

The committee of Strichen Town House Trust (incorporating the friends of the Anderson Rooms) are pleased to note that the only representation lodged in connection with the proposed asset transfer of 59a Water Street is one in support of the aforesaid asset transfer.

We can confirm that it is the intention of the committee to preserve renovate and upgrade what is the Anderson Woodman Institute building (commonly known as the library) for the provision of a lending library and reading or meeting rooms for the benefit of the inhabitants of Strichen and the surrounding area as originally provided for by Andrew Anderson.

In time we shall seek to add disabled access to both floors, toilets and a small kitchen area. Our ambition is to create a community hub for use by individuals and groups of any size age or ability.

In addition to providing meeting rooms for clubs or groups or quiet study space for individuals we envisage holding events, exhibitions, or even just a warm safe space for those who need it.

We will be recruiting volunteers to assist in delivering these services to our community. With sufficient numbers of volunteers we hope to be able to open the building most weekdays, some evenings and Saturdays.

Live Life Aberdeenshire will continue to provide a library service two half days per week. Outwith those hours library members will be able to borrow return or request books using the Spydus app on their mobile phone.

We hope this addresses the comments made in the representation.