

**Question 1 - What do you like about the design layout and do you have any suggestions?**

**Location of Site**

**Positive**

It makes sense to try to keep the library as an integrated and important resource. This is much more sensible than it being located in the new Monifieth High School.

**Negative**

Not keen on it moving from the High Street

Away from the High Street and the centre of Monifieth

Leave the library where it is on the High Street and remove the access office from it so that it is once again a library which you can use for reading and studying in.

Consideration must be given to members of the public who may have accessibility issues. The current library location is in a prime location in close proximity to a bus stop.

Proposed site further for pedestrian access so therefore an issue particularly for elderly and less mobile

concerns about location- poor access for vehicles as they have to access the hub through narrow tunnels under the railway. pedestrian access is also poor as there is no footpath under the railway and it is badly lit.

I appreciate the thought and work done over the years to bring a community hub to fruition but as an elderly person I would feel cut off

I like nothing about the whole idea of moving the library to the proposed Hub. It would not be used, it is too far away from the centre of the village.

I can think of five retirement homes on the main street through Monifieth, whose residents, when out for their shopping will nip along to the library, but would never walk down to the beach because it is much too far and will result in the library being closed. Use the proposed library space in the Hub for something that would be used.

Take a look at the Froickheim Hub. It is excellent! The people who organized that Hub really knew what they were doing. Let's have something like that in Monifieth

Please do not move the library to the Hub. It is a big mistake. HUGE! Leave the library where it is.

Nothing at all as far as the library is concerned. It is too far away for elderly and disabled people to access. We are unable to carry heavy books any distance. There is no public transport anywhere nearby. The present library is in a marvellous place. It should NOT be moved from there. It would be a detrimental move and aforementioned users would be unable to access it.

Also the narrow tunnels to access the area will be far too busy!

I personally feel that the new location would mean that many of the older community would find it difficult to get to the library. The current position means that if you are doing some shopping, popping into something that's on at the church or just passing you can pop in. On a rainy day it's also close to a bus stop something I was always grateful for when I took my granddaughter to Bookbug and on our regular trips to the library. My vote would be to keep the library in its current location

**Accessibility**

**Positive**

like that the hub is all on one level with adequate parking making it more accessible to all our service users.

Parking will be better

**Questions**

Is the library accessible for wheelchair users ?

But what would be access for emergency vehicles

Although the current library had limited parking facilities, the community/library facility at Monifieth Beachfront will see an increase in traffic in an area where parking is minimal. What plans are there to combat these issues?

**Design of Building**

**Positive**

Looks impressive & thanks must be given to the committee for their tireless work to eventually make this happen for the residents of Monifieth

I like that there is plenty of space for both community and library facilities - good use of building space.

The integration of community space, library and cafe allows a wide range of users to meet in one premises allowing the opportunity to develop future community projects/activity.

**Negative**

Plans & display mostly clear BUT

1 No indication of NSEW on plans of building

2 Elevations of building are mostly incorrectly labelled (only North elevation is correct) Please inform architects to be more careful

Lack of windows on south side

## Questions

The current design does not accommodate a fitness suite is this something that can be added to the proposed building.

Changing facilities/locker rooms for the "big shed" part?

I would appreciate some clarity on what a "flexible space" entails and what this can be used for.

Will the build make use of green energy solutions such as solar panels and battery storage.

Also will there be charging facilities for electric bikes?

## Design Of Library

### Positive

Layout not an issue

It stops ANGUSalve from closing the library

Layout looks great and the building would enhance the waterfront area

Design layout looks practical and attractive

Design looks good

It is accessible and interconnected with the rest of the hub.

It is integrated in the community

Like it being integrated with the centre

The design looks good. New and modern.

### Negative

Seem to be little space for books

Library lending space looks small

It looks very small

It needs to be bigger! Hardly any books or areas for a junior library

There is no dedicated junior area

There is no dedicated space within the library area to hold children events to promote literacy.

I am concerned about the lack of study space, especially for teenagers. Post-lockdowns, the ability for them to study at home is more limited and having good, quiet, attractive spaces to study will be so important for their ongoing wellbeing.

within the library area there is lack of storage cupboards for essential items to be stored out of the public view.

There is also a lack of staff office space for administration and activity preparation.

### Questions

The new layout seems to have less floor place than the present building

To what extent will the library experience be reduced?

are there to be notice boards within the library area for library promotion and display purposes.

## Logistics

### Questions

Opening hours?

Staffing?

Who owns it?

Who pays the bills?

## Financial

### Positive

Finally some money being spent on Monifieth library which is badly needing it

It is at last providing some investment into the library

### Questions

Why do you not spend the money in refurbishing the present library?

**Question 2 - How would you see yourself using library services within the new Community Hub?**

**Would Continue To Use**

I would happily continue to borrow books for reading

Hope to continue as a library user

As a member of the public I would use the library area for there lending services

As a service user,( staff member) I would provide library children's activities and groups to promote literacy.

As a visiting member of staff I would use the library for library administration as part of my Library role.

I love the library and use it a lot, Staff are very helpful and pleasant

Parking is better & easier

Easier to join other community events

**Would Continue To Use However...**

Same as previously - but less convenient than on the High Street really

I will still use library facilities in the new premises but elderly less mobile individuals may find it less convenient than the current position of the library on the High

In the same way as I do now - Perhaps there would be more activities?

Depends upon pedestrian access. Current provision under railway is poor on one you have to walk on the road on the other the pavement is narrow with a low roof

I feel library on new site would discourage people from going the extra distance, especially those who rely on buses & walking. Perhaps some buses could look down with stops beside the railway line to reduce distance walked. This site would not discourage me from using as I usually drive

**Would specifically use the site for...**

I would like to use this area for community council meetings, however this may be out with core library hours.

Using the ict facilities

Borrowing books

Research

### **Would Be Able To Use More If...**

If the opening hours are longer I would be able to use it more. Working full-time limits my access since the evening opening hours were reduced Perhaps. It is the opening times and range of items that I find limiting. Also, I am not often in that part of Monifieth, but the Hub's activities might be more

### **Would Not Continue To Use**

I would not use it.

Not at all

I probably wouldn't

### **Would Not Continue To Use/Use Less Because...**

Not as likely to use the library because of the proposed site being much less easy to access

Not much. I have limited mobility and the extra distance might be too much

As a senior citizen and also a very regular use of the library I will find it difficult to get to, especially in bad weather. I don't know an answer to this and feel quite sad that it becomes an issue. Don't know how it will be resolved as everyone doesn't have private transport

The consultation in the library was not as advertised, as when staff were asked about details of the plans on display and the current size of the shelving and floor space of Monifieth library they couldn't answer any of the questions. It looks from the plan as if the number of shelves will be reduced and there will therefore be less books in Monifieth to borrow. The quiet of the library for working and reading seems to be reduced as the facilities seem to overlap with cafe and activity areas in the plan. What is wrong with having some quiet in the library? If the library is noisy I would be unlikely to use it for studying in.

### **Not A Current User**

Don't use the library at the moment

### **Questions**

Will the library provide e-reading tablets as part of the loan facility for on/off site use.

Will the facilities be available for use by visitors to Monifieth/Angus.

**Question 3 - What questions do you have about the library becoming part of the new Community Hub?**

**What Are The Benefits/Why Move The Library**

The proposed option provides a community campus and a one stop option for bringing a number of services together. Will the present library services be maintained/further enhanced by this proposal move.

What are the benefits of relocating the site from the high street to a the proposed location?

Is it a **real improvement** in library facilities?

Increase in shelf space - not clear?

Why is it felt necessary to remove the library. The current location of the library suits the many older residents and young mums who I would suggest use the service most.

**Opening Hours**

Will the opening hours be improved? There is no point having a closed library in the community hub when there are things happening.

Is it full-time opening?

Would library opening hours be coordinated with opening of café - that might attract other users

Will the opening hours improve? No point in a community hub with activities & the library is closed

Will access times be different from the current library opening times?

**Staffing**

Who is going to manage the new Community Hub ?

Will local people be involved in deciding which groups / clubs are accessed at the centre ?

Will a committee consisting of local people be formed to make decisions on usage / hire of rooms / financial decisions etc ?

Are you going to staff it with trained staff? I note a number of staff have left and are not being replaced hence a number of closures.

How will it be staffed?

Will it be run by volunteers or by trained librarians?

Will it be staffed with professionals?

Would the community side be staffed by volunteers?

Possibly some areas will be manned by volunteers. How will this work?

Accessibility - what solutions are being looked into regarding my earlier point of moving the library of a public transport route?

**Shared Spaces**

Considering the lack of event space in the library area would library events be run in the community event spaces. would these spaces be available to library staff at any time during the library opening hours.

If we have to use the spaces would library bookings be given priority and would they be free of charge to the library services, as we run weekly, fortnightly, monthly and paid events to the public through out the year.

There is also a question over privacy for those using Access services...this layout is very open and I am not sure I would be comfortable discussing, perhaps quite private matters, in such an open space.

## **Railway Line**

Overall accessibility. I am deeply concerned about older people accessing the library under the railway arches, particularly in the winter months when there is so little daylight.

The pedestrian access to this site is through two underpasses, one has a narrow pavement on one side only and is limited in height, the other has no pavement and pedestrians are forced to run the gauntlet of cars passing and maybe slowing down or waiting for them. In both underpasses the cars can and do travel at speeds which seem dangerous sometimes to pedestrians. There is therefore insufficient safe pedestrian access to this site.

None. It should remain easily accessible for all on the high street. There are huge numbers of elderly people to consider here. If they couldn't manage to the high school, how on earth are they going to manage a regular visit under the tunnel?

Where is the pedestrian access to the new site? Getting under either of the railway lines bridges as a pedestrian is very difficult. This will need to be changed

## **Public Transport**

There is no access for buses so all non car drivers will have to make a lengthy walk from the town, where the buses stop, down to the seafront, great if you are able, not so great if you use a walker or zimmer. Basically, pedestrian access for disabled people who are on foot doesn't seem to have been considered in this plan.

It is NOT a short stroll (as stated by the council) from the present position on the high street for infirm people, especially in icy winter conditions. There is no bus to help people get home. At present shoppers can pop into the library and home on the bus. This won't be possible. The shops will suffer as a result. Please continue with the original plans for the community use and leave the library where it is, on the easily accessible high street.

As there is no bus route to the proposed site is there any thought how to service the local community who have limited mobility?

None, just don't want it to happen prefer library to be served by buses on High Street

The main objection I have would be lack of public transport. Many of the library users I think are elderly and this might be a walk too far!

Ok if you have transport - I would not walk down from High St and through tunnel in winter or bad weather

## **Pedestrian Access/Car Parking**

Once through the underpasses, the plan envisages that the road which passes the tennis court will remain as vehicle access with no pedestrian access along it, so pedestrians will have to use the steps at the tennis courts or go further and use the path nearer the sea if they have a buggy or are using a walker. The whole community centre seems to have been set up with the needs of car drivers uppermost in the minds of the planners. The car park beside the community hub will add further car parking space to an area which is already full of cars, eating up even more of Monifieth's green space in the process.

Parking - are there any provisions being thought of?

Who will grit the paths and parking - this would be vital in winter

Fire engine access?

Access and pavements going to be upgraded? Problems for mobility scooters etc

## **Timescale**

What is the timescale?

## **Engagement Sessions**

Most of this proposal has been on line. Many elderly residents who use the library are not on line. Has anyone visited these homes to inform the residents that you are proposing to move the library down to the beach?

I do not read the Courier. How would I know about this proposal if I am not on line?

## **Other Comments**

Library needs to be in central Monifieth as is the case in other Angus burghs

The hub of the community is currently centred where a lot of people go. The footfall will be greatly reduced since unless you go to the Hub you will have no part of it. There won't be much passing traffic