSE!
If it's the court house some of these choices are not relevant
Indoor play



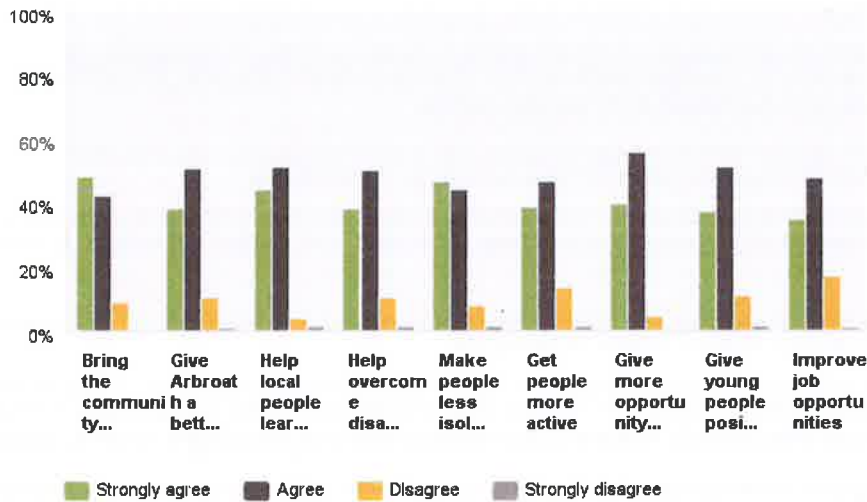
Indoor play area
Cinema
Indoor soft play
Youth group drop in only
All of this and more - multi-purpose space
Indoor soft play
Party venue for kids laser quest
Indoor play area
Same as above, as we already have these things within the town!
Indoor soft play and for youth
Indoor soft play
Indoor play area
Free public toilets
Health service facilities
General meeting Room
Indoor play area

Expectations Following Development

The respondents were asked to indicate whether they agreed or disagreed with potential outcomes to a new community hub at the courthouse. 181 completed the question.

- Out of 154 people, **90%** either 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' that developing the hub would bring the community together;
- out of 131 people, **88%** 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' that it would give Arbroath a better social, economic and environmental future;
- out of 132 people **95%** 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' it would help local people learn new skills;
- out of 124 people **88%** 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' it would help people overcome disadvantage;
- out of 138 people **90%** 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' it would help people feel less isolated;
- out of 133 people **85%** 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' a new hub at the courthouse would get people more active;
- out of 139 people **95%** 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' it would give more opportunity for social interaction;
- out of 130 people **88%** agreed or strongly agreed it would give young people positive activities and
- out of 122 people **82%** agreed or strongly agreed it would improve job opportunities.





Developing the Arbroath Courthouse into a community-owned hub will...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total Responses
Bring the community together	48%	42%	9%	1%	154
Give Arbroath a better social, economic, and environmental future	38%	50%	11%	1%	131
Help local people learn new skills	44%	51%	4%	2%	132
Help overcome disadvantage and inequality	38%	50%	10%	2%	124
Make people less isolated	46%	44%	8%	1%	138
Get people more active	38%	47%	14%	2%	133
Give more opportunity for social interaction	40%	55%	4%	1%	139
Give young people positive activities	37%	51%	11%	2%	130
Improve job opportunities	34%	48%	17%	1%	122

Comments

In the Disagree section, I had ticked what I have ticked, because it will take more than a 'community hub' to 'make people less isolated' as well as the other 2 that I have ticked.

I think the impact of a new community hub will make people feel valued and want to be involved in some way.

It would make Arbroath a friendlier place to live

As I said bring something positive out. We do not need an internet cafe, most cafes provide WIFI, and I think all do. Let's think out of the box for a change please!!

It would be great if this did happen.

Depends on what people like most.

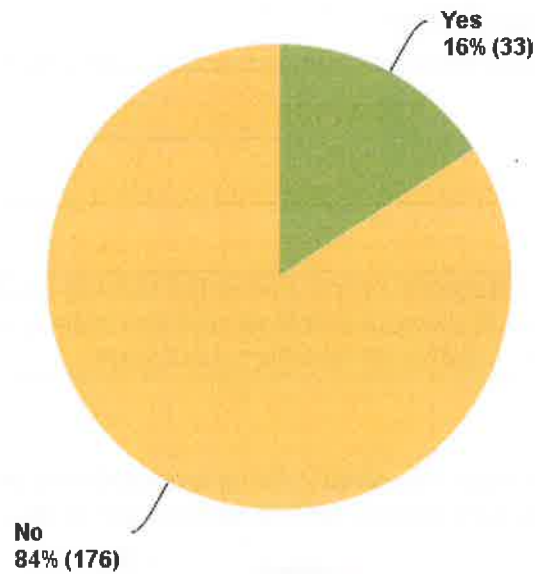


Regenerate the town centre
I would like to see a new place for young people and for adults to have help with job and training opportunities without having to be referred by the job centre.
Hopefully the people in the community use this facility to help themselves.
As long as it is promoted well and people are encourage to attend and made feel welcome it can only be a good thing
Should have been a fifth option 'neither agree or disagree'
Again, looking at the ideas already outlined in this survey, I cannot see what benefit we could possibly bring as we already have all this already. Maybe some investment in marketing is what is required.
I do not think it should be a community hub as we already have a community centre & two sports centres, the statements above are based on my example below.
Help the town centre
Would like to see incoming groups specifically targeted.
I think it either has to be a social hub or a training centre. We already have a college so I would think it should have a more social and community focus. It could perhaps provide rehearsal space, craft studios etc.
It may bring the community together but the community can come together in a lot of other places It may help people gain new skills but we have college, communities and lots of organisations doing this How are you going to overcome disadvantage and equality? Will things be free? Will you target disadvantaged groups? Young people already have lots of opportunities for positive activity, led by committed volunteers in the community. What will be different? It may improve job opportunities if you are employing people. While these comments may seem negative, I think it could well be a great community asset, only a whole host of things are already provided in existing locations. What is going to be different?
I have not ticked any of the above because I have no idea what a community hub is.



Other Organisations

We asked respondents if they were involved in an organisation which may be interested in working alongside us. 16% of respondents answered yes and details of those groups are listed below.



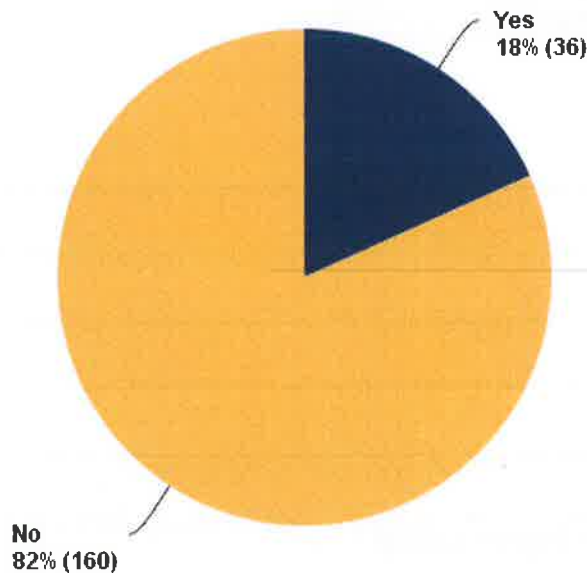
Specific Suggestions/Details

Arbroath Guild/Rotary
Just Play
T.R.U.T.H.
Royal Voluntary Service
Friends of Keptie Pond
The Voigt Partnership Chartered Architects email
Crafty crafters
Craft group academy school art
Depends what it could be and if I can help anything in it.
Ladybird playgroup
LGBT
Would like to start a youth place
Arbroath Academy
Parent Council
Angus Council Funding team



NHS Tayside Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy Department (our Arbroath team is based at Abbey Health Centre).
Friends of Keptie Pond and Arbroath in Bloom.
Arbroath & District Amateur Photography Club
Arbroath Round Table
Showcase the Street on
Angus Council
I work for Angus Council: Children's Services. I know a lot of the families I work with would be happy for there to be more for their children and young people to do and also think it would be a good idea for teenagers and older people to work together doing different activities.

We also asked respondents if they were interested in being involved in the development of this project or taking part in a focus group about the project. 18% responded with a yes.



20 people left contact details and this will be supplied separately to the Trust.

The following table lists groups or organisation that mentioned interest in being involved in the project. Efforts were made to contact these groups and some can be seen in the stakeholder section.

Group/Organisation
Arbroath Guild / Rotary
Just Play
T.R.U.T.H
The Voigt Partnership Chartered Architects
Crafty Crafters
Craft Group academy school art



LGBT
Parent Council
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Angus Council – Children's Services

Further comments

I do hope you are successful in your efforts, but this 'hub' has to reach out to ALL and offer a lot more than just the traditional community centre facilities to be successful.
I have completed this form as a parent who lives and works in Arbroath. I have also added in information relating to the group I work with in my current role.
Sounds like a fantastic idea. I think the key will be making it accessible for all and having ongoing support and monitoring.
And I said turn part of court into a re-enactment of old style court from say 18th-19th century. Re-enact any famous tales from those times could well be a tourist draw. Example Inverness Jail!!!
Good luck with project
This community hub should be run by community members as this will give people skills for the future.
Caretaker accommodation on premises ie flat Rooms rented out at affordable prices.
I preferred it as a court. Now people need to travel to Forfar when Arbroath court is in perfect condition.
Interested to be kept informed of progress
Continue to keep your progress updated and inform others or need to progress.
Very interested in being part of this if I can help willing to do so.
This would be a good idea for Arbroath, however I am slightly worried about older people and possible drug addicts etc being so close and scaring people - especially with the post office being next door.
Could be anything if it can be useful for people we need most.
Just by seeing what a small local group achieved by coming together and providing a firework display, it is obvious Arbroath has plenty of community spirit, with some direction and ownership they will grow and encourage outside investment.
Brilliant idea- young and old going



<p>Hopefully this project gets the go ahead as I think this will make a positive impact to Arbroath as well as the High street and will hopefully bring new/more businesses into the town.</p>
<p>The central location of the building gives massive potential but it would be interesting to see what innovative ideas are brought forward for the space</p>
<p>Think of something else - this will turn into an unemployment club which I and all of my friends will never use</p>
<p>I think the space should be used more for social interactions through common interests held by the people of Arbroath. I feel that there are already enough places to help with employability and education such as Business Centre at Marketgate, Citizens Advice and the local Job Centre. I also feel that if it were to have those kinds of meetings it would attract a stereotype which could stop young and older citizens from attending.</p>
<p>I would be very interested in working to improve the community in Arbroath</p>
<p>All luck with this - something is badly needed as I am thinking of leaving</p>
<p>I don't think the weather helps, but the town centre is dreadful, poundies, charity shops and bookies. Hardly any decent retail and nowhere good to socialise. It is a dying place - people need to pull together to change Arbroath</p>
<p>I do not think another community building is what is needed as we already have 2 sports centres, a number of private gyms, fitness and dance studios that already cater for the majority of activities you mention above. Not forgetting a theatre within a short walk, a library with public rooms for exhibitions, etc just round the corner and a number of cafes, etc within this part of the High Street and a Community Centre 2 streets away. There are also a large number of groups within the town for a range of ages, which are largely underutilised already, why put more of the same here. We have a college, 2 secondary schools and 7 primary schools, we should be looking at these building for developing the communities. This is already a major part of life south of the border. The looked at these existing resources with a view to business development, which works very well. This for me is a no brainer! Also, I believe that planning permission has now been granted for the building of a Community Centre at Seaton Park, a collaboration with Showcase and the Clifftown Residents Group, again, why do we need another one! I believe we need to look at this building with a bit of creativity and think outside the box with what we can do with this beautiful building. It is in a prime location in the town centre, with high foot fall. Personally, I would like to see a little bit of class return to the town with a more up market facility that both residents and tourists can enjoy, a place that could be used for one thing during the day and another at night. Specialist coffee shop/Wine Bar with some hotel facility, conferencing, a multi-functional space. I hear the building is very large inside, so really the sky's the limit with a little bit of imagination.</p>
<p>As advised above, I do not think the courthouse should be used as a community hub as we already have a community centre & two sports centres that are not fully utilised as it is. We have a bingo hall across the road, a theatre just along the road, a library 1 minute away, countless cafe's in that section of the high street. This building in beautiful and grand & that is what I think should be taken into consideration and brought to the town, something that suits the building, something unique. For example an upper class hotel, coffee house (day time), wine bar, restaurant, a place to dress up for, nice functions, conference opportunities.</p>
<p>The community hub would be a great asset to Arbroath. Especially if you are going to deliver a wide range of activities that people of all ages can get involved in.</p>
<p>I would hope that returning the buildings into community use would ensure a continuing future for both buildings, Arbroath has too few buildings of architectural standing, reclaiming both buildings for the community would be of real benefit for all in the community. Arbroath's historic place in Scotland's</p>



firmament should be protected and this opportunity could be part of that story by having a facility for all to use in the centre of the town .An opportunity not to be missed.

Not easy in bringing a community together, especially where many people especially younger ones are not interested in many cases in taking part in activities outwith the home with TV or computer games, social media etc. I blame computer games as being at the forefront of the downfall of activity outside the home. However, doing nothing is not a choice, by being seen to not care for the community.

I would like to see the project succeed because the High Street desperately needs a bit of polish and focus.

Good luck and I do hope that it is a success. Arbroath needs some 'fuel injection' as it is becoming a stale, and de-motivating place to live and work - even though the people of Arbroath are wonderful!

Good luck!

It would be really helpful to have a clear statement about what a community club is.

2.7 2017 survey update

As some time had passed since the original survey was undertaken, a short update survey was circulated to allow people to respond in this way.

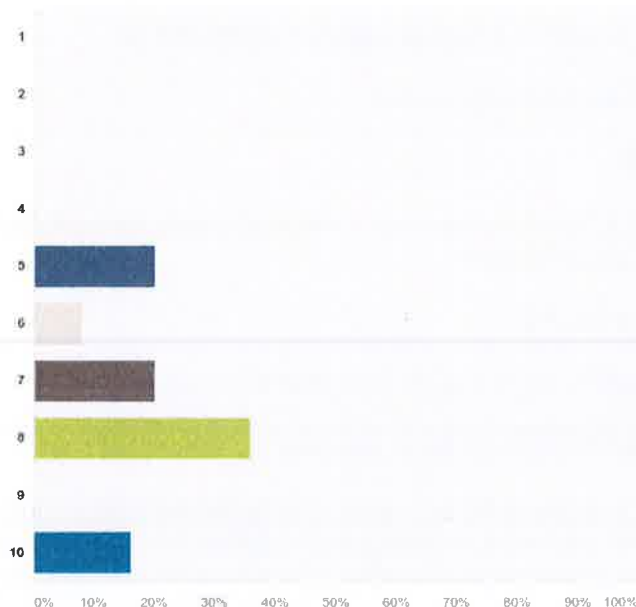
37 people completed this survey, many at the open public meeting. 80% were local residents. The gender mix was slightly more women than men and the majority were over 50 though 12% were under 16. 81 live in Arbroath and 14% live in St Vigeans on the outskirts of the town.

75% of respondents believe the development of the Arbroath courthouse into a community owned building will bring people together to improve the Arbroath area.

- Most people liked living here with 36% giving it an 8 out of 10.

Q5 How would you rate the Arbroath area as a place to live? (marks out of 10 with 1 being very poor and 10 being excellent)

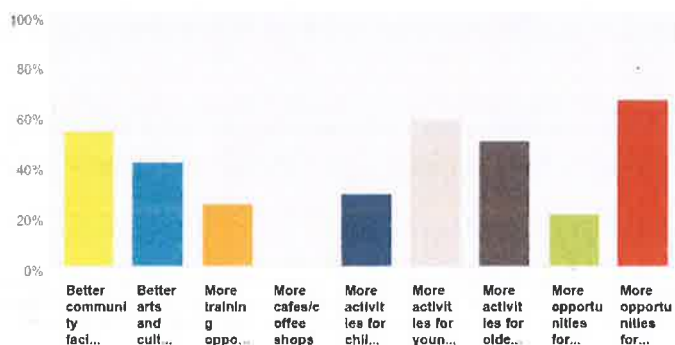
Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



When asked what they would most like to see changed, there was a fair range of answers, with “more opportunities for meeting and social interaction” at the highest (at 67%) and “better local facilities” at 54%)

Q6 What would you most like to see changed? (please tick all that apply)

Answers: 24 Skipped: 1



When asked to comment further people noted;

- More business for local employment
- Bring a lot of us together and creating new aspiration
- Higher amenities/high value activities to draw expenditure towards the town

75% agreed that this development would improve Arbroath and the following expanded comments were left;

- There is currently a gap in this type of provision & this will help greatly
- A place for homeless or youth hostel
- A craft market for small business or residential area for homeless.
- Hotel, Youth Centre
- A central place to gather, bringing together young and old
- Groups always need meeting rooms
- Lots of potential
- A chance to bring town's people and surrounding area to meet and begin new friendships/ideas - encourage community spirit
- Make area more vibrant
- A place for people to come together and have a voice
- Improved shared facilities for local groups at a reasonable cost
- I am part of an enormous art and craft movement, creating people in Arbroath who all work from home in isolation this will a lot bring of us together/ artistic to inspire each other and create new opportunities

