

NEW LUCE COMMUNITY TRUST Community Consultation Report – July 2019

The aim of this event was to bring the community together and have their views/opinions on what the trust should do with the Kenmuir Arms after recently purchasing the building.

The pub/hotel was opened up for the community to view, this was followed by a consultation exercise in the hall to gather people's views.

The community was asked what area of the building they felt was the priority to get open first.

Pub	29 voted this was the priority
<p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For daytime hours – Tea room type • Keep main building, knock down back part and make it phase 2 • Pub that provides tea, coffee and snacks. The two need to happen simultaneously then a restaurant • Open pub first with owner's accommodation. Combine with coffee/food • It's a village pub and that's what it should remain • Pub/Tea room to encourage walkers/cyclists for food and drink • Get the pub open with bar snacks and upgraded toilets to include disabled access. The dining room area to be separate from the toilet access • Re-open updated pub and restaurant ASAP. Keep it simple, good food and drink • Bar – community 'Pub' space, drinks and bar meals. Family friendly • Bar – Quiz nights and music • Much bigger than existing – twice the size • Prioritise the pub ASAP before people forget that New Luce has one • Vital to get going on this • Real Ales • Could we open the pub and employ local publicans prior to finishing the refurb or landlords accommodation? • Log Burner, country style • Mid marker pub, never going to be a Michelin pub, or a 5 star hotel. Need good value for money local pub 	

Food

19 voted this was the priority

Comments

- Food to attract families, and bold reputation
- Good food is essential to attract and maintain outside visitors
- Vital to offer quality here, essential for development
- Open sooner than later, Pub food, cater for all
- Pub food, affordable. Coeliac/vegan options etc.
- Simple and local food, also snacks for people visiting the playpark and passing cyclists
- Pub grub, take away's and café
- Light lunches, coffee, family friendly
- A clean welcoming building providing good quality food and affordable prices
- Good café and restaurant to encourage visitors
- Coffee shop, food at the same time as the pub
- Food to replicate standard of Bayhouse, Tigh Na Mara, Culfin Creamery – this will attract out of town visitors
- In the first instance food in low budget range to suit walkers. Also coffee
- Have a glass fronted riverside terrace dining area

Accommodation

5 voted this was the priority

Comments

- Outside – caravans if the demand. Actively encourage families and tourists
- Leave this until later for visitors
- Quality accommodation is essential
- Decent rooms – possibly self-catering
- Pub accommodation- cater for visitors (walkers and cyclists) as well as friends of villagers who don't have spare rooms
- Pods in the garden to hire out – but not where any conservatory would overlook them
- If providing accommodation, basic low style
- Self-catering accommodation
- 2x self-catering accommodations
- 4 rooms that are good size, pods in the garden – All self-catering
- What about separating the building – the back area could be self-catering accommodation, the main pub could have letting rooms and owners accommodation

Other Ideas

Comments

- First priority water and wind proof, rot infestation – Make it safe and prevent further deterioration
- Quite like the idea of exploring the possibility of demolishing the building, apart from the frontage, then rebuild
- Would like the main bit to be side facing south rather than front
- Bulldoze the lot, start afresh
- Taking Account of the conservation issues, can we keep the frontage and blitz the rest?
- Keep front of building and do a new build for the rest with a glass conservatory
- Café/afternoon teas are very popular
- Essential refurbishment only and up for lease quickly
- Refurbishment by a local firm preferred
- Refurbishment with sustainable materials, and zero carbon operation
- U3A classes in the pub
- Keep front of the building and do a new build for the rest with glass conservatory
- Clear all stud positioned walls to have a clear footprint for renovation
- Consider a car park at the park which could also service the pub/hotel as car parking is such an issue
- Family friendly events linked to the pub
- Keep shop and post office where it is
- A community shop
- Cycle Hire
- Visitor information point
- An outlet for 'Made in New Luce' as there are lots of creative people – paintings, knitting upcycled goods etc.
- Relocate the shop and post office making it a one stop for everything
- A community shop like Wigtown and Portwilliam – recycling unwanted goods/items
- Dougie's field as a car park – layout as waterside picnic area as well with ice cream vendors/coffee
- Dougie's field for car parking
- Canoe events – launch from turn wiel
- Do not move the shop and post office as the hotel needs all the space
- Get a company in and blitz the whole building