



NEWSLETTER: MARCH 2016

In this edition of the Trust Newsletter we are highlighting our two current initiatives.

- The 'Inner Court' Design Study
- Cupar Could, the town centre charrette which the Trust has championed.

Plus we update you on the Trust's Board and action to recruit new members.

A Bold Plan to Regenerate Cupar Town Centre

The Trust has been the catalyst for a partnership involving Fife Council, Kingdom Housing Association and Fisher and Donaldson which has brought forward a bold plan for providing affordable housing and business space to replace otherwise derelict town centre properties.

Arc Architects of Cupar undertook the design feasibility study for the partnership. Tom Morton, Arc's principal architect, explains, "The design demonstrates how 34 dwellings and 9 business units can be sensitively stitched into the conservation area in a mix of refurbished stone property and new buildings."



The partnership is now seeking the views of local people and businesses on the proposed design. A display of the proposals is to be held in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday the 2nd March, from 3:00pm until 6:30pm.

The next stages of the project will involve securing outline planning permission and exploring how the development can be funded.

The design study report may be read on the Cupar Development Trust website www.CuparDevTrust.org.uk. Feedback will be most welcome.



**The opportunity to share ideas
about the future of Cupar's town
centre**

Cupar Could was initiated by Cupar Development Trust in response to the funding opportunity presented by the Scottish Government's Mainstreaming Charrette Programme. The Trust commissioned [PAS](#) to deliver a charrette the focus of which is upon improvements to Cupar's town centre. The charrette is funded by grants from Fife Council, the Scottish Government and the Big Lottery.

Cupar Could is about carrying out a community conversation. As a result of which actions and priorities will be set down in a Community Town Centre Action Plan. Cupar Could involves Cupar's residents, schools, community groups, local businesses, the public sector, charities, voluntary organisations and others. [PAS](#) are running a collaborative design process, known as *Charretteplus™* where local people in workshops discuss and share ideas for the future of their community.

Cupar Could will take place over four consecutive places-focused workshops, from Thursday 17 – Sunday 20 March in the Corn Exchange, Cupar. All welcome!

The Trust's Board

Since securing the registration of the Trust as a company limited by guarantee, a founding Board of Trustees has been confirmed, the members of which are:

David Kirk, Chairman

Jim Hair, Treasurer

Trustees: Jennie Hughes, Bill Pagan, Jim McLeish, Des Montgomery

The Board met on the 7th and 21st January and again on the 18th February. The meetings enabled the Board to approve applications for membership and to confirm operating practices.

The Trust has a bank account, has set its accounting year as ending on the 31st March, and has established an active web-site (www.CuparDevTrust.org.uk). The Board have agreed that the first Annual General Meeting of the Trust will be held during 2016.

The Trust has a leaflet at printing which is intended to increase local awareness of the Trust and to attract additional members. If you are willing to pass on copies of the leaflet to individuals and organizations interested in becoming Trust members please email: cupardevtrust@gmail.com

We want the Trust to make a real difference in the community. The Trust can be a catalyst that enables the community to make its own plans and aspirations and which creates local partnerships capable of realising positive results.

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