



# **Fittie Community Meeting**

20th August 2024 - Fittie Community Hall



# Agenda

## Introduction

## History

- Council engagement with beach master plan
- Formation of the Aberdeen Beach Community (ABC)
- Organisation

## ABC - Clubhouse Project

- Aims and objectives
- What are we trying to achieve:
  - Facility
  - Community
- Location & Planning

## Community Survey





# Introduction

Thank you for your interest

The ABC has formed as a result of the Beach Redevelopment

100% Volunteer run and funded

We agree there are issues with other parts of the plans:

- Road access and parking.
- Food trucks not being managed properly.
- Pathways are crowded, litter etc.

**Please add any of these concerns and questions in the survey for us to feedback to the council**



# History



## Council Engagement

- Initial engagement with Beach Master Plan
  - Aug 2021 (Beach Club House Idea)
- Public consultation sessions
  - Sept/Oct 2022
- Clubhouse Design/brief consultations
  - October 2022
- Beach walkthrough Donmouth to Fittie
  - Aug 2023
- Aberdeen Water Safety Group consultations
  - May 2023,
  - April 2024

## Public Engagement

- Public Facebook Page
  - Created September 2020
  - Name change May 2023
- ABC Public Website
  - March 2024
- Survey
  - 20th March 2024
  - Run for 4 months

## Fittie Specific Engagement

- Survey
  - 2nd May Leaflets passed to Trustee with Survey QR
  - 15th July Hard copy survey delivered
- Initial Meeting in Fittie Community Hall
  - 2nd May
  - 8th May Slide pack online
- This Meeting in Fittie Community Hall
  - Booked with Trustee 11th July



# History

## Formation of the Aberdeen Beach Community (ABC)

### Mission Statement

To represent the views of those concerned with access to and facilities for the enjoyment of water-based activities along the Aberdeen beachfront.



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# Organisation



## Community Clubhouse Project

- Replace ASLSC Facility
- Provide community centre for water sports users
- Improve disability access at the beach

## Beach Festival

- Celebrate the Beach
- Awareness of the clubs and organisations at Aberdeen
- Engage the public
- Environmental Awareness

## Development Feedback

- Gather users feedback on the Master Plan
  - Parking
  - Cycle paths
  - Pop Up businesses
  - Sea defenses
  - etc...



# ABC - Clubhouse Project

## Aims and Objectives

- Create a new clubhouse to house ASLSC and other water-based beach groups (surfers, swimmers, dippers etc)
- Capitalise on the CCBMP opportunity to improve facilities for all beach users.

*If a Beach Master Plan is to go ahead then there is a need for it to include new facilities for the water users whilst **improving** existing public facilities.*

# What are we trying to achieve ?



## Existing Facility





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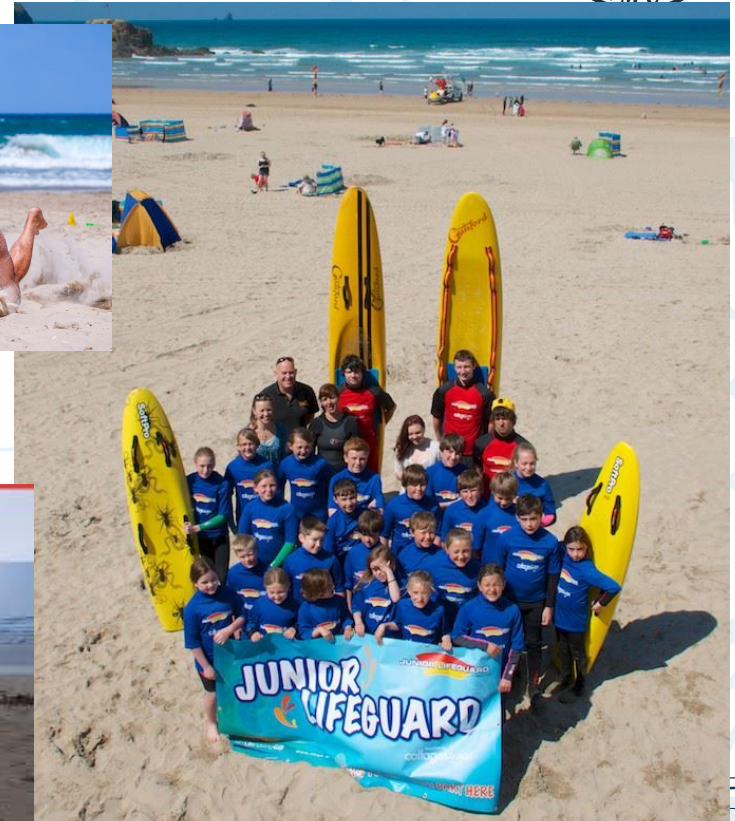


Encourage more people to pursue an active and healthy lifestyle

Training and development

Safer Beach

Increase youth engagement



Beach Lifeguard Patrols



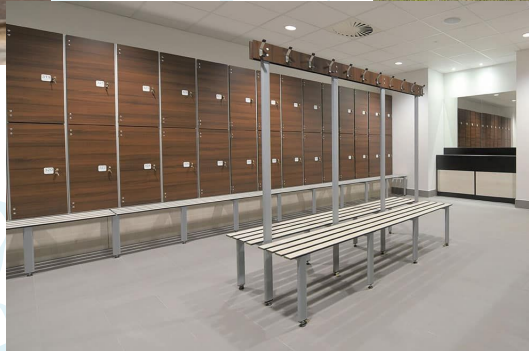
# What are we trying to achieve ?



Fit for purpose facility

Safer environment for Youth and disability access

Community Space





# ABC - Clubhouse Project

## Development Roadmap - Overview

### Phase 1 Feasibility

Setup  
Proof of Demand  
Business case  
Legal

### Phase 2 Design and Build

Planning detail  
Architects  
Contractors  
Schedule

### Phase 3 Operations

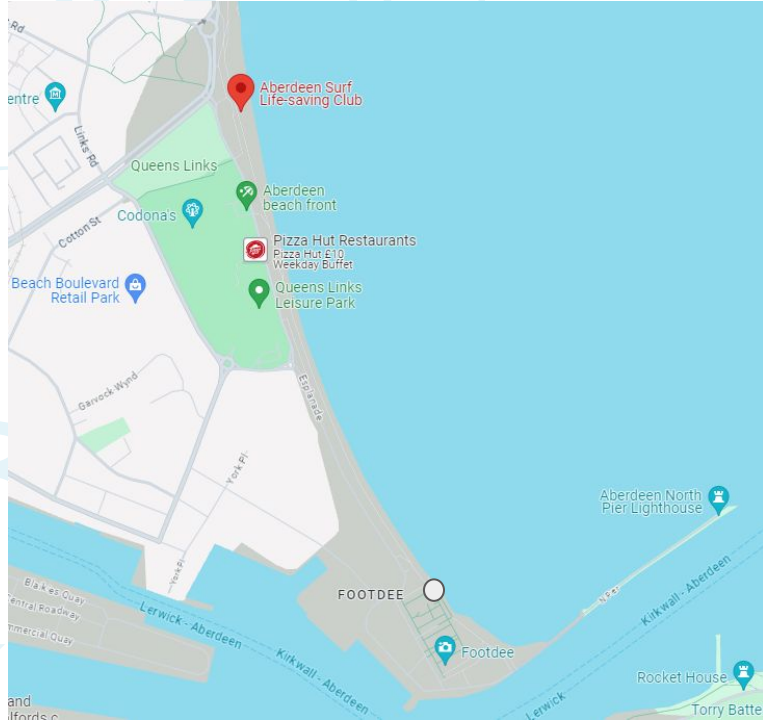
Funding  
Maintenance  
Use and promotion



# ABC - Clubhouse Project

## Location and Planning

- Current Location
- Proposal Location
- Benefits
- Demand



# ABC - Clubhouse Project



## Location and Planning - Current

- Volunteer since 1996
- No facilities
- No ramp access
- Groyne altered Surf
- Lifesaving sessions for beginners are at the mercy of the tides
- Groyne are hazardous and reduce the number of sessions we can safely run.



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More space behind the wooden groynes at the southern end of the beach/less hazardous





# ABC - Clubhouse Project

## Location and Planning - Proposal

- Existing Toilet block

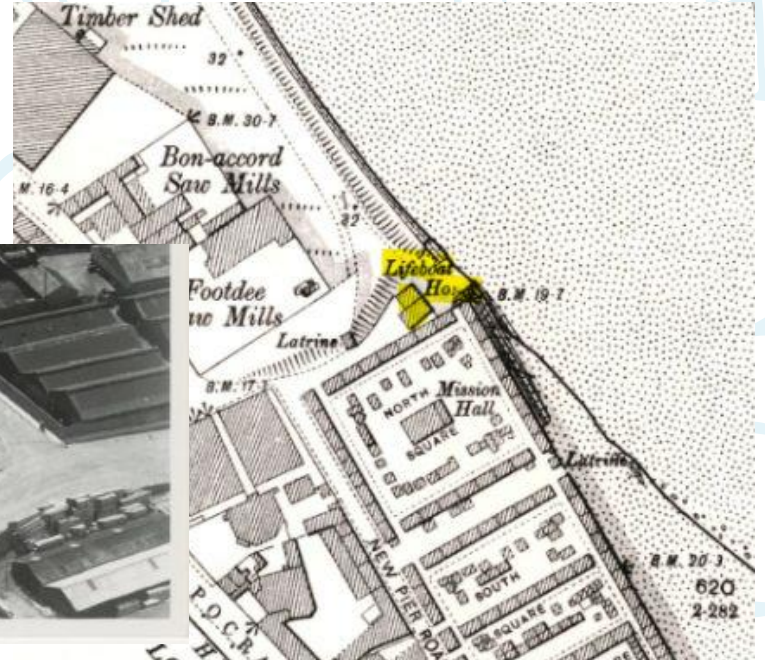




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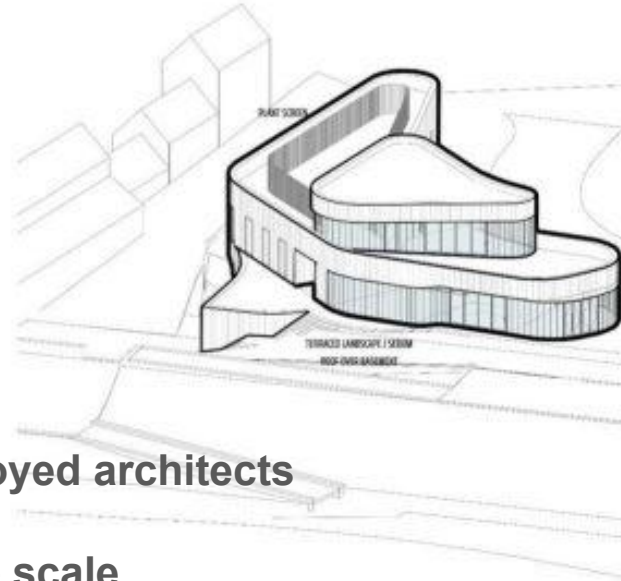
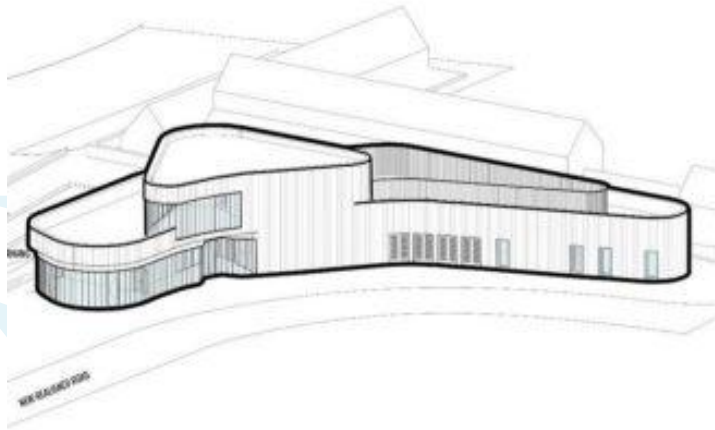
- Lifeboat House until Circa 1950





# ABC - Clubhouse Project

## Location and Planning - Proposal



- Designed by Council employed architects
- ABC Input a list of facilities
- Drawings are not final or to scale
- Design includes retaining public toilet access
- Council to assess potential of alternative locations



# ABC - Clubhouse Project

## Location and Planning - Benefits

- Away from Groynes
- Preferred Swim location
- More visibility - safety and promotion of activities
- Rips/currents more predictable and manageable
- Access to existing Ramp
- Shelter - dominant wave approach from the northeast, 40% of the time (Ramsay and Brampton, 2000)



# Community Survey

Please fill out copies of the survey which we will collect and feedback to the council.

Please write down any additional questions for us to feedback to the council.

**What are the key issues?**





# Question and Answers?

<https://aberdeenbeachcommunity.org.uk/>