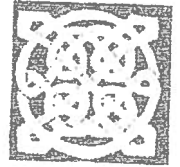


# McRaes of Scotland

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Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

To Whom it may Concern,

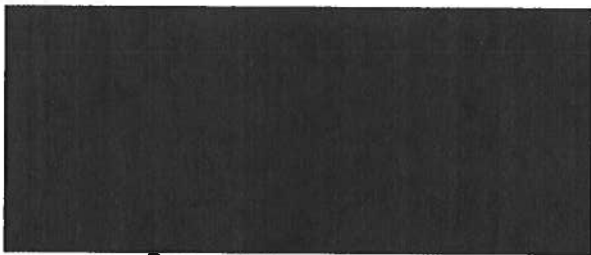
McRaes of Scotland supports James Collier and his colleagues in their efforts to re-open the Town Hall in Invergordon.

This facility would be of great benefit to the town and give both locals and visitors a valuable amenity.

I have lived in Invergordon for 48 years and been in business for over 25 years.

I believe this is an exciting opportunity for the redevelopment of the Town Hall.

Yours Sincerely



Danny McRae



# DALRIADA



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Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

To Whom it may Concern,

Dalriada Gifts supports James Collier and his colleagues in their efforts to re-open and develop the Town Hall in Invergordon.

I believe that this Historic Building could become a focal Point in the town and be an exciting venue for both visitors and locals alike.

There is huge potential to capitalise on the prime site and History with this location.

Yours Sincerely



Joan Soutar



18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**SUPPORT OF MUSEUM C.A.T. FOR INVERGORDON TOWN HALL**

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of Invergordon Development Trust to express on behalf of the committee our full support for the current community asset transfer application of the old town hall building on Invergordon High Street to the Invergordon Museum.

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Yours faithfully,



Donna Smith

Chair

Invergordon Development Trust



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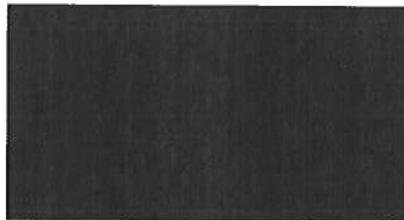
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The Scottish Parliament  
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**Maree Todd MSP**  
**Caithness, Sutherland & Ross**

Our Ref: MT14333

20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

I am writing in my capacity as MSP for Caithness Sutherland and Ross on behalf of The Invergordon Museum Trust.

I would like to give my support to the asset transfer request of Invergordon Town Hall to the Museum Trust.

I have met with one of the board members and have read the detailed business plan.

The plan to extend the museum and the further development of café and cinema downstairs would be beneficial and a much-needed addition to the development of the Invergordon Community.

A survey completed by The Museum Trust indicates that there is a high level of community support for the plans.

This has the potential to lead to a much needed re generation of Invergordon High St.

The financial plan that I have seen appears detailed and robust.

It is essential that we see regeneration in our towns and I believe the Invergordon Museum Trust have a vision for the community that is robustly evidenced in the background plans they have provided.

I would urge you to support this application

**Best Wishes**



**Maree Todd MSP**

**Caithness, Sutherland & Ross**

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*To whom it may concern,*

*I'm writing as the Minister of the local Church of Scotland parish Church in Invergordon to give my full support of the joint proposal of Highland Castle Entertainment and Invergordon Museum to keep Invergordon Town Hall as part of the community and to see it revitalised and restored. Invergordon Town Hall has been an integral part of the local community, and this fresh opportunity will meet both the immediate and future needs of a town with a strong sense of community.*

*As a Church, our desire is to build links with and to be able to support as many local businesses in order to see the town of Invergordon flourish. Having a venue like this will allow not only the Church the opportunity to use it ourselves for special events, but as is key in our ethos, to see people of all ages find their purpose in life. In particular, it is our desire to be able to help young people, and having our local Town Hall restore will not only encourage a fresh appreciate of its local value, but will provide new local opportunities for them to explore the creative arts. Given that Invergordon currently has limited opportunities for young people, along with the loss of the Park Primary building and a new school building has not yet taken place, and with the town having seen a few shops and cafes shut in recent years, there is a real need for this. With new houses currently being built, this is the ideal time for such a project in this growing town and would be a real boost to the local economy.*

*In addition to this, our Church also hosts the Invergordon Seafarers Centre and this year over 130 cruise liners are stopping through Invergordon. Our strong links with the ships and their crew and passenger will enable people from all over the world see how important the community spirit is in this town by having a fresh community space. Let's keep this building in the hands of local people to see it restored and to see the local economy and the local community flourish together, all for a positive purpose.*

*Kind Regards,*

*Rev Brian MacLeod  
Minister  
Invergordon Church of Scotland*

# WHYTE & MACKAY

Invergordon Distillery,  
Invergordon,  
Ross shire  
IV18 0HP

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I write in support of Invergordon Museum and their bid in conjunction with Highland Castle Entertainment to acquire Invergordon Town Hall.

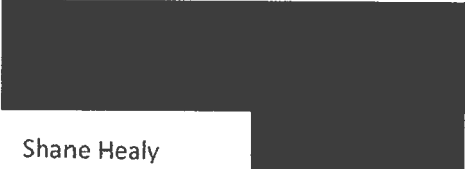
Invergordon Distillery has been at the heart of Invergordon town since its foundation in 1961. We are one of the largest sites and employers in the town. We are in full support of all activities that help the local community and services which make life better in our Highland home.

We have worked for many years with both the Museum and Highland Castle Entertainment. If the Town Hall can be kept for use by the community, we will support both in terms of use and financial help. We have a need for an event space in Invergordon and have great connections to Invergordon Golf Club, using its Clubhouse and the newly renovated Clubhouse at Ross and Sutherland Rugby Club. The Town Hall fits in perfectly in terms of being at the centre of the town with great access and being central to the many of our employees that live nearby, as well as to the Distillery itself.

Invergordon Distillery is the largest Distillery in the North of Scotland, with the largest Warehousing complex on site. We employ more than 130 people at Invergordon and the Town Hall, in its past and its plans for the future, are very important to us all within the community.

I attended the community event on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April and listened to James Collier from the Museum and Rob Donaldson from Highland Castle Entertainment. We at Invergordon Distillery and Whyte and Mackay are in full support. It was great to hear the plans that I know James and Rob, with their teams, would deliver. It was also great to hear from the local community who attended and who told their stories of what they remember and hope for the future of the hall. We are all in agreement that it would be a shame if this great facility for the community would be lost to private housing.

Yours Faithfully,

  
Shane Healy  
Distilling Director  
Whyte & Mackay Ltd

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Teacher)  
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MacLeod@highland.gov.uk](mailto:David.Hayes-MacLeod@highland.gov.uk)

19.04.23

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter to express South Lodge Primary School's support and plans for Invergordon Town Hall.

I was fortunate enough to attend an open event held in the town hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April and was so excited to hear the proposals and the plans going forward for how the building can be used to benefit everyone not just in Invergordon but in the local area too.

As Head Teacher I can also see the fantastic opportunities having a facility like what is being proposed for our children in the town. I remember when I was a little boy going to shows, pantomimes etc here in Invergordon and to be able to offer those experiences and more to the children of Invergordon today would be brilliant. We have a lot of children who have never experienced the delights of going to a show or a theatre due to the distances needed to travel and the extra financial constraints to the family so to be able to offer this on the doorstep would be life changing for our youth.

We as a school are very excited to work in partnership with the Town Hall group and are fully committed in supporting their proposal.

Kind regards



David Hayes-MacLeod  
Head Teacher





Please ask for: Sheila Grant  
Tel: 01862 842537  
E-mail: Milton.Primary@highland.gov.uk  
Our Ref: GD/SMG  
Date: 19.04.23

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter to express Milton Primary School's support and plans for Invergordon Town Hall.

Being a Head Teacher of one of the Invergordon schools but also as someone from the town, in my opinion, Invergordon Town Hall is an iconic building for the Community. It would be a huge loss for it to be sold therefore it being under public ownership – the benefits to the town and the potential for the use of the building is huge.

I can also see the numerous benefits to the children of Invergordon and to my school of having a facility like what is being proposed here in the town. We have many families here in Milton who may never experience the delights of a live show so to be able to provide this in such close proximity would be amazing. I can also think of the many ways that the school could use the Town Hall with things such as drama clubs etc.

We as a school are very excited to work in partnership with the Town Hall group and are fully committed in supporting their proposal.

Yours sincerely

Gemma Dunnett  
Head Teacher  
Milton Primary School



Please ask for: Mrs Gillian Winter  
(Head Teacher)  
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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

To Whom It May Concern

We are writing to indicate our support of taking the Invergordon Town Hall into public ownership. We feel that it would be a massive asset to the town and to the local schools within the area. The venue would be a very useful space for a variety of events e.g., School shows, Larger meetings, Fundraising events, Extra space that schools might not have, children to access iconic buildings in their locality etc.

We feel there could also be opportunities to hone skills in Developing the Young Workforce e.g. lighting, staging etc. and also front of house experience in the proposed coffee shop.

With the current cost of living crisis, it would also provide schools with the opportunity to watch films on the big screen without the additional costs of travel to Inverness. This again provides pupils with the skills of audience participation.

Mrs Gillian Winter

Head Teacher

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Head Teacher: Mrs Gillian Winter, Newmore Primary School, Newmore, Invergordon,  
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## Park Primary School

“Hand in hand together we can”

Please ask for: Mrs Karen Cox

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Website: [www.parkprimary.wordpress.com](http://www.parkprimary.wordpress.com)

Date 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

To whom it may concern,

In the past Park Primary have made use of the Town Hall for putting on our Summer Show and also for screening movies at Christmas. Our Parent Council have held fund raising events here too. The Town Hall is such an asset to have on our doorstep and is a building that we would really like to be able to make more use of in the future.

Since the school fire, we no longer have our own school hall but book access to the Invergordon Academy assembly hall. There are key times in the academic year that there is limited capacity, and we need to look for alternative sites. The Town Hall would be a suitable location for many of these events.

We would also be keen to exploit opportunities for developing the young workforce. The Town Hall would be a super venue for learning about staging, lighting and sound.

We wish you all the very best in taking your plans forward for taking the Town Hall into Public ownership and look forward to working with you to benefit our pupils in the future.

Kind Regards

*Karen Cox*

Head Teacher  
Park Primary School  
Academy Road  
Invergordon  
IV18 0LD

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Invergordon Academy  
Academy Road  
Invergordon  
IV18 0LD  
01349 852362

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to show Invergordon Academy's support for the proposal to take Invergordon's Town Hall into Public Ownership. From hearing the plans for its use, I am excited to see the potential for the Town Hall to be reignited as an invaluable community resource.

At present, Invergordon itself as a town offers very few opportunities for young people to take part in experiences which will have a positive impact on their skills for life and work. The opportunities the Town Hall will present, such as teaching the pupils how to work lighting, staging, sounds etc, as well as opportunities perhaps for front of house work and coffee shop work experiences, will be a an excellent resource to have for our young people and the community in general.

The school are excited to learn how we could work in partnership with the Town Hall committee to set-up and run opportunities and experiences which will engage and may inspire the young people of the town. We will be fully committed to supporting this proposal.

Yours sincerely,



Scott Houston

Acting Head Teacher  
Invergordon Academy



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

140 High St  
Invergordon  
IV18 0AE

17 April 2023

Dear whomever it may concern,

**Support for Invergordon Museum obtaining a long-term leases of Invergordon Town Hall**

The Town Hall in Invergordon has a rich long history serving the residents of Invergordon and in my capacity as a Member of the Scottish Parliament for the Highlands and Islands, I offer my support to Invergordon Museum in obtaining a long-term lease so that it can continue to serve residents as a cinema, theatre, café and museum.

The Town Hall has long been in a state of disrepair. Given its rich history, I find it a worthwhile endeavour to repair and upgrade it to fit the purpose of current residents. Invergordon Museum have a plan to run a profitable cinema, café and eventually a museum. This will benefit the local residents, cruise ship visitors and tourists alike.

The residents hold this building close to their hearts as the building was used previously for many community events such as dance lessons, concert hall and cinema. I believe the community spirit to upgrade this building and re-instate it as a community hub will make it a successful project and a successful long-term lease.

I additionally support the collaborative working between community groups in Invergordon and the re-investment of some of the profits to the Common Good Fund which will provide sustainable community benefit.

I hope you find this letter helpful and I look forward to hearing the future of Invergordon Town Hall.

Best Wishes,



Rhoda Grant MSP



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Edward Mountain MSP

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Highlands and Islands Region

James Collier Esq  
Invergordon Museum  
140 High Street  
Invergordon  
IV18 0AE

20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

I am writing to thank you for meeting with me in Invergordon the other day and to express my support for the Invergordon Museum to get the Town Hall on a long term lease. As a MSP for the Highlands and Islands, I am always excited to see projects that aim to improve the lives of constituents and build a stronger, more vibrant community.

I believe that community projects like this are essential to the success and well-being of our community. Your passion and commitment are a testament to the strength of our community, and I am honoured to offer my support.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything further that I can do to assist you in your efforts.

Kind regards,



Edward Mountain MSP  
Highlands and Islands Region

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Tanstar Gifts  
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Invergordon  
IV180AB

Dear Sir/Madam

**Support of Invergordon Museum's Community Asset Transfer Application for Invergordon Town Hall.**

Tanstar Gifts – Independent local high street business.

I would like to express my support towards the transfer of Invergordon Community Asset, Invergordon Town Hall to Invergordon Museum and their proposed anchor tenant.

A town hall is essential to the heart of any community, providing a much needed community space. Sadly Invergordon Town Hall has not been used to this advantage for some time. After having conversations with the Museum and their proposed anchor tenant and also attending their Open Day presentation I full heartedly applaud and support their vision on how to provide a much needed multifunctional space while remaining a community asset.

It would be shameful for this opportunity to be passed over in favour of a property developer. Invergordon High Street is crying out for this community asset to be turned around to be the jewel in the crown and I do urge this can be supported by you all. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Sandra Munro.

Sandra Munro



**Jamie Stone MP**  
Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross

Mr James Collier  
Arrandale  
42 Birchwood  
Invergordon  
IV18 0BG

4 April 2023

Our Ref: JS14850

To Whom It May Concern

By this letter and, as the elected Member of Parliament for the Invergordon area, I fully support the proposal by the Invergordon Naval Museum and Heritage Centre, and others, to develop the Town Hall for the people of Invergordon, and bring it up to the build standard required.

The proposal for a theatre, cinema, café and eventual museum extension will enable Invergordon to progress and flourish for many years and generations to come.

The town of Invergordon has a long proud and enviable history of active and enthusiastic groups working together to the benefit of all age groups and this project will, without exception, enjoy the full weight and support of the community.

I personally know members of the committees involved and I can honestly say that they are wholly committed and experienced in bringing projects to fruition and I have no doubt that they are best placed to do so with this project.

Yours faithfully



Jamie Stone MP



# Architecture & Design Scotland

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Mr James Collier  
Vice-Chair  
Invergordon Museum  
140 High Street  
Invergordon  
IV18 0AE

20 April 2023

To whom it may concern,

## **Invergordon Town Hall regeneration project - Letter of Support**

I am writing in support of Invergordon Museum's proposal to revitalise the Town Hall on Invergordon High Street. The project seeks to further the regeneration of Invergordon town centre by returning a community-led focus to the High Street. If successful, it will bring a community asset back into public use and enable positive associative regeneration. The project will address current policy goals around 20-minute Neighbourhoods outlined in NPF4 and aid in community wealth-building, should the project meet its stated goals.

Architecture & Design Scotland are delivering the Climate Action Towns project in Invergordon, one of nine small towns with historically limited action on climate change. The project is supported by the Scottish Government. Architecture & Design Scotland through the Eight Carbon Conscious Place Principles advocate for a place-based response to improving our towns. This is a long-term commitment which requires stamina, passion and wide-ranging participation from all partners. The project proposed at Invergordon Town Hall will help achieve the goals of the eight Place Principles with particular emphasis on 1) A place led approach; 2) A place designed for and with local people; and 8) A place designed in time.

We are keen that this project delivers on its proposed outcomes and will be working closely with the Invergordon Umbrella Group, comprising the anchor organisations in the town including the Invergordon Museum, over the next year to help shape the community engagement programme and ensure continued public involvement in this project and others.

For all the reasons I have highlighted in this letter, I believe that the Town Hall regeneration project, as proposed by the Invergordon Museum, can be pivotal in revitalising the fortunes of Invergordon by providing a focal point for the community to understand that positive change can happen on the ground. It will also provide Invergordon with some much needed community services.

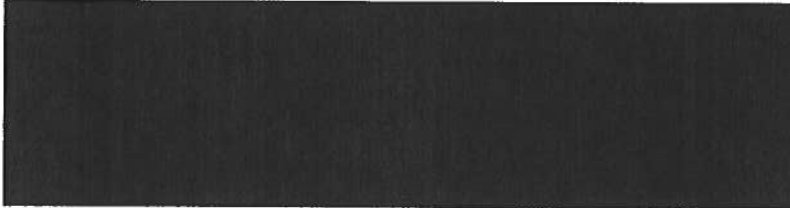
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Should you have any questions around A&DS involvement in Invergordon, please reach out to me.  
You can contact me at [mark.dowey@ads.org.uk](mailto:mark.dowey@ads.org.uk)

Yours aye,



**Mark Dowey**  
Climate Action Towns  
Senior Design Officer