

Coupar Angus Town Hall Consultation

Purpose

Coupar Angus Town Hall is currently closed for essential maintenance work which will commence in April 2022. A review of the building identified the need for some significant investment to bring the Town Hall up to an acceptable and safe standard. From December 2019 to February 2020 PKC conducted a short survey to gather basic information about the use of the Town Hall and its role in the local community. Coupar Angus Town Hall has also hosted the town library service, which is delivered through Culture Perth and Kinross.



Returns Information

This survey was available online and paper copies could be attained in a small number of locations in the town. A total of 278 people took part in the consultation. A summary of the results by question is provided below

Who responded?

| Option | Total | Percent |
|--|-------|---------|
| as a resident of Coupar Angus | 155 | 55.76% |
| As a member of a community group in Coupar Angus | 80 | 28.78% |
| As a visitor to Coupar Angus | 72 | 25.90% |
| Other | 21 | 7.55% |
| Not Answered | 0 | 0% |

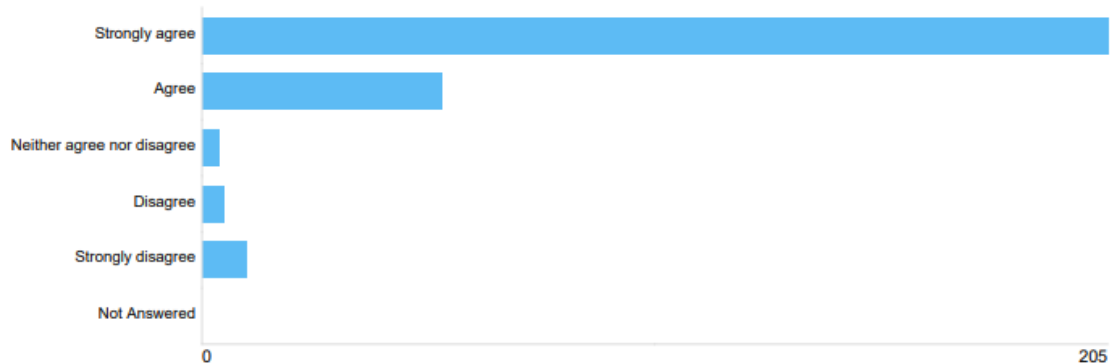
| Option | Total | Percentage |
|-----------|-------|------------|
| Under 16 | 1 | 0.4% |
| 16-25 | 23 | 8.3% |
| 26-65 | 165 | 59.6% |
| Over 65 | 83 | 29.9% |
| No Answer | 6 | 2.1% |

Attitudes towards the Town Hall

The majority of residents strongly agree (93%) agree that Coupar Angus needs a high-quality Town Hall. A very small number either had no opinion or disagreed with this statement.

Question 3: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Coupar Angus needs a high-quality Community Hall?

town hall use



Use of the Town Hall

64% of those who responded to the consultation state that they use the Town Hall on a weekly basis. Of those who make specific bookings of the Town Hall, the most popular reasons are birthday parties and other social events.

| Frequency of Use | Total Number of Respondents | Percentage |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Weekly | 178 | 64% |
| Monthly | 55 | 19.8% |
| Less often | 40 | 14.4% |
| Never | 5 | 1.8% |

Of those who responded 39% of people do not use any other community facilities in Coupar Angus.

Other facilities used by respondents include:

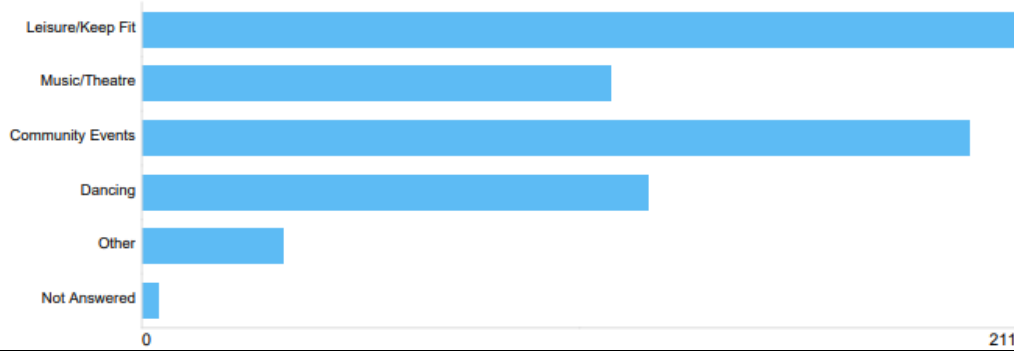
- Coupar Angus Cycle Hub
- Abbey Church
- The Y
- St Anne’s Church Hall
- Strathmore Hub
- Community shop and garden
- Old bowling hub function room

Increasing use of the Town Hall

Respondents were asked to identify which events or services would make them more likely to make use of the Town Hall. Leisure/sport and other community or cultural events are the most popular suggestions.

Question 7: What types of activities would you or members of your household be likely to attend, or take part in?

activities



| Option | Total | Percentage |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| Leisure/ Keep Fit | 211 | 75.9% |
| Music/ Theatre | 113 | 40.7% |
| Community events | 199 | 71.6% |
| Dancing | 122 | 43.9% |
| Other | 34 | 12.2% |
| Not Answered | 4 | 1.4% |

Most People who made a comment on other facilities where their activity could be accommodated said the other facilities in the town lacked the necessary floor space for activities, or did not have sufficient kitchen or toilet space. Others commented that alternative venues often lack licenses for alcohol. There was a general view from respondents that the Town Hall could be advertised and promoted better.

There were broad concerns about the historic maintenance of the building, with a number of respondents stating that the building has lacked investment for many years. A key concern is around the main toilets and kitchen facilities, which are a key asset for the facility.