

Loirston Annexe Update

It is with a heavy heart that I have to announce that Moira MacLennan passed away suddenly but peacefully on Wednesday 5th June with her family by her side. Moira was a former BB Officer at 17th (Middlefield) and 1st Cove Bay Companies, the Co-ordinator of the Breakfast and After School Clubs at the Annexe as well as being involved in a number of other activities.

Moira's funeral was held on Thursday 13th June and was attended by hundreds of people whose lives she touched and myself and many of the Management Committee were there to pay our respects. The Minister described Moira as "Cove's Mum" and we all felt that was the perfect way in which to define her. Guests were invited back to Loirston Annexe to celebrate Moira's life and indeed the reminiscing continued for quite some time! Many thanks to those of you who baked, washed up, tidied and wiped clean; it's much appreciated.

The loss of Moira is still quite clear at Loirston Annexe but her friends and colleagues have established a fund to purchase a memorial bench and if you have been unable to contribute so far and are keen to do so, you can either visit <https://www.justgiving.com/local/project/moiramacLennan> or pop into the Annexe and see one of the ladies at the Breakfast or After School Club. Sincere thanks to the many of you who have done so thus far.

Our thoughts remain with her family and we will keep you posted when the memorial bench is in place.

Loirston Annexe – Run by the Community for the Community

The Management Committee took over the official running of Loirston Annexe on 1st June so is now a volunteer run community centre and we very much have you, the community, at the heart of all we do.

A full Programme is listed in the Cove Chronicle and you'll see that we have a wide range of classes and initiatives ranging from the very young to the young at heart. So



whether you want to bond with your baby, get fitter, organise after school childcare or get more involved in gardening, we have something for you and your family.

We're pleased that the car park and the toilets have been completely upgraded but we plan to do even more to improve the Annexe. The signage most definitely needs improved, a safe and secure outdoor play area for the children is required and some of the rooms are looking quite tired so may require a revamp. Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of the community groups using the Annexe along with some significant fundraising efforts and the income generated from lets. We want to turn Loirston Annexe into the very best it can be so watch this space! **New Staff**-The Management Committee are delighted to welcome Claire to the Annexe, who's taken on the role of Administrator, providing us with much-needed support. Claire will be the main point of contact for lets and bookings for the Annexe so if you're planning a birthday party or function, or new class or simply want to find out what's happening in the Annexe, you can contact Claire at loirstonannexe@yahoo.co.uk or leave a voicemail on 01224 987235.

Your Annexe Needs YOU!-We were delighted to welcome a new volunteer to the Management Committee but desperately need more. If you can spare around 2 hours per month and are keen to get involved, please let me know. No experience is required, just oodles of enthusiasm and the opportunity to make a real difference.

Seona Shand: Chairman

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