



## **A Town Centre Community Resource for Blairgowrie & Rattray**

**The Trust** has been looking for an opportunity to develop facilities which the Community has wanted for some time. One of the key priorities for the town is a multi-use centre providing guidance on local facilities, heritage and cultural information, a literary resource, a focus for arts and crafts, ancestry services to trace family history and other facilities for locals, tourists and visitors.

**The Expressed Wishes of the Community** were identified through several local consultations and studies carried out in the town; the latest being in 2016. The subsequent prioritisation of these proposals was undertaken after public meetings, and then imported into the Blairgowrie & Rattray Community Action Plan (B&RCAP).

**A Suitable Building** close to the centre of the town is considered to be the ideal scenario for such facilities. In conjunction with Perth & Kinross Council (PKC), the Trust is at a very early stage of exploring the possibilities of the property at 46 Leslie Street. In so doing, the Trust approach would be to start small and develop gradually over time in collaboration with other lead organisations involved in the B&RCAP .

**A Way Forward** - Should this proposal come to fruition, the Trust proposes to move forward on a phased basis with two aims in clear focus. Firstly, a secure financial and managerial future for the Trust and its partners, and secondly some tangible evidence of the benefits such a move would bring to the community.

**Your Views Matter** - Although these proposed uses came directly from previous studies and consultations, The Trust still needs to validate these assumptions with further public consultation. So, even at this very early stage if you have views on what is proposed, please do get in touch.

**We Need Volunteers** for a range of activities as this project develops and unfolds. Almost any skills you have will be welcome - retail, property management, publishing, marketing and promotion, running a gallery, interest in history and culture, public service and giving information....the possibilities are vast.

**Contact the Trust** - So please, if you are tempted and want to get involved in this project for the benefit of locals and visitors alike, get in touch with me.

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