

Background Information for Three Options

The initial [Dunadd Community Plan](#) identified six themes. These themes will give some direction for the three options of use for the church building. Some of the detail within these themes will also help in determining the options. As well as this, a community consultation has identified potential uses for the church building, which are highlighted within this [linked document](#).

There are some concerns within the community that activities should respect the graveyard, as this is still active. There is also concern that the building should not be a financial burden on future generations. The latter shows there is a need for the building to create an income at least to cover its running costs.



Bell Tower

A village shop & Post Office has been talked about and a separate study is looking into the feasibility of this.

The bell tower is presently a large unused space. Ideas for its use include using this space as an enterprise area, and/or a local heritage centre looking at the history of the clearances, the part the area played in the slave trade, and/or a centre for genealogy. The Kilmartin Museum is concerned

about the possibility of another museum in the area, as it may have an impact on their funding opportunities. The community has also mentioned that a viewpoint at the top of the tower could be an income generator.

Originally the church had galleries on both sides, these were removed in 1900, the Lairds Loft remains. There have been discussions regarding a mezzanine and whether this would produce space for holiday lets and/or commerce space.

Both the Museum and Hotel serve food; however, no one serves sweets, ice cream or similar products. The possibility of artisan craft and art sales has been discussed, especially if they are locally made, grown, etc.



Galleries circa 1800

Resilience in emergency situations has been discussed in recent years, with there being a village emergency plan and the emergency holdall being kept in the church building. However, in a full-scale emergency there is no community building that can help people stay comfortable and safe.

The Christian crosses within the church are visited by tourists and are presently the main attraction and create footfall within the church building. One estimate is that they bring a 100 people a day through the church door in the height of the summer season,

however, this has not been clarified. There is currently some work being undertaken to clarify the ownership of the crosses and start a discussion with them.

Community space is limited to the new Glassary, Kilmartin and Ford Church, with the old Kilmartin Church Hall presently under offer, with planning application for a residential property pending. Kilmichael village hall was sold a few years back. Ford village hall is small, and not central, in fact it is out of the way for most Dunadd residents.

The Mid Argyll Pipe Band practice in the village, they used to use the Kilmartin Church Hall, and now use the new Parish Church. The space that can be used for rehearsals is too small. So quality space, that can be used for practice would be useful. There is also a perception that a performance/rehearsal space would be well used, as the only quality performance space within 30 miles is Craignish Hall.

If the building is designed as multi use, storage will be needed for furniture that can be moved in and out, as well as secure storage space for user groups.

Kitchen – meet Environmental Health hygiene standards

Toilets – easily accessible. Public toilets across the road so only needed when main part of building is in use, there is no sewerage or water facilities presently within the building.

Disabled access, will need to be considered

Energy conservation; the directors would like the energy usage in the building to be eco friendly and to explore the possibility of energy production or recovery schemes.

The Three Options

It is envisaged that the three options will be based around these three scenarios

1. Shop & Post Office
2. Shop
3. No Shop or Post Office