

Annexe Project

February 2019 Update

Full to bursting!

Our building was opened in April 2012 and we are very grateful to the Church of Scotland who provided the funds for this to happen. It is a fantastic multi purpose building however very quickly it became clear that it was going to be too small for our purposes and as we have grown in number this has become increasingly apparent.



This is seen on a Sunday morning when a large group of children go to the Leisure Centre for their group and around 25 children squeeze into the back hall. It's also evident at other events that we run such as Toddletots where space is at a premium.

In addition to this our rooms are used throughout the year by local groups and the building has become something of a community hub. This has been very exciting and is something that we would love to build on and extend.

Because of this need, and the desire to serve our community, the Annexe Project was born and we have been working on its development that will be on the eastern side of the building.



What will it look like?

As you will see from the drawings (which are available on the church website) the annexe would be made up of a hall – with a moveable partition wall- along with toilet and small kitchen facilities.

In this way although it will be connected to the current building it will be a self contained unit with its own entrance



Current building

Annexe with hall that is 130 square metres, kitchenette and disabled toilet

This will provide more space for our young people to use on a Sunday morning but will also offer a games hall type facility for other community and church groups that may develop in the years ahead.

Additional car parking spaces will also be provided as part of the development.

What stage are we at?

We have recently received the Building Warrant for the work and it has now gone out to construction companies to tender for the project. If all goes to plan then we would expect work to begin in late Spring/early Summer and for the work to be completed before the end of the year.

How are we going to pay for it?

The tendering process which ends at the beginning of March will provide us with an accurate figure of what the project will cost but the current estimate which covers the build is **£350,000**

Over the past couple of years we have encouraged folks in the congregation to give towards the project and at the same time have sought grant funding.

Currently we have the following finances committed to the project.

Church Reserves	£77,000
Financial Pledges given so far (pledges in future years will help pay off loan)	£41,220
The Ferguson Trust, The Baird Trust, Carnegie Trust, Fife Common Good Fund	£34,706
The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland	£10,000
Ministries Council of the Church of Scotland	£50,000
General Trustees Loan (repayable over 10 years)	£100,000
TOTAL CONFIRMED INCOME	£312,926

In addition to these figures we are currently waiting for a response from a couple of funders that we have applied to.

Along with the income outline above we have pledges from the congregation in place over the next 10 years that total £85,000 (including gift aid). This income will go towards paying off the £100,000 loan from the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. Further income that we receive from the use of the annexe will also contribute to the balance that is left.

What can I do?

Giving

While we have made great progress towards funding the project we are still seeking financial contributions towards the project. If you would like



to contribute to the initial costs of the annexe or to the repayment of the loan by regular giving then please complete a [Pledge Form](#).

Prayer

This is large project and we need to bring it to God.

- That we would be led by Him in all aspects of the project.
- For the tender process that is currently underway.
- For Ross Thomson and the rest of the Annexe Project group as they work behind the scenes.
- That adequate funds would be available for the project.

If you have any questions about the Annexe Project then please contact Ross Thomson or Russel McPhate.