

Letter of Support for Asset Transfer of  
Struan School to Community Ownership  
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Dear sir/madam,

I am writing in support of the application by the community of Struan to secure an asset transfer of Struan School into community ownership.

Although now self-employed, as former Social Enterprise Manager for Planning Aid Scotland (PAS), I supported the community of Struan to deliver their [Community Action Plan in 2023](#).

It was a privilege to be present at every formal engagement and conversation that took place with community members in Struan during that process, and then to work with the Steering Group representing their interests to deliver the final plan.

My conviction is that the plan is well-thought through and thoroughly put together. The detail of the significance and extent of the engagement work is detailed in the plan, forming a clear mandate and vision for the proposal.

That the vision for community ownership of the School is at the very heart of the plan and (rightly) seen as foundational for the future well-being of the community is reflective of every response and conversation I heard and assessed during the process. This is because enabling relationships to flourish is foundational for all successful delivery, as is true of all good community wealth building. Ownership of this building would provide a unique, community owned context for the relational life of the community to flourish, and therefore serve to underpin all concrete collaborative action in the years to come.

But it would offer so much in addition: security of tenure on a property capable of supporting delivery of CAP aims around tourism, hospitality, administration, leisure activities and mutual aid. All of these are laid out clearly in the plan. It has been demonstrated time and again across similar communities in Scotland that enabling community ownership of assets is a core first step in transformative programs that, given time, will assuredly follow in Struan.

My experience of the community leadership in Struan is of profound, resilient and hard-working commitment to see the township flourish and reverse wider depopulation trends.

I wholeheartedly support the application for asset transfer and commend the community of Struan, its vision and its leaders to the assessing panel.

Yours sincerely,



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