



Tayport Community Trust

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Development Funding Success

Tayport Community Trusts plans to bring a multi-faceted Community Hub to the town have received some new help this week, with the award of £119,023 from Big Lottery. This Development Funding will support the payment of Design Fees and Site Reports that are needed to facilitate a planning application and a strong Stage 2 application to the Big Lottery's Growing Community Assets fund.

As with the progression to a Stage 2 application, this Development Funding does not guarantee the success or otherwise of the planned £1million application, however it will certainly assist the Trust in preparing the strongest case possible.

Tayport Community Trust are now working with the Design Team led by Collective Architecture, to develop a workable, affordable and sustainable brief that will be presented to the community over the next couple of months. The Trust has appointed 'champions' for each of the Hub strands – Community, Sports, Arts, Tourism and Business – who will carry out 1 to 1 consultations with groups, individuals and other relevant stakeholders, as well as assisting in larger open consultation events where everyone will be encouraged to come along and have their say. Details will follow when finalised.

Chair of the Trust, Tony Gowland said "this is great news for the Trust's hopes for developing a better future for Tayport. We have been trying to get to this stage for a long time, and we understand that many people think this development will never happen, but this support from the Lottery will hopefully aid us to put an end to over 20 years of waiting. We are grateful to the Lottery for their help and support, and to the strong support from the local public and key stakeholder groups over recent times. We look forward to presenting the plans to as many people as possible in the next couple of months. There still remains a lot of work to do, but in the grand scheme of things, this is the closest that the Trust has been to fulfilling this vision. Our new stronger board, together with our Development Officer and Design Team, gives us a strong foundation on which to move forwards."

People can keep up to date with developments on the Tayport Community Trust website at www.TayportCT.org.uk where they can also access a membership form to join the Trust for free. This will guarantee them first-hand information as it comes. Shorter updates will also be available on [Facebook.com/TayportCT](https://www.facebook.com/TayportCT) and [Twitter.com/TayportCT](https://twitter.com/TayportCT).

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