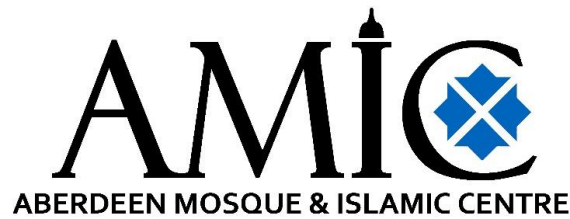


IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ATTENDEES OF THE SPITAL MASJID



FROM THE AMIC MANAGEMENT TRUSTEES DATED FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST 2022

SPITAL MASJID UPDATE

This is a formal notice regarding the future of the Spital Masjid and adjoining buildings.

The Spital Masjid site and buildings are under the complete legal ownership, control, and authority of the Aberdeen Mosque & Islamic Centre SCIO (AMIC SCIO). The Trustees have the full right and authority to make any changes to properties which are in the best interests of the charity and community needs.

The changes made to date have been carried out with full transparency, openly advertised over the past year, and the congregation and the community have been kept informed via project updates, fundraising drives, public dinners, online surveys, and website updates.

For clarity, the trustees of AMIC SCIO, at the time of this notice, are as follows: **Ma'aruf Razzak** (Chair), **Djamel Houhou** (Vice Chair), **Nurul Hoque Ali** (General Secretary), **Basharat Khan** (Treasurer), **Ghulam M Wani** (Social), **Rizwan Shaikh** (Dawah), **Azeezat Ogunbadejo** (Women & Youth), **Kamariah Ismail** (Women & Youth), **Abubakar Essa** (Education), and **Abdalla Y Mohamed** (Membership & Representative at the Muslim Council of Scotland).

The plan going forward for each building within the Spital Masjid site are in line with the original purpose and intention when these buildings were purchased. **The current intended use are as follows:-**

164 Spital (Original Masjid)

- Only the upper original prayer hall was designated as a masjid prayer area when the masjid was first established.
- The layout of this building with the upper prayer hall, the extension (where the imam has led the prayers over the past 10 years) and the basement library will remain unchanged and will continue as normal.
- The upper prayer hall and extension will be open to the community for daily prayer use and for Jumu'ah.
- The library will be kept secure and access will be provided if specifically needed or on busy days when extra space is required.

166 Spital (Current wudhu and toilet area for main masjid)

- The current downstairs wudhu and toilet area for males will remain as is with the minor addition of shower facilities.
- The upstairs seminar room will be designated for female members of the community to utilise for prayers.
- Where the original door for 166 Spital used to be (currently there is a storeroom there), a new door will be re-instated to make a separate entrance for the sisters with direct access to the staircase leading up to the room.
- A wudhu and toilet facility will be constructed for the sister's room upstairs.

168 Spital & 170 Spital (Old sisters' prayer room and extra prayer space)

- These two houses are being refurbished into flats to be let out to the Muslim community/students.
- The rent income generated from these properties will be used by AMIC to cover operational expenses and costs of the charity.
- These houses will no longer be accessible by any worshipper or the community and they will be used as private homes.

Who will lead the prayers?

At the current moment, the AMIC SCIO, after careful consideration, have decided to have multiple set people to lead the prayer. If any of these appointees are present during any of the prayers, it is their right first to lead the prayer.

The appointees are as follows: (1) **Hafidh Mohammad Amin** (designated part time Imam and lead of Spital Masjid), (2) **Hafidh Moadh Aljohani**, (3) **Hafidh Mahmoud Ashami**, and (4) **Hafidh Mohammed Collector (bin Ismail)**

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Please note, in the absence of all of these appointees, the most Islamically qualified person present during the congregation may lead the prayer.

Who will maintain the Spital masjid?

AMIC SCIO will maintain the buildings. AMIC have appointed certain individuals to open and close the masjid at prayer times, and also to maintain the cleanliness of the masjid:

- Appointees to open and close the masjid: **Faisal Said, Dr Nauman Baig, Mohammad Amin**
- Appointees to maintain the cleanliness of the masjid: **Faisal Said, Zaharuddin Muslimin, Dr Nauman Baig, Mohammad Amin**

There is a key placed secure lock outside that can be utilised for access in the event where no one is present – the access code for this has been given to a few members of the local Spital community to preserve security.

Permitted use and activities at the Spital Masjid

Permitted Use:-

- The 5 daily prayers shall be held in the masjid.
- The Friday Jumu'ah prayer shall be held in the masjid.
- Where possible, the management will endeavour to hold the Tarawih prayers in the masjid during Ramadhan (a decision on this will be made each year).

Restrictions in use:-

- No formal or paid education classes will be allowed to take place in the masjid
- No extracurricular, political, community, or religious events (other than prayers) will be allowed to take place in the masjid.
- **Exceptions** to the above are access to the Tabligh Jamat, or reminders connected to the Tabligh Jamat program that are held in the masjid (strictly required to be in line with the Qur'an and Sunnah).

Announcements:

Any announcements in the Spital masjid will be made by the trustees, AMIC Staff/representatives or anyone else appointed by the trustees. Announcements made by unofficial representatives of AMIC will not be permitted during daily prayers or Jumu'ah.

Donations:

Official collection of donations can only be carried out by the trustees, AMIC Staff/representatives or anyone appointed by the trustees. Donation boxes and card machines will also be kept on-site within the reception area for any member of the congregation who wishes to make a donation to the charity. Donations collected by unofficial representatives of AMIC or for non-approved campaigns will not be permitted.

Queries:

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the Spital masjid operation or any issues are encountered then please email the admin Mohammad Amin at: admin@aberdeenmosque.org

Disclaimer

AMIC has always been a community masjid, and we want to ensure that the spirit of this lives on in a structured and safe manner.

The management will safeguard the interests of the charity at all times as a priority. They are under a duty to make sure the premises are used properly and not taken advantage of or misused by individuals or any groups.

The AMIC charity and management reserve the right to amend or change the layout or use of any part of the buildings in the future in line with the requirements or needs of the charity.

Board Statement - Aberdeen Mosque & Islamic Centre SCIO – 12th August 2022