



News Update June 2023

Things are moving quickly currently and there are some good and some not so good news.

Let's start with the not so good news, even though many people nominated us for the chance to win a £1,000 for our charity with the Movement for Good, we did not get drawn in this round. The next round will be in the first week of September, so if you have not nominated the Mill of Benholm Enterprise already, please click on the link below and nominate us for a chance to win £1,000. To get the Mill of Benholm back into the community does not only take a lot of work, but it also costs as well a lot of money, so every donation helps.

<https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity>

In case you want to help further with your own donation, please visit our website www.millofbenholm.scot/donate/ or get in contact.

Let's come to the good news, after submitting our Expression of Interest to Aberdeenshire Council for the Community Asset Transfer of the Mill of Benholm in May, we had a meeting with some members of the Aberdeenshire Asset Transfer Group. The trustees handed over the Strategy Paper for the Community Asset Transfer of the Mill of Benholm from Aberdeenshire Council to the Mill of Benholm Enterprise (SCIO). We explained the plans for the revival of the Mill of Benholm, including the funding strategy, to the Council officers who were present. After this meeting and further internal discussions within Aberdeenshire Council, we have been asked by the Project Officer to submit the formal Application for the Community Asset Transfer.

The Board of the Mill of Benholm Enterprise is preparing this currently and will submit the application soon.

A further site visit with relevant officers of Aberdeenshire Council is planned to establish how Mill of Benholm Enterprise and Aberdeenshire Council can work together constructively to open the site in the meantime, even if it is just the grounds to begin with.

We have held many stakeholder meetings on site with people and organisations who are interested in helping with the revival of the Mill of Benholm and using the buildings and the grounds. If you know of anyone who would like to be part of this project or maybe a business who would be interested in using parts of the site or buildings, please get in contact.

The more interested groups, organisations, businesses and individuals who are interested in working with Mill of Benholm Enterprise, the better.

If you have not done so yet, please return the completed Volunteer Questionnaire to help us to build a solid volunteer base and if you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see happening at the Mill of Benholm in the future please let us know.

To discuss further please do get in contact either through our website www.millofbenholm.scot or email us secretary@millofbenholm.scot.

Mill of Benholm Enterprise will have a stall at the Johnshaven Fish Festival on Saturday the 12th of August 2023 and we are looking forward to seeing you all there.