

Discussion with Stan Barber CEO Morayvia Ltd. SC042895

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Morayvia Site Update:

A quick visit around the site showed that about 75% of the hard standing was occupied by aero-exhibits. A Westland Dragonfly helicopter was inbound and there were also a number of aircraft exhibits being restored inside the building. These might be expected to occupy the remaining hard standing in due course.

It was planned to bring the Nimrod XVR244 "The Duke of Edinburgh" onto the site but this would require paving of about one third of the grass area to the south of the site. Another third would be paved over for visitor car parking. The remaining third would probably be used for further exhibits.

There is a narrow strip of land to the north of the main building which could provide extra building volume but it was planned to place a large storage volume (currently elsewhere) on this area. Virtually all of the internal volume is now occupied by exhibitions or workshops and a few offices.

Ownership and expansion

The buildings and land are currently leased to Morayvia by Moray Council on a rolling five year permit. The expectation is that at some point Moray Council will agree to an asset transfer of the land and building. If this does not happen, Morayvia may seek to purchase land elsewhere for security of the business.

It is not unlikely that further land adjacent to the site may be acquired for future expansion. (Currently under consideration by Moray Council)

The intention is to develop the "Sci-Tech Experience" to broaden visitor interest. (Again for business security reasons but not yet fully explored by the board.)

Opportunity for The T-Exchange

There is no obvious location on the existing site for a workshop. Within a year or two this may well change and The T-Exchange would be welcomed. There is a stated preference by Morayvia that joining organisations be incorporated within Morayvia.

There is a large lecture theatre with about 150 seats (twice the size of the Forres Tolbooth court room). This would be an ideal (joint) Science Fair Exhibition area. There is also an enclosed lecture theatre with a high quality projector and a large screen. This would be excellent for illustrated talks and video. Perhaps The T-Exchange could create shared revenue with these facilities, irrespective of having residence there.

It is possible that our 3D printing expertise might be used to assist Morayvia with their exhibits. However, they have been considering buying their own 3D printer.

It was agreed that The T-Exchange would submit a specification of our workshop requirements.