

# **Collieston Community Centre Competition Brief: Requirements Summary**

## **Overall**

- The new Community Centre should be designed and built as a multi-functional and flexible facility
- Renewable energy sources should be included in the design to facilitate a zero net energy cost for heating, power and lighting
- Ideally the natural stone from the existing building should be reused
- The design needs to take into account the exposed nature of the site and the associated severe weather conditions.

## **Main Hall**

- Seating capacity for 200 people
- Suitable for functions / weddings
- Suitable for occasional sports use e.g. badminton, five-a-side football
- Access to landscaped grounds and coastal/harbour views desirable
- Potential for demountable stage
- Provision of blackout blinds

## **Retail/café/bistro/gallery**

- Can be combined or separate
- Give thought to seasonal / off season uses
- Cosy/welcoming atmosphere is important
- Retail – include provision for small shop/post office with requisite security and IT facilities
- Coastal views essential
- Provide for an Information Point, e.g. space for a touch screen display
- Gallery space will be used mostly for paintings and photographs, and also local heritage artefacts
- Provide for the possible inclusion of a permanent video installation (by acclaimed Scottish artist Kate Downie)
- Possibility to use as smaller function room

## **Toilets**

- With provision for changing/showering; note that separate locker/changing rooms not necessary

## **Catering kitchen/bar**

- Could be separate but preference given to bar adjoining or part of hall, though this should allow for the fact that many of the functions in the hall will be attended by families and take into account the requirements of the current Scottish licensing act with regards to children and bars.
- Essential that the kitchen is able to service different areas, e.g. a central hub.
- Kitchen facilities should be of sufficient standard for professional use (including provision of bottled gas or LPG).

## **Storage**

- One key to providing flexibility is the provision of a large amount of lockable storage dedicated to different groups, in particular, for playgroup, amenities (external for garden machinery), youth and other clubs, sports equipment, all tables and chairs and demountable stage etc.).
- Separate store for cleaning materials and equipped with laundry facilities.

## **Playgroup**

- Dedicated cloakroom / entrance area (large enough for coats, prams, etc. - can be via main building)
- Direct access onto enclosed garden area
- Separate toddler toilets and baby change
- Very small kitchen area which can be closed off
- Wet area and sink
- Hand washing sink
- Views not essential, but a pleasant outlook desirable
- Have the potential to be used as an alternative meeting room
- Large amount of dedicated storage
- Capacity for up to 30 children (ages ranging from 0 to 5)

## **Meeting room**

- To seat up to 24 people
- Views not essential but pleasant outlook helpful
- Suitable for corporate use
- Equipped with presentation facilities, including blackout

## **Self-catering accommodation**

- Two self-contained units at ground floor level
- Each with two double/twin bedrooms; space for cot in one
- Separate external access and separate parking
- Views essential
- Internal disabled access
- Kitchen, dining/living area with space for sofa bed
- Consideration to be given to privacy for users

## **Office**

- Small administration/reception area

## **Outdoor space**

- Landscaped grounds which provide the following
  - Picnic area
  - An environment for appreciation of the views and the local wildlife
  - Paths down to the harbour and coast
  - Area enclosable for playgroup outdoor play
  - Optional Boules Piste, positioned for evening light
- Parking for around 30 cars; may need to cope with small buses
- Outdoor storage e.g. for garden equipment as well as playgroup outdoor equipment and secure storage for rubbish and recycling bins
- Garaging for minibus (Dial-a-Bus)