

MARYBURGH MATTERS

I hereby speak on behalf of the constituted group Maryburgh Matters, Seaforth Place, Maryburgh, and can confirm the overwhelming support from our group along with that of the community in securing the old school building for community use.

We, as a community, feel the enormous need for a social hub in Maryburgh. As a growing community, there is very little opportunity left for such a thing.

We intend to use the building for social and educational purposes, whilst further lifting the spirits of our community members (and further) by involving all ages, from children to adults.

We have brought the possibility of what could be to the attention of the public and generated a very successful response via Facebook, leaflets with ideas and suggestions handed into the local store and also email replies showing great support and suggestions.

Our group is very happy to be involved with the Maryburgh Men's Shed project, and of course will be contributing to the success of the project by the leasing of the available space within the school building.

We look forward to hearing of a successful CAT outcome and a brighter future for our village.

We look forward to hearing from you

Many thanks

Fiona Ross



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We are the Highland Woodturners Club currently based in Munlochty some 10 miles from Maryburgh, we have a vibrant club of some 65 members of whom over half attend regularly, with the others making appearances from time to time. We have people from all round the area including Maryburgh and a move to Maryburgh would not inconvenience us in the slightest. It has been our ambition to get into bigger premises for some time as we have a waiting list that never seems to diminish and bigger premises would allow us to enrol more members.

The situation with Covid-19 only spurred on the need for larger premises, we are currently closed, our present premises with social distancing would mean a reduction on the membership, something we did not wish to happen. The remedy was to find bigger premises and Maryburgh fits that requirement. Our HWC committee agreed we were to look for new premises, that's when we came across The old School in Maryburgh.

We teamed up with the then forming Maryburgh Men's Shed to see if we could collectively get the old School, they would get the building and we would rent one of the large rooms for our club, the Highland Woodturner Club. We currently pay rent for the premises we currently have of £140 a month, this amount would be guaranteed monthly to the Maryburgh Men's Shed should they be successful in securing the building. The rent amount has not been formally agreed yet but I can say that it would not be less than we are paying now.

I am Alec Mutch Chairman of HWC and also on the committee of the Maryburgh Men's Shed, we have another member of our committee on the Men's Shed committee, Cliff Sim a former Bank Manager. Our whole committee and members are fully behind us in securing new bigger premises, we very much hope this application will be successful.

Alec Mutch, Highland Woodturners Club Chairman.

