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Dear Mr Jackson

Community Planning Partnership - Consultation on the Closure of Inverasdale Primary School

Thank you for giving the members of the CPP the opportunity to respond to the consultation; it is much appreciated.

Having considered the information included in the consultation, NHS Highland through the Directorate of Public Health, does not have a view to express on this issue.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Hugo van Woerden Director of Public Health

cc Ms D Jones, Chief Operating Officer, NHS Highland



Headquarters: Assynt House, Beechwood Park, INVERNESS IV2 3BW

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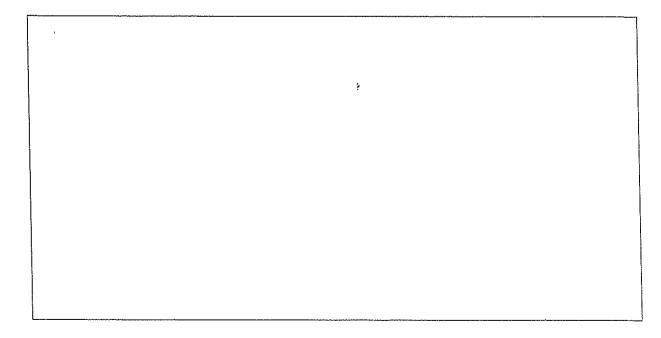
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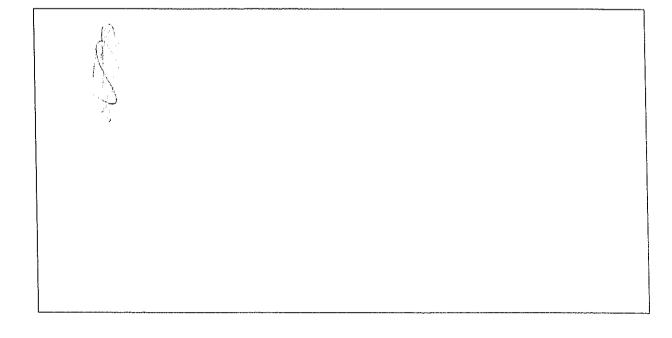
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Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter as I was not able to attend the meeting In the Inverasdale School but I would like it noted that both my husband and myself are very much in favour of. the community owners, and running the School. Since losing our school, shop and post office our village could very easily die out and having the school. easily die out and having the community under the ownership of the community would help keep our village alive, what with the tearcom and events they plan to run. I hope you will consider us Yours Sincerely unis D Macked favourably.

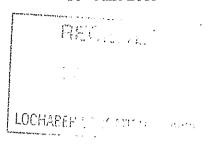
To: Mª lan Jackson From: Sue and John Barlow Foura Eduction Officer Camusbain Care and learning office Ne Poolewe Camaghael Hoskel WesterRoss 1422 2LT. Fortwilliam 15.6.2015 PH 33 7NE LOCHAGES STARLES Dear M'Jackson Re: The School House, Invenasdate As a community we were all sad to see the impending closure of the school in which many of our local people had been pupils and teachers: but at the same, time a new life has already spring up in the building giving the community again a sense of togatherness and purpose. The museum depicting the WWIT heroism of the area is beautifully laid out and the welcoming ten wom brings us all together. In the future we hope to explind its use so that in particular there is a place for all manner of activities including a compaler service, a small duff, a uspite place for all of us as we get older and isolated but also a spot where children of all ages can be supported. We hop that the community can continue

to use the building it has grown up with!

Yours Sincerely

15 Cove Inverasdale By Poolewe Ross shire IV22 2LT 16th June 2015

Ian Jackson
Education Officer
Camaghael Hostel
Camaghael
Fortwilliam
PH33 7NE





Dear Mr Jackson,

As a former head teacher at Inverasdale School I should like to voice my support for the proposal that the people of Wester Loch Ewe should take the Inverasdale School into community ownership, if the proposed school closure passes through Highland Council this year.

I spent over twenty very happy years working in the school, and would very much prefer that it could have maintained a sufficiently healthy school roll to enable the school to continue to function. As that is not the case, I would like to underline the need for us to have a focal point for the community. The success of the exhibitions and café over the last two seasons has been overwhelming, and has gone some way to outline the possibilities that could lie within the school building for future years if the community were allowed to purchase it. We feel that the development of a community hub here could be a great asset to the health and well being of an ageing population, and also that in future there would be some local employment on offer as a result of the plans as set out in the business case which has been prepared for Highland Council.

The community is one hundred per cent behind this venture, and there are many people living elsewhere and with local connections who also support the community in its plans for the School.

Yours faithfully,

Amy MacDonald

Fiona Sangster

From: Ian Jackson

Sent: 18 June 2015 22:49
To: CAL Lochaber Admin

Subject: Fw: Inverasdale School Proposal

Please process as part of the Inverasdale consultation.



---- Original Message -----

From: Fiona Adams ()

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 09:07 PM GMT Standard Time

To: Ian Jackson

Subject: Inverasdale School Proposal

I wish to add my support to the proposal to take Inverasdale School into community ownership. I have spent the last 20 summers in cove and feel Inverasdale/Cove have a fantastic community spirit but unfortunately lacks a place to meet and socialise. I would certainly use this to get involved and socialise with the rest of the community.

Fiona Adams

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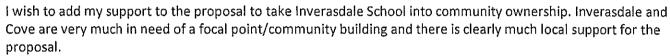
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From: Nicola Adams [

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 08:39 PM GMT Standard Time

To: Ian Jackson

Subject: Inverasdale School Proposal



We do not live full time in the area but are here part of every month of the year, the centre would undoubtably be used be us, our family and friends, but more importantly would provide a much needed meeting point/centre for services for the community.

yours

Nicola Adams

13 Cove,

Inverasdale=

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Fiona Sangster

From:

Ian Jackson

Sent:

22 June 2015 10:42 CAL Lochaber Admin

To: Subject:

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I received the email below at the weekend, although it look as if it may be a duplicate of one submitted already. Please check and process.

I am out of the office today but I may be in tomorrow morning if you need to discuss anything.



---- Original Message -----From: Jennifer Adams!

Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2015 05:02 PM GMT Standard Time

To: lan Jackson

Subject: Inverasdale School Proposal

I am writing to show my support towards Inverasdale School being taken under community ownership. I spend a lot of time in the area, based at 13 Cove, and can see the clear social benefits of having a centre for the community.

Kind regards, Jennifer Adams 13 Cove Inverasdale

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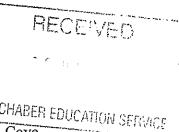
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Ian Jackson
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Dear Mr Jackson,

I have lived in Inverasdale from birth and attended Inverasdale Primary School. The building is extremely important to me and all the many former pupils, and it would mean a great deal to us all if the community were to be able to take over the School at the end of the consultation period.

Over the years we lost our shop and Post Office, and now the School is closing due to a falling roll. When this happens in a community like ours it seems as if part of our identity is being lost.

Volunteers from Wester Loch Ewe have worked hard over the time that the school has been mothballed to keep the building in good order, and to prove that it has potential to take on a new role, and provide a centre and point of interest in our lovely part of Wester Ross.

Yours sincerely,

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Hamish M. MacDonald

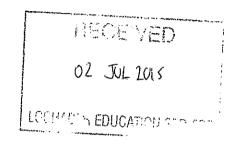


Archie & Muriel Gibson No 1 Cove Poolewe By Achnasheen Rosshire IV22 2LL

AJGG/Cove

30th June 2015

Mr Ian Jackson
Education Officer
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Fort William
PH33 7NE



Dear Mr Jackson,

INVERASDALE SCHOOL – IT's FUTURE

I write in support of the community appeal as presented by the Wester Loch Ewe Trust to retain the old school at Inverasdale for community use. I am not a full time resident in the locale but have strong roots there having been brought up in the community where my parents lived until they passed away. We still retain a family home in Cove and generally contribute to the local economy during our regular visits.

The Wester Loch Ewe Trust have been very conscientious about engaging with all stakeholders and interested groups in the community to establish possibly new uses of relevance to permanent residents and visitors alike. Many novel and interesting ideas have been put forward to maximise the potential of the school for the benefit of all. Suggested uses include: The Artic Convoy Museum which has displayed two successful exhibitions, a café and pop up shops which might embrace everything from local arts and crafts to hobby workshops. The concept being users would pay for use of the facilities thus securing an income with which to cover operational expenses, maintenance and insurance etc.

Until recently Cove had a, "Meeting House", which was owned by the church. Of corrugated iron construction it was considered beyond economic repairs and was demolished. The hamlets of Cove Inverasdale and Naast are between 4 and 8 miles from the village of Poolewe. The Old school at Inverasdale is very central to all these settlements on the peninsula easily accessible at any time of the year. With it's small grass playing field secure within it's boundary wall it is the only flat area for children to kick a ball or play that is flat, sheltered and safe from the road anywhere in the wider community.

I very much hope the Council will agree to working with the Wester Loch Ewe Trust to preserve the old school for community use, especially given it's potential to contribute to the economic regeneration of the area.

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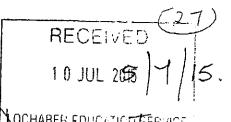
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The writing to pledge my support for Inversable School near Portewe, to be used for The Artic Convoy Exhibition. We have been regular visitors to Cove all our lives and know that not only is the school the perfect building to exhibit the museum artifacts the windows, layout, but that the positive impact on the community would be ferfold.

Kind regards



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From: Sholto] Morton Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:00 PM GMT Standard Time

To: Ian Jackson

Subject: Fw: Inversadale School

From: Sholto Morton

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:16 PM

To: Ian Jackson

Subject: Inversadale School

Dear Mr Jackson,

I am writing to show the very strong support of my wife and myself for the school building to be used in future for the benefit of the local community. This would be an excellent focal point for the community. One part of the building would be a good site for the proposed Arctic Convoy Museum.

Please add our names to those supporting this project when it is submitted to the Highland Council.

Kind regards, Sholto Morton.

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Jim and Deirdre Waddell The Tallet, Coxwell Street, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL72BQ

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15th July 2015

Ian Jackson
Education Officer
Camaghael Hostel
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Dear Mr. Jackson.

I am a member of the extended family who own 20 Coast. Inverasdale. My husband and I have been coming up to the house almost every year for the past 50 years, initially with our children who now as adults, holiday annually at the house, bringing their own families and friends to Inverasdale.

We love the life in Inverasdale and want the community to thrive.

In the past two years we have visited the excellent W.W.2 Exhibition at the old school, and very much approve that the building is being put to such good use. It is wonderful to see such relevant local and national history brought together and to learn of the brave local residents. The photos, maps and written reports are very well displayed.

It is an excellent educational asset for both adults and children.

We fully support the proposal of The Wester Loch Ewe Trust to run the building as a community facility and that the old school should become the permanent home of the WW2 Exhibition.

We hope that you may also consider restoring some of the gun turrets and observation buildings out at Cove near to the Atlantic Convoy Memorial. We recently visited the Isle of Wight and went to The Needles Old Battery and New Battery exhibition owned by The National Trust, where similar old look outs have been upgraded. This is easily accessed on their website.

We sincerely hope that the project as outlined by the Steering Group will be supported by The Highland Council and that the school building in Inverasdale will be put to such an excellent community use for the future.

We shall look forward to hearing of the outcome.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Sangster



From: Ian Jackson

Sent:27 July 2015 15:55To:CAL LochaberAdminSubject:FW: Inverasdale School

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Ian Jackson Education Officer Care and Learning Service 07500 120 271

From: Claire Ellis [

Sent: 27 July 2015 15:52

To: Ian Jackson

Subject: Inverasdale School

Dear Mr Jackson

In light of the fact that Inverasdale School is to be closed as an educational institution, I am writing to support the ideas of the Wester Loch Ewe Trust to create a community centre for the recreational use of the people of and visitors to Inverasdale and Cove. I think that it would also be a good site for the proposed Arctic Convoy Museum.

Please add my name to the group supporting this project when it is submitted to the Highland Council.

Kind regards

Claire Ellis

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Dr Mark Edwards, Louis' Croft, Cove, by Poolewe IV22 2LT

27th July 2015

Ian Jackson
Education Officer
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PH33 7NE

Dear Mr Jackson,

Ref: Inverasdale School, by Poolewe

I understand that there is now a period of consultation with regards as to what happens to the Inversadale Primary School now that it no longer functions as a school for our area.

You will no doubt have been contacted by many in the area regarding their desire for the premises to be offered to our community so that we can operate it to the benefit of all in the locality. The Wester Loch Ewe Trust has proposed a sensible business case for the use of the unit, which we understand, has local support from Richard Greene and Robbie Bain. For the sake of all the people who have gone through the school and have great memories of its central role in the community, I cannot stress enough how much it would mean to the locals to have a central point for meetings and locally based projects.

We are a remote community and need to retain our identity and sense of purpose – the school house would provide a hub from which we would drive local activities – particularly in the winter months when the short days can drive people indoors.

Please help drive this desire of us in the locality to be offered, for a nominal sum, the ownership of the unit – who knows this could also create employment in a fragile economy – we really do rely on the kindness of the council to allow our love of this old building to create a secure and progressive use for this iconic part of our community.

With best regards,

Dr Mark Edwards and family.

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WESTER LOCH EWE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Secretary, 15 Cove, Poolewe, Ross-shire, IV22 2LT. 01445 781457

7th July 2015

Dear Mr Jackson,

re Closure of Inverasdale Primary School

We support the closure of Inverasdale Primary School on educational, financial and practical grounds.

We have very much appreciated being able to continue to use the building for our meetings during the mothballing period. We hope the efforts by the community to take over the building if the school is closed will be successful so that this can continue.

We believe that all the other possible activities that could take place under community control would help revitalise our area

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Denny Secretary



Fiona Sangster

From:

Ian Jackson

Sent: To: 10 August 2015 11:49 CAL LochaberAdmin

Subject:

FW: Inverasdale school building

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Ian Jackson Education Officer Care and Learning Service 07500 120 271

From: mhairi millard , Sent: 10 August 2015 11:46

To: Ian Jackson

Subject: Inverasdale school building

Dear Mr Jackson,

I am writing regarding the future use of the school building in Inverasdale. As you are aware it has been successfully used over the past 3 years by the local people, in particular hosting the comprehensive Arctic Convoy exhibition and the tea rooms. As a former pupil of the school I feel strongly that the building should continue to be used by, and for the benefit of, the surrounding community.

Please add my name to those supporting this project when it is submitted to the Highland Council.

Kind regards, Mhairi Millard

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Midtown Coast & Mellangaun Grazing Committee C/O 7 Midtown

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Mr Ian Jackson
Education Officer
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Dear Ian Jackson,

Re: Proposed Closure of Inverasdale Primary School

As Clerk to the Midtown Coast & Mellanguan Grazings Committee who have used Inverasdale School as our meeting venue for many years, and hope to continue to do so.

We as a Committee felt we needed to contribute to the Public Consultation on the proposed closure of the building as a Primary School, but fully understand that costs play a big part in this economic climate.

It would be a great loss to this small community to lose such an assett and iconic building in which my father, myself and my children were all educated in.

The Committee are all in favour of the "Wester Loch Ewe Trust" taking over the school building and running it as they have over the past 2 years as a community focal point (as a tea room, museum and function/meeting room etc).

I do hope you can see what this school building means to both past and present people living in this community, and hope that you and your colleagues can see the justification of giving the "Wester Loch Ewe Trust" first refusal when it comes to the disposal of the school building.

Yours sincerefy,

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10th August 2015

Dear Mr Jackson.

Re: Proposal to discontinue education provision at Inverasdale Primary School

Good For Ewe is a community based co-operative, currently with 32 members, formed to satisfy the proven need for affordable, high quality, fresh fruit and vegetables and other local produce in Wester Loch Ewe and the surrounding areas. The co-operative is committed to enhancing the existing sense of community in the area and has the additional objectives of supporting existing assets in the community, aiding community development, and offering education, training, and personal development opportunities.

Good For Ewe has been using the Inverasdale Primary School for 10 years to hold our monthly members' meetings and our members now also promote the organisation and our produce when the school has been opened during the summer by the Inverasdale Heritage Group and Russian Arctic Convoy Museum.

At our members' meeting of 28th July 2015 it was unanimously agreed that Good For Ewe supports the proposal by Highland Council to discontinue education provision at Inverasdale Primary School, provided that the School buildings can be transferred to community ownership for the use and benefit of the community and the public, for the long-term future.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart J Nairn Chair of meeting



Janice Macleod

From:

Ian Jackson

Sent: To: 13 August 2015 10:48 CAL LochaberAdmin

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From: Rowan Howard

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:07 AM GMT Standard Time

To: Ian Jackson

Subject: Fwd: Inverasdale school

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From: Rowan Howard

Date: 13 August 2015 10:02:25 BST

To:

Cc: WADDELL Charles
Subject: Inverasdale school

Dear Mr Jackson

We are writing to express our support for the proposal to take Inversadale School into community ownership, via the Wester Loch Ewe Trust.

Our family has a long connection with Inverasdale of over 50 years, Jill McCrostie having purchased 20 Coast in 1963. Jill was Charles's grandmother and our family have benefitted from annual holidays in this beautiful place. Charles is a part owner of the property. We are conscious that, where so many properties are used for holiday purposes, all physical community spaces are incredibly important for maintaining a strong and close community. The school will be lost as a community hub for primary education but would be a wonderful asset as a hub for the community, including us holiday makers, going forward. We have enjoyed visiting the current exhibitions and tea rooms and they are clearly popular with other visitors, so it seems reasonable to build on their success going forward. The exhibition provides a huge addition to the offering for visitors in the vicinity. The property has a lot of potential for multiple use and we will be happy to support activities there in whatever way we can.

Yours

Rowan and Charles Waddell

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Dear Ian Jackson,

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As Trustees of Wester Loch Ewe Trust, the new community body hoping to take on community ownership of Inverasdale School buildings, we would like to make the following comments, as a contribution to the public consultation on proposed closure of Inverasdale School.

We support the proposal to discontinue education provision at Inverasdale Primary School, re-assigning its catchment area to that of Poolewe Primary School, **provided that** ... **and only provided that** ... the School buildings can continue to be available for community use.

We support the Council's consideration that the community implication of formal closure is: "potential to sustain and develop community use of the existing school, building on the current community use of that space" (para2.2 Proposal Paper)

The School has a long history of serving its community, not only with education for primary school children but as a focal point, and as a place where meetings, adult education classes and community events can take place at other times of day from school hours.

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Wester Loch Ewe Trust wishes to be given assurance by Highland Council, in due course, that it would be considered to be the **preferred future owner** of the School, on behalf of the community; and that Wester Loch Ewe Trust would be given **first offer** by the Council at the time of disposal of the School buildings.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Nicholson, Allan Kirk, Mary Rogers, Duncan Chisholm, Alexander MacIver, Roderick MacIver, Hannah MacLeod, Eileen Urquhart (Trustees)

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Dear Ian Jackson.

As Company Secretary of Wester Loch Ewe Trust, the new community body hoping to take on community ownership of Inverasdale School buildings, I would like to support the views of the Trustees, in their response to the public consultation on proposed closure of Inverasdale School. I am therefore writing to you in the same terms.

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Yours sincerely,

Lesley Timings, Company Secretary, Wester Loch Ewe Trust





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Dear Mr Jackson

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON HIGHLAND COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE EDUCATION PROVISION AT INVERASDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL, RE-ASSIGNING ITS CATCHMENT AREA TO THAT OF POOLEWE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inverasdale Heritage Group was formed from the original group of local residents that organised and held the Celebration of Inverasdale School's service to the community in June 2013. These residents decided after the successful celebration weekend to try to allow more local people and visitors to learn some of the history of the school and the local community. We were fortunate in being supported in this by Highland Council allowing us to use the school building to hold meetings, exhibitions and serve teas two afternoons a week in the season May to October. We were then joined in the school by the Russian Arctic Convoy Museum Project with their exhibition.

As you may know, the Old Schoolhouse Tearoom has been very successful in attracting locals and visitors alike to browse the exhibition of school photographs and other artefacts and to enjoy tea and a chat.

Local residents and visitors have donated artefacts so Inverasdale Heritage Group has a growing collection of memorabilia. Visitors and local residents have returned to use the tearoom and see the school exhibition in each of the 3 years it has been open. This proves there is a need for the facility and support for it, there being no other focal point for the community on the west side of Loch Ewe - no shop, no post office, no public building of any kind.

Because of the lack of school age children in the community and the need for a meeting place to serve the community, Inverasdale Heritage Group would like to support Highland Council's proposal to discontinue primary education provision at Inverasdale Primary school provided that the School buildings can be transferred to community ownership for the use and benefit of the community and public for the long-term future.

Yours sincerely

Liz Nicholson Chair, Inverasdale Heritage Group From: Marie Lambert
Sent: 17 August 2015 21:02

To: Ian Jackson

Subject: Inverasdale School

Dear Mr Jackson.



We are writing in support of education provision being discontinued in Inverasdale School, provided that the buildings continue to be available for long-term community use.

As relatively recent residents of Inverasdale (we moved here in March last year), we have noticed that there are not many pupils in the area, of primary school age, and as the school has already been mothballed for the past three years, the remaining few pupils in the area being bussed to Poolewe, it would make sense to discontinue education provision in Inverasdale.

There is a fantastic community spirit in the Cove, Inverasdale and Naast area, and the residents have been very welcoming. We need to keep that community spirit going. The school buildings could be a hub of that community. The tea-room and exhibition, being run there voluntarily at the moment is a very popular place to meet, and we hope that the building continues to grow as a centre for this community.

As the village shop, post office and petrol pumps have gone, the school buildings are the only public building in the area. We hope the buildings stay for community use, to provide facilities for recreation, social and cultural activities, available to members of the community and the general public, with the object of improving the conditions of life of the community.

Thank you in anticipation,

Marie and Gregory Lambert

Ach da Thearnaidh Inverasdale, Poolewe, Ross-shire IV22 2LR

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Dear Mr Jackson

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON HIGHLAND COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE EDUCATION PROVISION AT INVERASDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL, RE-ASSIGNING ITS CATCHMENT AREA TO THAT OF POOLEWE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On behalf of Wester Loch Ewe Trust, I enclose 25 sheets signed by 341 members of the public in support of Highland Council's proposal to discontinue primary education provision at Inverasdale Primary school provided that the School buildings can be transferred to community ownership for the use and benefit of the community and public for the long-term future.

These signatures were collected during the period 12th June to 14th August 2015.

Yours sincerely

Liz Nicholson Chair Wester Loch Ewe Trust

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SIGN UP, SIGN UP, SIGN UP, SIGN UP!

Please support the future of Inverasdale School buildings as a community facility for Cove, Inverasdale and Naast, and for many visitors from near and far.

The Highland Council is carrying out a public consultation, and this is **EVERYONE's chance** to have a say about the future of Inverasdale School buildings.

The Council proposes to close the buildings as a School, and MAY then be willing to dispose of them to the community, to be run as a small community centre with exhibition space.

Please add your name, first line of/brief address and postcode to the SIGN UP sheets to express your support for the long-term future of Inverasdale School buildings as a community owned and run facility.

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19th August 2015

Ian Jackson,
Education Officer,
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PH33 7NE

Dear Ian Jackson,

We are writing in relation to the public consultation on the proposed closure of Inverasdale Primary School.

We are in support of the proposal to cease primary school education at Inverasdale School, provided that the School can be made available to the community. The exhibitions and tearoom are very popular and it would be of great benefit to the community as a whole to have the potential for increased facilities at the School under community ownership.

We hope that the community will be given the opportunity to have the building when the consultation is finished.

Yours sincerely,

Ron and Mary Rogers



Fiona Sangster

From:

Ian Jackson

Sent: To: 21 August 2015 13:30 CAL LochaberAdmin

Subject:

FW: INVERASDALE SCHOOL

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lan Jackson Education Officer Care and Learning Service 07500 120 271

From: Mike Daniell

Sent: 21 August 2015 12:51

To: Ian Jackson

Subject: INVERASDALE SCHOOL

Dear Mr Jackson

We've had a home at nearly Cove for some 13 years and during this period have been very aware of the inexorable decline in the numbers attending our local primary school, sadly leading to its inevitable closure a while back.

It would have been easy for the locals to leave it at that and merely to let go of such a longstanding educational institution.

Instead, however, we strongly applaud the efforts of the Wester Loch Ewe Trust and Inverasdale Heritage Group to keep the building alive, seeking to provide a future community centre and also venue for the Convoy Museum. Equally, of course, such positive preservation/development would also maintain the memory of the school itself, as illustrated poignantly by the photos of classes over the years displayed on the walls of the current tearoom.

We do hope, therefore, that Highland Council will feel able to support this worthy local initiative and enterprise.

Yours sincerely

Mike and Sarah Daniell

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Fiona Sangster

From: Ian Jackson

Sent: 24 August 2015 08:44
To: CAL LochaberAdmin

Subject: FW: Inverasdale Primary School building

Morning! Please process.

This arrived after the deadline but we can still accept it. I haven't sent the stuff off to HMIE yet.

lan Jackson Education Officer Care and Learning Service 07500 120 271

From: Rod MacLeod

Sent: 23 August 2015 17:45

To: Ian Jackson

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Subject: Inverasdale Primary School building

Dear lan.

I'm writing to you add my voice to the campaign for the Inverasdale Primary school building to be offered to the for community ownership when Highland Council make the decision to dispense with the site.

The village has suffered from a declining and aging population just like a sadly high number of West Highland villages in the thirty years since I attended the school, this trend may or may not be irreversible but it will certainly be aggressively accelerated should the community lose the central focal point that the school building has become.

I, like many have regrettably left the village and the area due to pursue employment and career choices; Those choices were undeniably made more achievable for me due to the building blocks of education I gained at Inverasdale Primary school. It is in my mind crucial that the link to this foundation in life is preserved and maintained not just in individual memories.

The school has a rich history and has sent many people on their respective roads with a sound understanding of what is right and what is not right in society and in life.

The success of the tea room and the Russian Convoy exhibition are testament to the viability of retaining the building in community hands. It is essential that Highland Council are cognisant of the will of the people of Inverasdale and the surrounding areas when the decision making process takes place.

I hope you will consider my opinion along with the others I know you have received in this matter.

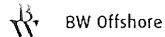
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Ian Jackson Education Officer Care and Learning Service 07500 120 271

From: George Milne

Sent: 24 August 2015 09:00

To: Ian Jackson

Subject: Inverasdale Primary School Consultation

Dear Mr Jackson

The Russian Arctic Convoy Museum Project (RACMP) has been closely associated with the community at Inverasdale, Wester Ross, and their 'mothballed' school for three years. Our charity wishes to develop a visitor attraction which includes building a History Trail around Loch Ewe and a museum to honour those who served on the WWII Arctic Convoys. About half the Allied convoys mustered in Loch Ewe from 1941-45 and were regarded as crucial to the survival of our then ally the USSR. Russia today regularly acknowledges the huge debt they feel they owe the Allied forces which came from many countries world-wide. The UK government honoured these men, and their families, in 2013 by awarding the Arctic Star medal. RACMP organised a major awards ceremony in Poolewe and Inverasdale attended by 40 Veterans, their families, Ministers of Defence, senior Armed Forces officers and hundreds of well-wishers including H.M. the Queen. Without the availability of the school, the event - and indeed all events since - would have been seriously diminished.

These important events, then and now, which involved the local communities here so dramatically, and the thousands of stories and artefacts from survivors, are an invaluable educational resource and it is our aim to create and extend an exhibition at the school to inform current and future generations. The school's location is ideal for those visiting the Russian Convoy Club's Memorial at Cove a few miles beyond which attracts many hundreds every year. There are also regular services and other events at or near the Memorial for which the school provides an excellent stopping off point for refreshment and lavatories.

We have found the local community to be very supportive of our plan to raise funds to achieve our aim. It already brings over 1800 visitors to the school (May - October, two afternoons per week, in 2014) to see the exhibitions. All involved in the two Scottish charities: Wester Loch Ewe Trust and RACMP - are volunteers. However, job creation is extremely important here to attract and retain younger people. The local economy is also increasingly dependent on a vibrant tourist trade and we know that our exhibitions in the school attract visitors from all over the world. It is our intention to boost these figures and increase the many uses to which the school could be put. Having the school in the community's possession would offer an ideal future for this fine building. Its attractive Victorian design and local sandstone façade is the only property of this type on the west coast of Loch Ewe.

It is ideal for our purpose as an exhibition centre and complements the plans the community has for its future. There is great determination in both charities, and the greater community, to succeed in their ambition to secure the building for community use, extend it to include facilities for the elderly and new business start-ups, and to see it take its place as a worthy landmark in Wester Ross. We hope you and your colleagues at Highland Council agree.

Yours sincerely,

George Milne

George Milne, Chairman, Russian Arctic Convoy Museum Project 1987 1988 1989

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