



Initial results from survey

52 responses to date, 42 in favour. Those against raise concerns about lack of housing, and/or lack of footpath on Bridge Street.

Reasons for support – example quotes

I am very much in favour of expanding the space available to Groam House so that more of the collection can be on regular display and so that the collection can be stored locally to the existing museum. I do not have much knowledge of the existing community spaces in Rosemarkie, but a relatively small space could be useful for small groups who don't want to hire a larger hall.

The museum has drawn people from all over the world to see its treasures and they haven't been disappointed. The village is small and doesn't really have many places that locals and visitors alike can go to visit or relax. This project can go a long way to overcome that. It will certainly benefit the locals. It makes sense to have a base close at hand to the museum for staff and volunteers to work from. I hope this project gets the go ahead. Rosemarkie definitely needs it.

The Gordon Memorial Hall provides excellent facilities for larger gatherings and the Beach Cafe and Crofters are fantastic places to eat, but Mill Cottage would provide a venue for smaller groups to hold private meetings eg committee meetings.

I think it's a good idea to have the collection all together within easy reach of the museum. It will help locals get more involved in many different ways with what is going on in the museum.

If this project is financially able to proceed and , in time, fulfil all or most of the ideas stated then it will be great to help the Museum AND have further spaces for small community get together.

Groam House has done some wonderful outreach work in the past and it would be really lovely to be able to hold these sessions in a place where we can be shown some of the collection and be surrounded by the inspiration of George Bain and the Picts.

Local Community space is vital for the area to stay local focussed and have a sense of community.

It would be amazing to have more space for community projects, these are essential to maintain the unique and welcoming village atmosphere.

I worry about the lack of social housing but the council putting this on the open market is not a favoured option either. As you suggest it would more than likely be a holiday let. Regarding community space I feel there is definitely a need for more space/activities aimed at teenagers and young adults. It would be great if GHM could accommodate the space for this.

What other activities would you like to see in the community

Charity events aimed at raising funds for organisations like Women's Aid and foodbanks etc.

As a Hub for the locals in various forms. Things that aren't available in Fortrose.

Community projects such as the mosaic and felting workshops. The community in Avoch are currently holding art classes. The space would be a valuable educational space for school visits. The Museum isn't really large enough to accommodate an entire group.

A lot of these events happen anyway, if you include Fortrose too. This would be smaller and more suitable for certain events.

Discussion groups about the Picts and local history

Local exhibitions

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A service point allowing people to access public services via video link.

U3A, School groups education

Other comments in favour

I think this would be a great use for Mill Cottage.

I hope this goes ahead as it can only do the local community a great deal of good.

It makes sense to have additional space for the museum close by. Given there is no space adjoining Groam House for extension, acquiring Mill Cottage for additional community use {rather than possibly having another Air BnB} would be eminently preferable in my view.

Good luck!

Always good for a local community to take a pride in ownership of local facilities

Responses not in support

I really don't believe this is the best use of this building and I disagree with this purchase

The property is unsuitable for the space you propose. This would take significant funding to develop the property into the plans stated, at significant public funding cost regardless of where funding came from. There is no parking and it is in a residential street with insufficient parking already. There is no requirement for a further community space - support the spaces currently there.