

LOIRSTON ANNEXE

Firstly may I say a happy new year to all – and I hope it will be a year that sees Loirston remain a vibrant community centre and still thriving after March.

The Loirston Annexe Steering Group held an open meeting for the community on 17th January so that they could get an update on the position of Loirston Community Centre.

Upwards of 60 people attended a short presentation which focused mainly on the need for lots of people to get involved now that recent issues being worked on by Aberdeen City Council are coming closer to completion.

The presentation highlighted that the Annexe is a busy place already, with lots of additional enquiries being dealt with since the start of the new year. Lets and weekend hires are still being administered by Aberdeen City Council with some help from the Steering Group so as to keep the Annexe running as normal as possible.

The office at Loirston School is only covered by Council Support Staff on Thursday afternoons but the ladies running the groups at the Annexe are very helpful and assist over and above their work duties where they can.

If they are able they will help answer your queries or direct you to the right place.

The presentation slides are available for those who could not make the meeting or to jog the memory of those who did attend. Email your request to loirstonannexe@yahoo.co.uk That



address can be found on our *facebook page which is - Loirston Annexe, Cove*. Why not add us as a friend as we mean to use this as one tool to keep folk informed.

It was gratifying to see such a good level of support. However, this needs to be converted into volunteer hours or Loirston Community Centre still runs the risk of being closed down at the end of March.

Quite a few folk asked about when the next meeting would be. After most had gone a few Steering Group Members held back and agreed that an open invitation is to be made to all to attend the Steering Group meeting which had already been set for Wednesday 1st February. At that meeting we hope to flesh out the roles that volunteers can get involved in. So please come along or ensure we have your details so we can keep you informed.

An additional meeting set for **Wednesday 15th February** will aim to form the Management Committee proper. That needs to happen to ensure that the Centre remains open. The current Steering Group aim to assist where possible so that the new committee benefits from the work already done and to ensure a smooth transition. If Committee work is for you then please make every effort to attend that particular meeting.

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