



## FDT COMMUNITY FACILITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

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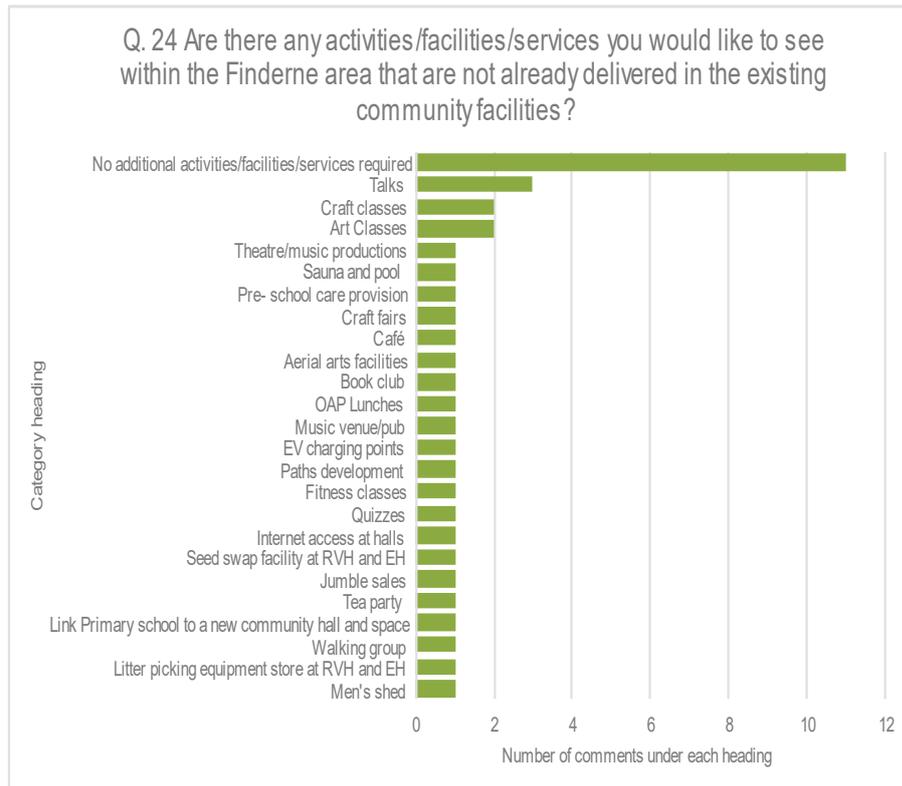


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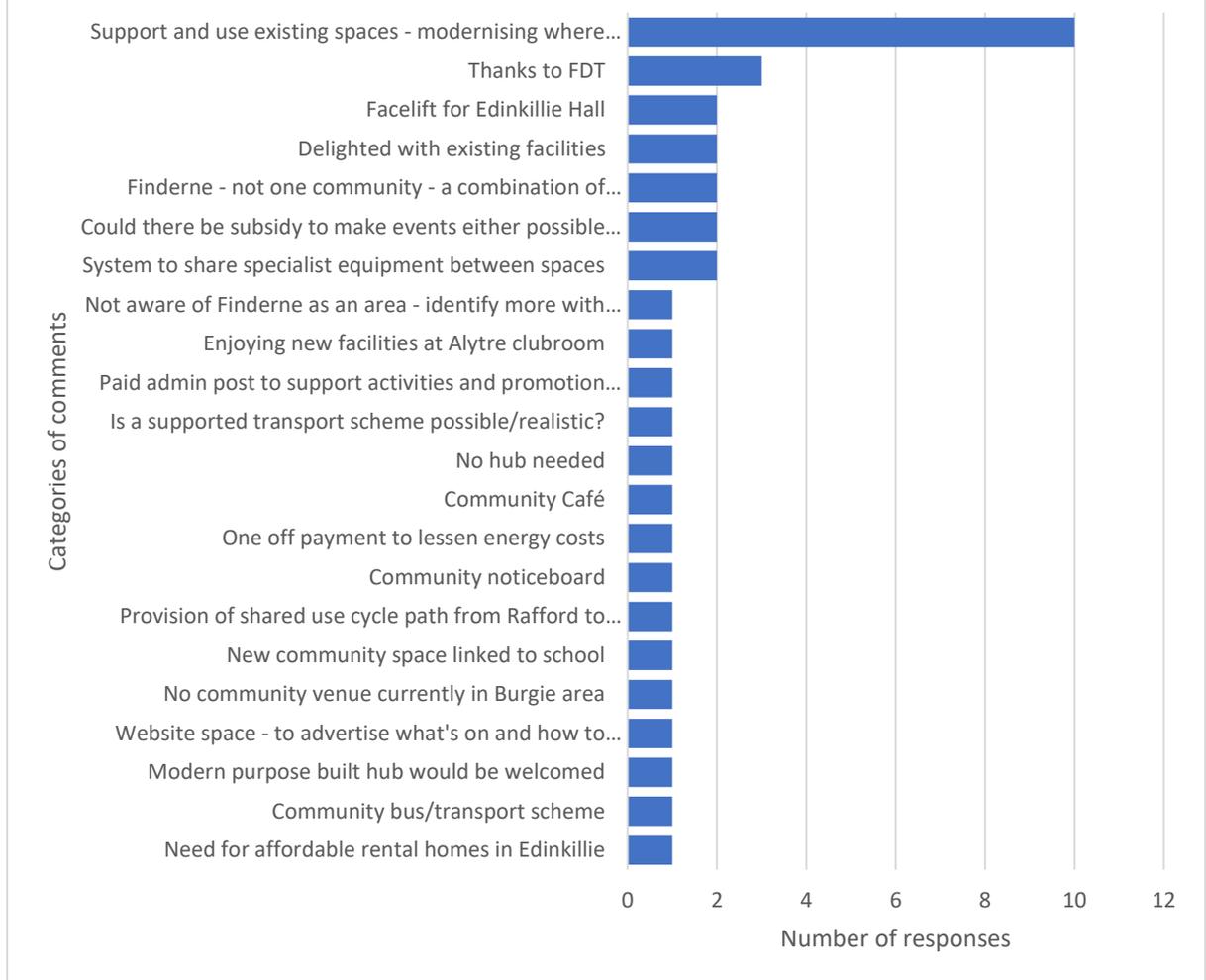
## **Executive summary/ key findings**

- We sent our Community Facilities Questionnaire to 566 households, as well as being available online.
- We received responses from 80 households within the Finderne area: a response rate of 14%.
- 14% of the households who responded felt that no additional activities, facilities, or services were needed in the Finderne area.
- 12% of households/respondents indicated that existing spaces should be supported and used – modernising where necessary.
- 85% of households/respondents did not feel that there was a need for an additional new community hub building within the Finderne area.
- 71% of households/respondents indicated that they would like FDT to investigate setting up a community transport project.

- In addition to specific questions about existing community facilities, there was also the opportunity for respondents to give additional general feedback at Qs.24, 25 and 26. These comments are summarised within the following two charts.



Summary of comments related to Q.25 – ‘do you feel there might still be a need for an additional new community hub building within Finderne’ together with all other general feedback comments noted under Q.26



Please note that there was considerable overlap between the comments made under questions 24, 25 and 26, and that the majority of the feedback comments illustrated in the above charts relate to feedback from one household only.

Despite this caveat, we feel that these summary comments provide helpful feedback pointers that we would now like to follow up on.

## Next steps: in other words, 'you said, we'll do'....

- With 71% of respondents asking us to investigate setting up a community transport project, we have now prioritised this as a new project area within our plan for the coming year. We'll be consulting further with community members to be able to set up a community transport project to meet the specific requirements of Finderne households.
- Also, based on 12% of households/respondents indicating that existing community spaces should be supported and used – modernising where necessary - we will now prioritise working in partnership with the trustees and committees of our existing community facilities to identify practical ways that FDT can help.

This could include such things as support to upgrade facilities, support to offer different activities, events, and performances, FDT having a designated page on our website to summarise all contact details/booking arrangements for Finderne venues, and, on the community transport front, finding ways to support community members to be able to get to our wonderful community facilities more easily.

- As well as working in partnership with the trustees and committee members of Edinkillie Hall, and Rafford Village Hall, FDT will also seek to work in partnership with other local community groups and services, such as for example, The Osprey Bus, Dial M for Moray, Film Forres, FACT, The Mobile Pantry, to improve what is on offer within the Finderne area for our community.

Overall, we are keen to support the provision of health and wellbeing related activities across Finderne.

- FDT are just about to launch a new Community Microprojects Fund – more details to follow shortly – but this will be funding of up to £1,000 per project, with the funding geared towards smaller projects which can be achieved with a defined timescale.

So, if you have an idea for a microproject that could benefit the Finderne community in some way, possibly one which you may have already flagged up within our survey, please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

## **Overall priority projects for Finderne Development Trust in 2022/23 – a quick recap and update**

As well as developing ways to respond to the results of our community facilities questionnaire, we have also been busy defining all our other priority projects for the Trust for our current financial year to the end of April 2023.

### **Community Led Affordable Housing at Brockloch, Rafford**

We are on the point of finalising the purchase of the land at Brockloch, made possible by a grant of £331,740 from the Scottish Land Fund. This will become the site for FDT's community led affordable housing project which will have twelve houses in total.

These homes will be retained as affordable in perpetuity. For rental properties this will be achieved by letting at social equivalent rent levels and for discounted sales by applying a Rural Housing Burden to the title of each property, which allows the community to retain control over the resale and use of the properties. Properties must be a permanent, main residence and letting will be prohibited without consent of the Rural Housing Body.

FDT will develop an allocations policy to meet the needs of our community and may include targeting key workers, trades people, young families, or families with a link to the area.

We are due to begin to develop draft plans for the ten houses for the site, eight for rent, and two for purchase, in addition to two self-build plots, and once these are ready, we will then take them back to the Finderne community for further consultation to then arrive at the final design brief.

### **Finderne Employment and training support**

Shortly to be re-launched, FDT wants to engage with Finderne-based businesses to identify opportunities for:

- Future Apprentice placements
- Financial support to businesses to encourage additional employment
- Other training opportunities

## **Finderne Routes**

Over the coming year FDT will prepare a detailed scope for a project to develop ideas for enhancing existing routes with Finderne, together with the possibility of creating new routes.

## **Broadband**

We will continue to liaise with the Scottish Government to identify any ways where FDT can support the provision of Superfast Broadband to harder to reach households within Finderne.

## **Other project/development areas**

- FDT are supporting the current Road safety initiative in Rafford being led by Finderne Community Council.
- As part of their Learning Estate/School Estate review, Moray Council are looking for opportunities to drive revenue from the Learning Estate: FDT will seek to identify any opportunities to work in partnership with Moray Council within this new model, regarding Logie Primary School.
- As a matter of policy, the FDT Board have agreed that net zero goals should be embedded within all FDT's project areas, with health and wellbeing as an underpinning theme.

On behalf of the volunteer directors of Finderne Development Trust we would like to thank all those who participated in our community facilities survey. We look forward to being able to discuss the results in more detail with trustees and committee members for Edinkillie Hall and Rafford Village Hall, all our FDT members, and the wider Finderne community. We are keen to follow up on this invaluable feedback to identify potential ways for Finderne Development Trust to assist and support our community, and to make Finderne a great place to live, work and visit.

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A full version of our Community Facilities Survey results is available [here](#). If you would like to request a paper copy please contact Jan MacPherson, Development Manager [jan@findernedevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:jan@findernedevelopmenttrust.com)

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Please also contact Jan if you would like to be involved in the development of any of our priority projects for the coming year, or if you have any proposals for Microprojects within Finderne.