

Dollar Civic Centre article for Dollar News

What's happening with the Civic Centre?

Most people in Dollar will be aware that Clackmannanshire Council has decided that it can no longer afford to run the Civic Centre and Community Access Point and has told us that they would be willing to consider an asset transfer or other such arrangement which would allow the Centre to remain in use rather than being “mothballed”.

The Community Development Trust has agreed to consider how we could best make use of this opportunity for the benefit of the Dollar community. The situation is complicated somewhat because of the proposed new housing and sporting developments which were announced at the public consultation meetings in March. If those proposals go ahead, there is a possibility that Strathdevon School might need to extend into the area where the Civic Centre currently sits.

It is too early to know how this situation will develop, but because of the uncertainty, the Trust and Clackmannanshire Council both agree that we would not consider a full transfer of ownership of the Civic Centre at this time. Other options are available in the short term, for example the Trust could lease the Civic Centre and set up a management committee of Dollar residents to run it for the community as long as we could cover the running costs. Detailed work will be carried out over the next few months to establish the costs involved.

Have your say

It is vital that we understand the full range of activities which happen at the Civic Centre at present and also what you would like to see happen there in future. To kick start this process the Trust has created a Civic Centre Usage Survey and we would be very grateful if you could take the time to fill this in. You can find the online survey:

- on our new website at www.dollarcdt.wordpress.com
- at the top of our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DollarCDT

You can also email us at dollar.cdt@gmail.com if you would like us to email you a survey form which you can complete and return to us by email. If you would like a large print version please let us know.

Paper copies of the survey form are also available at the Civic Centre reception desk. Please complete and return to the Civic Centre.

Many thanks to everybody who has already completed the online survey – we really appreciate your help