Invergordon Naval Museum and Heritage Centre seek to take on a long lease of the Invergordon Town Hall to run it as both a heritage and a cultural centre for the town and the wider region.

Our anchor tenant would be local events management company <u>Castle Entertainment</u> who would be the main operator of the theatre space as a multi-use auditorium for theatre, shows and cinema, with events programmed on most days. This would be staffed during evening events. They would also be looking at operating a food and drink offering.

Initially, we would be looking to install modest permanent and temporary exhibits throughout the building which would "commemorate the naval, military, maritime and general history and unique cultural heritage of Invergordon, the Cromarty Firth and surrounding area," as stated in the objectives of our constitution. We would also be looking to operate a genealogy centre during the day which would be an additional source of attraction for tourists. We would initially make the 1st floor rooms available to hire to the community as meeting spaces.

However, we'd aim for this to be a multi-phase project with longer term plans to seek substantial investment and funding to transform the building into a heritage and cultural centre for the region taking inspiration from spaces such as, for instance, <u>Mareel</u> in Lerwick, the <u>Fraser Centre</u> in Tranent and <u>Timespan</u> in Helmsdale with a further long term ambition of the centre being able to pay additional funds back into Invergordon's Common Good Fund in a way that assists those within the area.

As well as being a hub for the community of Invergordon and its surrounding area, we'd aim to become the first-place tourists come to explore the wider "Firthlands" area.