



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Community Asset Transfer – ELKCAL Ltd

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of constituents in Assynt who have asked me to support the community asset transfer of the former Assynt Primary School (now the Elphin Community Hall) to the Elphin, Ledmore, Knockan Community Association Limited (ELKCAL).

I understand ELKCAL wish to purchase the hall in order to make improvements to building to enable a wider range of activities to occur there so that more people in this isolated area will benefit from its use.

At present the hall hosts a weekly Craft Circle, Toddler Group and during the summer season weekly Craft and Food Markets. Yoga classes, music nights and dances have also taken place in the hall as well as vital community celebrations and events.

ELKCAL is a well-established community company and registered charity with more than a decade of experience operating the hall and have ambitious plans to develop the building to better meet the needs of the local community. Their plans for the building include changes to the hall layout, heating and facilities and to secure the funding to do this, I fully support the group in their aim to take ownership of the property.

Kind regards,

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