

Additional comment - SWOT analysis for Fife Street School

<p>Strengths:</p> <p>Fife Street School is in an easily accessible location, within urban environment just a short distance from town centre;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secure on-site parking available, - Dedicated disabled parking spaces, - Bus-stop immediately at gate with ca. hourly route 300 twin-town circular service between hours 08:30 to 17:30 Mon – Sat (before Covid disruptions) 	<p>Opportunities:</p> <p>Create a new social meeting place or venue within the community for sharing by and for the benefit of multiple groups</p> <p>Extensive space & accommodation available within Fife Street School facility allowing ‘new-order’ greater social distancing/less close-contact risk at meetings/events (pending mass vaccination/immunisation)</p> <p>Earlier intervention to arrest decline in more persons within our district as an established base permits growth of membership and support links development</p> <p>Breath new life into a valuable but degrading mothballed Community asset</p> <p>Tended horticultural external features e.g. raised beds and feature flora / shrubbery would encourage the attraction and interests of members and further would enhance the amenity appearance of the premises</p>
<p>Threats:</p> <p>Covid restrictions duration extension or recurrence</p> <p>Increased isolation of many within an aging local demographic</p> <p>Government emergent rules regarding meeting numbers ‘cap’ and sustained social-distancing measures normalising within schools, functions, meetings and for Group/Community activities</p> <p>Potential sale of the Fife Street School which is the <u>only</u> remaining suitable Community premises remaining in the district</p> <p>Lack of suitable premises will cause inability to undertake tasks and projects and will ultimately lead to a forced winding down and closure.</p>	<p>Weaknesses:</p> <p>Our Men’s Shed do not charge membership fees</p> <p>Neither do we charge a nominal attendance fee.</p> <p>Health vulnerability of many aging members.</p> <p>Traditional reluctance to embrace new opportunities inherent in those suffering social deprivation and/or isolation.</p>