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Clan Baird Society
Worldwide Foundation
supports Scotland
and Scottish culture,
preserves and
restores Clan Baird
artifacts and sites in
Scotland, and protects
all things Scottish.

**SUMMER 2022** 

## NEW ABERDOUR COMMUNITY MEETING

## 4th August discussion about the Clan Baird Society Centre

We met as a Clan and Society with the villagers of New Aberdour on August 4th, to discuss how we would use the old Dower/Commercial Hotel that we contracted to purchase in July. It will become our Clan Baird Society Centre and a Community Centre for the people of New Aberdour. Commander Richard, Ross and Doreen Baird, Heather Snyder, Sandy Baird, Debra Baird, Laura Lynn Kerner, Bob Watson and Corinne Cox led the discussion and presentation. Ross brought beautifully drawn plans from Architect Ian Rodger, who also attended and helped explain our thoughts on use.



The Dower/Commercial Hotel and future Clan Baird Society Centre

The community was very open to our coming into their town and we were most happy to have a chance to once again be Bairds with a small presence on the old Auchmedden Estate, since the village sits on traditional lands of that estate. With the very generous donations by two of our Board of Directors, we were able to pay cash for the hotel building and now must renovate it.

Debra, Branton, Laura Lynn, Seth Burgess, and Jim Kerner will be spending the month of December working to clean up the building inside some and make it more hospitable for workers to begin repairs/renovations. Laura Lynn will be continuing her work to survey the village and area to determine best

use and our business plan for moving forward. We would all appreciate any comments about how members would like to see the building used. It was a restaurant, pub, meeting rooms, and hotel rooms upstairs in the past. The building on the back was the carriage house/ stable. When you come back to your home in Scotland at the Baird Centre, what would you like your experience to be? What would you like to see? What would you like to do? What would you like to learn?

Please e-mail lauralkerner@aol.com with answers to these questions. She is developing our analysis and business plan.

