



BANFF AND MACDUFF



On Monday, June 17, 2013, more than 350 residents and representatives from various community and sporting groups met with council representatives at Banff Academy.

As part of the Tesco/Canal Park project there will be re-investment into the community facilities in both Macduff and Banff. The original plans were created over 12 years ago and it is important to take the opportunity to ask local people what they felt was needed within their communities.

The discussions were positive throughout the evening, with a number of tables feeling that locating some of the facilities next to Banff Academy was a positive idea. The room was buzzing with discussion and ideas.

The points outlined below summarise the most frequent suggestions/comments that were discussed at the event. They include:

- Highlighting the demand for squash courts is high – requesting two courts and a gallery.
- The need for a facility to accommodate the local boxing group
- Ensuring that there is adequate car parking at facilities
- Consider the volume of storage space that will be required for the different groups using the facilities
- The rooms – can they be bigger in size so that they are more flexible in their use/multi-purpose?
- Can the running track and the pitch be covered?
- Transport to the alternative proposed facilities – look at bus routes to see if they can incorporate the main facilities
- Ensure access for wheelchairs, prams and buggies
- Public wi-fi being accessible in the buildings
- Ensure there is space for all sporting needs, not just football

All of the feedback received has been passed to the council's architects and they are developing the proposals further based on these. The developed designs will be available for viewing at the showcase event in Macduff on Monday, July 15. Please come along, have a look, ask questions and give us your feedback.

Monday's engagement event will be held at Macduff Primary, Berrymuir Road, from 12pm to 8pm.

A number of proposed designs for community and leisure facilities in both towns will be put on display for people to examine and give their views on. Senior council officers and architects will be on hand to talk about each of the proposals and how feedback from local residents has been incorporated.

People attending the meeting will again have the opportunity to comment on the latest proposals and give their views on the developments.

Options for sporting and leisure facilities in both communities will go on display, and feedback from local residents will be used to further develop the proposals.

Information about the Banff and Macduff project can be found at: www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/consultations/engagement_events.asp

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