

Highland Council Community Asset Transfer

Annual Report

1st of April 2018 to 31st of March 2019

The Highland Council is committed to supporting a Community Asset Transfer process that supports communities to identify their needs and take control of the assets they require to deliver better outcomes for communities.

We are continuing to improve and develop a clear Community Asset Transfer process that engages with communities and harnesses the expertise of a variety of Council officers and partner agencies to inform our approach and decision-making on asset transfer.

This second Annual Report on Community Asset Transfer covers the period from 1st of April 2018 to 31st of March 2019.

The report outlines:

- the number of requests received;
- the level and nature of those requests (full or expression of interest);
- detail of full asset transfer requests received;
- status of asset transfer requests;
- information on the type of property requested;
- the geographical spread of requests across Highland, by ward.

Highland Council Process

Details of Highland Council's Community Asset Transfer process can be found on the Council's website at: www.highland.gov.uk/cat

A two-stage process enables communities to log an expression of interest prior to submitting a full asset transfer request. This supports communities to have a point of contact to support them through the request process, access supporting information they require for their application and signpost them to wider sources of support within the community.

A single point of contact has been established for groups to direct enquires, expressions of interest and full asset transfer requests. A map of all Council properties has been established to support groups to identify whether assets they are interested in are owned by the organisation. A separate process for any review of decisions has also been implemented.

Community Asset Transfer Summary Information

For the period 1st of April 2018 to 31st of March 2019:

- **49** expressions of interest have been received
- **15** full community asset transfer requests have been received
- Of the **15** full asset transfer requests received:
 - **8** have been agreed;
 - None were rejected;
 - **3** are under consideration;
 - **4** were withdrawn by the Community Transfer Body.

Table 1: Status of Requests Received

Status	Feb '17 - Mar '18	Apr '18 - Mar '19	Description
Expression of Interest	50	49	Note of the group, contact details, asset, basis of interest and intended outcomes
Full Asset Transfer Requests	11	15	Formal requests with proposals and supporting evidence from community group
Assessment Stage	5	3	Formal requests assessed and to be considered at committee
Transfers agreed	4	8	Transfer agreed by council committee
Full requests rejected	1	0	Requests considered and rejected
Withdrawals	1	8	Eols <u>and</u> full requests withdrawn by CTB

Table 2: Requests by Type of Transfer

Period	Status	Ownership	Lease	Management	Unsure
Feb '17 - Mar '18	Eol	38	11	0	2
	ATR	6	5	0	0
Apr '18 - Mar '19	Eol	41	5	1	2
	ATR	13	2	0	0

Table 3: Summary of Requests Received

Community Transfer Body	Asset	Basis requested	Ward	Status
Strathpeffer Resident's Association	Playpark/land adjacent to Ord Terrace, Strathpeffer	Ownership	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh	Transfer agreed
Seaboard Community Polytunnel Group	Patch of Harbour Green, Balintore	Lease	Tain and Easter Ross	Transfer agreed
Helmsdale & District Development Trust	Coupers Yard, Shore Street, Helmsdale	Ownership	East Sutherland and Edderton	Transfer agreed
Ardnamurchan Lighthouse Trust	Site of Ardnamurchan Lighthouse	Ownership	Fort William and Ardnamurchan	Transfer agreed
Thurso Town Improvements Association	Boating Shed and Public Toilet, Millbank Road, Thurso	Ownership	Thurso and North West Caithness	Withdrawn
Nairn Citizens' Advice Bureau	60-62 King Street, Nairn	Ownership	Nairn and Cawdor	Withdrawn
Inverness Men's Shed	Pavilion at Millburn Academy, Inverness	Ownership	Inverness Millburn	Transfer agreed
Road to the Isles Facilities Group	Land to the South of West Bay Car Park, Mallaig	Ownership	Caol and Mallaig	Transfer agreed
Glen Urquhart Rural Community Association	Drumnadrochit Tourist Info Centre & Toilets	Ownership	Aird and Loch Ness	Assessment (paused by CTB)
Balvonie Park Association	Balvonie Park, Inverness	Ownership	Inverness South	Withdrawn
Helmsdale & District Development Trust	Helmsdale Public Toilets	Ownership	East Sutherland and Edderton	Withdrawn
Ormlie Community Association Ltd.	Ormlie Community Centre & Garden, Thurso	Lease	Thurso and North West Caithness	Assessment (paused by CTB)
Spean Bridge Community Centre	Spean Bridge Community Centre	Ownership	Fort William and Ardnamurchan	Assessment
Strathpeffer Pavilion Community Steering Group	Pump house, gardens, parking and tennis courts at Strathpeffer pavilion	Ownership	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh	Transfer agreed
Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust	Land at Falls of Foyers car park	Ownership	Aird and Loch Ness	Transfer agreed

Table 4: Type of Property Requested

Property Type	Eol 2017- 18	ATR 2017-18	Eol 2018- 19	ATR 2018-19
Harbour/pier	2		2	
Car Park	4		9	2
Toilets	3	2	7	3
Sports area/ground	4	1	7	1
Pavilion	4	2	1	1
Building	16	6	15	5
Land	4	1	14	8
Pond/water	1			
Playpark	1		3	1
Storage Unit	1		1	
Lighthouse	1			1
Church	1			
Cemetery	1		1	
Yard	1			1
Bunker	1			

Totals by type do not match the total number of EOI/ATR, as some requests concern multiple types. For example: buildings and adjacent land.

Table 5: Requests Received by Ward

Ward	Eol 2017-18	ATR 2017-18	TOTAL	Eol 2018-19	ATR 2018-19	TOTAL
Aird and Loch Ness	3	0	3	2	2	4
Badenoch and Strathspey	3	2	5	0	0	0
Black Isle	0	0	0	1	0	1
Caol and Mallaig	0	0	0	6	1	7
Cromarty Firth	0	0	0	0	0	0
Culloden and Ardersier	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dingwall and Seaforth	3	3	6	0	0	0
East Sutherland and Edderton	4	0	4	2	2	4
Eilean a'Cheo	2	1	3	6	0	6
Fort William and Ardnamurchan	6	0	6	2	2	4
Inverness Central	0	0	0	3	0	3
Inverness Millburn	1	0	1	1	1	2
Inverness Ness-side	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inverness South	0	0	0	1	1	2
Inverness West	1	0	1	2	0	2
Nairn and Cawdor	1	0	1	3	1	4
North, West and Central Sutherland	3	1	4	8	0	8
Tain and Easter Ross	3	1	4	0	1	1
Thurso and North West Caithness	6	1	7	2	2	4
Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh	9	1	10	6	2	8
Wick and East Caithness	6	1	7	4	0	4