

Connect Assynt Ltd

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Assynt Development Trust
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Dear Sir

Purchase of title to land occupied by the Mission building and carpark, Culag Park, Lochinver

This letter asserts the wishes of the trustees of Connect Assynt Ltd., to support the Assynt Development Association to purchase the land outlined on Registers of Scotland title No. STH2846.

The Mission, since its establishment, has been operated and supported by well-respected trustees resident in Assynt. In its previous use, it was a place of safety and comfort for fishermen operating out of Lochinver and served, particularly, any residents of Assynt in need of help or support. As such it was valued highly by the community in all its activities and attended enthusiastically by all ages and sectors of the population. These activities ranged from fun days through to funeral services and much in between, including assisting with the annual Assynt Games, so it was with great sadness that we heard of the withdrawal of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fisherman and the ever popular "Mission man". This was as a direct consequence of Government Fishery policies and as such, out of local control.

The village felt this loss sorely, so it was no surprise that the community were anxious to keep the building and as many of the services as possible and this has been achieved under the auspices of the Assynt Development Association (previously Assynt Community Association). As well as hosting office space for crucial community services, not least Connect Assynt, it has continued to be a hub of social activity and also acted as the iCentre following the closure of the area's Tourist Information Centre in 2017.

Connect Assynt Ltd., is a community bus service for residents of Assynt and surrounding parishes, who, for whatever reason are unable to access transport suitable to their needs. The Mission building provides an office base for Connect Assynt which our co-ordinator shares alongside Assynt Development Trust staff providing opportunities to share ideas and resources for the benefit of the community.

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Since the inception of the Assynt Development Trust, marked improvements to the facilities have been put in place, not least the deer-fencing of the Culag Park. Having development officers in situ, able to obtain funds and access professional help with e.g. plans for housing etc., continues to be of great benefit to Assynt.

With the additional security in ownership of the said land, we can look forward to further beneficial village developments towards a sustainable future.

Yours faithfully

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Jane Young (Board Secretary)

Connect Assynt Ltd



**LOCHINVER
FOOTBALL CLUB
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Dear Sir/Madam

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER APPLICATION

I write concerning the Assynt Development Trust's application for a community asset transfer of the freehold title to the land currently occupied by the Mission building adjacent to the Culag Park, Lochinver. Lochinver Football Club works closely with the Assynt Development Trust in support of its community development objectives and in particular its aims to advance public participation in sport and to provide recreational facilities within the area. The football club wishes to indicate its support for the community asset transfer application to enable the Assynt Development Trust to continue its work to further develop the building for the benefit of the wider community.

Yours faithfully

Ally Macleod
Manager and Secretary of Lochinver Football Club

Assynt Leisure
Assynt Leisure Centre
Culag New Pier
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14 February 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER APPLICATION

I write concerning the Assynt Development Trust's application for a community asset transfer of the freehold title to the land currently occupied by the Mission building adjacent to the Culag Park, Lochinver. Assynt Leisure is a community-run charity that operates a sports, youth and learning service from a multi-purpose facility. We recognise the value that can be gained from community-run buildings that can serve a variety of purposes and meet multiple needs. Therefore Assynt Leisure wishes to indicate its support for the community asset transfer application to enable the Assynt Development Trust to continue its work to further develop the building for the benefit of the wider community.

Yours faithfully

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Ally Macleod
Chair of the Board of Assynt Leisure



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12th February 2020

Mr W Jack
Chairperson
Assynt Development Trust
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Dear Willie,

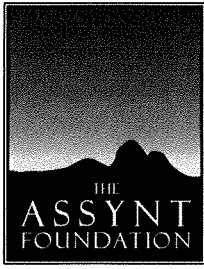
The Directors of Culag Community Woodland Trust support the Assynt Development Trust's proposal to purchase the freehold title to the land that the Mission building occupies.

By doing this the Development Trust will be in a better position to protect and enhance a much needed and used social facility for residents and visitors. It will give long term security over the building which could help enable opportunities for further development, should that be required.

Yours sincerely

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Jorine van Delft
Chairperson



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31st January 2020

To Who It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

Community Asset Transfer of the land under and around the Lochinver Mission Building

As a community run organisation based in Assynt, we write to confirm that we wholly support the Assynt Development Trust in their aspiration to purchase the above area of land for the good of the local community.

Yours faithfully,

Lewis MacAskill
Chair - Assynt Foundation