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How much do you know about the Community Centre in Dromore Road? Once the Gatehouse School, the building became the Community Centre in 1986 and since then has been developed and improved to make it suitable for a wide range of activities.

You may well have visited the mobile bank which parks outside on Monday mornings (except Bank Holidays). But have you ever thought about going along to one of the regular classes or hiring it for a private event? There are two meeting rooms, a large hall, a well equipped kitchen and very reasonable hire charge. Regular classes currently on offer include Scottish Country Dancing and Yoga. The Snooker Club and the Community Church meet there and both have their own exclusive use facilities, the Pre-School Group use the Centre on Monday mornings during term time and the Scottish Women's Rural Institute meets there every month.

Plans are in hand to make membership open to everyone in Gatehouse of Fleet and the surrounding area as well as everyone who uses the Centre regularly. We're also looking at setting up an online booking system which will make booking easier for everyone with internet access but we'll back this up with telephone booking system as well.

The Management Committee has recently been taking the opportunity to plan for the future. Some essential repairs are needed to make the building watertight and it's expected that the first of these – rendering the outside walls – will begin later this year with the generous support of the Murray Usher Foundation. This will be followed by external painting next year once the rendering has had time to dry out.

Other repairs and improvements are being planned for future years. These be will be top to bottom, from the roof to the car park, but will depend on success in achieving help with what will be quite substantial costs. In the meantime the inside of the centre will be brightened up to make it more attractive and welcoming starting with new and more comfortable chairs and new curtains. All this will take time but we're hoping that there'll soon be a noticeable improvement in the appearance of the Centre both inside and outside

The Committee would welcome new members whatever your background – all you need is an interest in your local community and energy and enthusiasm to help see the Centre through this exciting period of change. If you're interested please email the Secretary, Susan Miller, at [secretary@gatehouse-community-centre.org.uk](mailto:secretary@gatehouse-community-centre.org.uk) and visit our new website [www.gatehouse-community-centre.org.uk](http://www.gatehouse-community-centre.org.uk)