



ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST

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Asset Ref
Name CTB Aberlour
Community
Association
ATR Ref 085

NOTICE OF ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST Representation Submissions / CTB Feedback

Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 sets out that people are to be made aware that an asset transfer request has been submitted. Notification has been published via the Moray Council website [insert short link], advertised via Moray Council social media sites, Moray Community Planning Partnership website [insert link] and social media sites; notification to any tenant/owner/occupier of said asset and notification at the site of the asset. These notifications explain how representation can be submitted.

When representation is received in response to these notices, the Moray Council must send copies to the community transfer body for comment/feedback. Details of which can be found below. In order to comply with data protection requirements, any personal information will be 'blacked out' from these documents before submission to you.

Date of Representation period (20 working days):	02/09/19 – 27/09/19
Number of Representation(s) received:	29

Date collated Representation sent to CTB:	01/09/19
Date of CTB Feedback to representation (20 working days)	04/10/19 – 31/10/19
Deadline date of feedback submission to CAT	31/10/19

All comments/feedback received will be published via the Moray Council website for public information.

If the CTB feel they are unable to meet the comment/feedback deadline; they should contact the CAT team to discuss.

Date Received:	31/08/2019
Comments Received:	XXXX in the village and most of the walk routes include the Alice Littler Park. XXXX are foreign visitors who are very impressed by the park and often comment on its beautiful location at the heart of Aberlour, bordered by the river Spey. I am delighted to support this application by the Aberlour Community Association to take ownership of the park on behalf of the residents of Aberlour and surrounding communities. There is a great sense of relief and excitement among local residents that the park, a historic gift to the town, is to be taken back into the care of an Association with such a successful record of managing previous community asset transfers in the village. A great asset returned to the rightful owners - the community of Aberlour.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	01/09/2019
Comments Received:	I think this is a splendid application by a very trustworthy and dependable community group,
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	02/09/2019
Comments Received:	I would wholeheartedly support this application. Aberlour Community Association have demonstrated for many years that they have the local expertise, village and volunteer support plus the finances to undertake the CAT for the above facility. This is an essential move for the village its residents and the many and varied user groups for the park and it would be a devastating for all should the application not to be successful. The other hugely important point is that it would be a huge loss to the ever import tourist sector and the wider Moray community.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	02/09/2019
Comments Received:	I am wholeheartedly in favour of the ACA CAT proposal. As a XXXX at the Old Station tearoom I have experienced at first hand the ACA's commitment to the village. The ACA has a proven track record in its ability to work for the welfare of the

	local community and has earned the right to take the park back to village ownership.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	02/09/2019
Comments Received:	This Asset was donated to the Village of Aberlour 40 years ago but due to legislation ownership was transferred to The Moray Council in 2015. In keeping with the spirit of the generous benefactor who made the gift it is fitting to return ownership to the people of the Village. Aberlour Community Association have a very good track record of asset maintenance and improvement and it is appropriate for them to take ownership under the CAT process I fully support the Application
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	02/09/2019
Comments Received:	I fully support the CAT transfer of the Alice Littler Park to the Aberlour Community Association. I wish for the park to be retained and maintained as the beautiful open green space that it is today and believe that the community association will do their utmost to support that.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	02/09/2019
Comments Received:	I fully support the Application as a former resident of Aberlour
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	03/09/2019
Comments Received:	I am really pleased that the ACA is taking back responsibility for Alice Littler Park securing a valuable asset, and generous bequest, to the village for future generations.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	05/09/2019
Comments Received:	I fully support the Aberlour Community Association in this asset transfer request for the Alice Littler Park. They are the only local organisation that fully represents Aberlour and has a track

	<p>record in managing their assets for the good of the community. The Asset transfer request if successful will safeguard this riverside setting as a public park. It's a beautiful open green space with car parking, a playpark and riverside walks. It benefits the whole community as it was originally Intended.it was bequeathed to the community by Sydney littler who was a generous benefactor who named the park in memory of his late wife. The park itself represents Aberlour and is known locally and by visitors alike from all over the world who have visited Aberlour on their travels. I have complete confidence in Aberlour community Association taking ownership of the Alice littler Park to benefit the whole community and safeguard it for the future.</p>
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	05/09/2019
Comments Received:	<p>I refer to the above consultation and wish to offer my full support in respect of the Community Asset Transfer application submitted by Aberlour Community Association with regards to the Alice Littler Park. I believe that the Alice Littler Park must be returned to the Aberlour Community Association – the Park was bequeathed to the community by the late Sydney Littler and only removed from community ownership by Moray Council as a result of the implementation of the Long Lease (Scotland) Act. The Park is not only a valuable asset to the community providing recreational facilities to residents and visitors alike but it also acts as the hub of the community. It is therefore entirely appropriate that the future of the Alice Littler Park is protected for the benefit of its residents and the wider community and I am firmly of the opinion that this can only be achieved in a sustainable manner as a result of ownership being transferred to the Aberlour Community Association. The Community Association is the only body which represents, and is accountable to, the community as a whole and it has a proven track record, over many years, of successfully managing community assets, (The Fleming Hall, Speyside Visitor Centre, The Old Station Tearoom & the public toilets). I am acutely aware that Moray Council have stated that they will no longer be in a position to maintain the Park from 2020 onwards and this will be totally detrimental not only to the community of Aberlour but also to Speyside as a whole. However, it is evident from the application submitted by Aberlour Community Association that they have a clear plan for the future maintenance and regeneration of the Park as a whole and, perhaps more importantly in today's economic</p>

	<p>climate, they clearly have the financial capacity to deliver on their stated objectives. In addition, the environmental work being undertaken in the Speyside Visitor Centre, which in itself is owned and operated by the Aberlour Community Association, is of significant relevance to this application and therefore will undoubtedly provide a vital contribution to the progression of the regeneration and future management of the Park itself. I totally endorse this application for ownership of the Alice Littler Park by the Aberlour Community Association and very much hope that Moray Council returns this asset to the community of Aberlour as soon as possible.</p>
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	05/09/2019
Comments Received:	<p>I run XXXX and would like to support the application to acquire the Alice Littler Park for the benefits of the community. I find the facility of the park's area of real benefit to myself and many of my guests have told me of its pleasures and easy ambience. It is a treasure to the area, expanding people's enjoyment of the area. The local amenities provide ideal conditions for a pleasurable experience. I strongly recommend the purposes of CAT and it has my full support.</p>
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	05/09/2019
Comments Received:	<p>I hereby offer my full support to the proposal for Aberlour Community Association application to take over ownership of the Alice Littler Park from The Moray Council by Community Asset Transfer.</p>
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	06/09/2019
Comments Received:	<p>As you are aware, XXXX are recognised by the MCPP as a key means of engaging local people in the Community Planning process. The xxx therefore provides a platform for local people and community organisations to come together to influence the planning and delivery of services in their area and across Moray. Our role is to find out the concerns of local people (individuals and community organisations) and listen to their views on the issues that affect them. The XXXX comprises community representatives from across the Speyside ASG and</p>

	<p>our membership includes XXXX as well as XXXX. The XXXX is therefore acutely aware of the issues surrounding the Alice Littler Park as well as the means by which Moray Council obtained ownership of the Park via the Long Leases (Scotland) Act. We are also aware of the community's wish to reclaim ownership and that this is now only possible through a community asset transfer. We believe that the application to transfer ownership of the Alice Littler Park must be granted to Aberlour Community Association. The ACA has been in existence for over 40 years and has a proven track record of managing community assets, including those previously acquired from Moray Council, namely the Speyside Visitor Centre, Old Station Tea Room as well as the public toilets. The XXXX recognises the financial difficulties currently facing Moray Council and that this has resulted in the need for communities to address concerns and identify solutions relating to the reduction/withdrawal of services which Moray Council has been forced to implement. We believe that Aberlour Community Association has already demonstrated their ability to manage these issues on behalf of their community, particularly with regards to the important and high-profile issue of public toilets. In addition, the XXXX is very aware that the withdrawal of grass cutting across Speyside has caused major issues for local communities and will significantly impact on the usage of the Alice Littler Park in 2020 should Moray Council refuse this application thereby resulting in the Park continuing to remain under Council ownership. The XXXX endorses the Scottish Government's commitment to community empowerment and we acknowledge that "Moray Council recognises the important role that the transfer of property assets can play in empowering communities and strengthening their resilience" We totally concur with MC's view that sustainability is critical to any transfer and we are confident that Aberlour Community Association can deliver on this key issue. Their business and financial plans clearly identify the means by which their key objectives in terms of managing the long term preservation and regeneration of the Alice Littler Park can be met. XXXX fully supports Aberlour Community Association's application for a community asset transfer and we sincerely hope that Moray Council will grant this request as soon as possible</p>
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	09/09/2019
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Comments Received:	As owner of the XXXX in aberlour I am totally in favour of ACAs CAT to take ownership of the park back to the community
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	09/09/2019
Comments Received:	I fully support the asset transfer.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	10/09/2019
Comments Received:	The xxx has already offered its support to and approval of Aberlour Community Association's bid to acquire the Alice Littler Park through a CAT. Having read the submission, the XXXX continues to agree that this is the way forward for this asset and would urge the Moray Council to approve the transfer.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	10/09/2019
Comments Received:	I fully support the Aberlour Community Association's application for a Community Asset Transfer of the Alice Littler Park in order to safeguard the central area of the Park so that it can be freely accessed by the local community and visitors alike.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	12/09/2019
Comments Received:	The Alice Littler Park is a major asset/resource to the village of Aberlour. It is used and enjoyed by the village residents for walking and leisure. It is also greatly valued and enjoyed by visitors and tourists to the area who use it for picnics, walking, cycling and fishing on the river Spey. It is very important that Aberlour Community Association which is a responsible and dependable institution be given the management of the park.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	12/09/2019
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Comments Received:	<p>We refer to the above consultation process which is being undertaken with regards to a potential asset transfer of the whole of the Alice Littler Park to Aberlour Community Association. As the representative body of XXXX and its wider catchment area, we totally support Aberlour Community Association's proposal to apply for an asset transfer of the arena, recreation area (including play park) and car park. We are fully aware that the Alice Littler Park was bequeathed to Aberlour by Sydney Littler in memory of his wife and we therefore consider that it is only right and proper that this asset is returned to community ownership. XXXX is very aware of the difficulties that Aberlour as a community has had to contend with surrounding the future ownership of the Park but we firmly believe that ownership and responsibility for the Park's ongoing maintenance and future regeneration must rest with Aberlour Community Association. As an organisation they have a proven track record of working very successfully not only for the benefit of Aberlour but Speyside in general and we believe that the granting of an asset transfer request in respect of the Alice Littler Park in its entirety to Aberlour Community Association will ensure that not only has ownership of the Park been returned to the community but also that the future of the Park would rest in safe hands. We very much hope that Moray Council will grant this application for a Community Asset Transfer.</p>
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	12/09/2019
Comments Received:	<p>On behalf of XXXX, I would like to express our support for the asset transfer of Alice Little Park to the Aberlour Community Association. We believe that this asset transfer would put the park in safe hands who would ensure that the park is maintained and used for the benefit of the community and the environment. It makes sense to have such an important local asset under the direct care of the community, and the ACA appears to us as an appropriate body for this. Xxx is currently engaged in a project to place 1 electric car and 2 electric bikes beside the Old Station tearoom and visitor centre in Aberlour. The purpose of this project is to improve the transport options available to local residents. The Community Association have been most helpful in this venture. This experience increases our trust that the ACA would do a good job of looking after this community asset.</p>
CTB Response:	Please insert here

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Date Received:	12/09/2019
Comments Received:	Relatives visiting the Hospital regularly take the patients out to the Park where they we fully support the plans ACA have for the Park can enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the surrounding area. As we would wish this to continue
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	16/09/2019
Comments Received:	On behalf of XXXX xx I would like to offer a letter of support for the Aberlour Community Association in their quest for a Community Asset Transfer for the Alice Littler Park, Aberlour. The Aberlour Community Association have a proven track record of working hard in and for their community. The Association have put a lot of work into their CAT and we are sure the community of Aberlour will benefit from Aberlour Community Association running the Alice Littler Park. The Alice Littler Park is a beautiful park enjoyed not just by the people of Aberlour and the surrounding area, but it is also enjoyed by all the visiting tourists, both national and international. Every year the park plays host to the Aberlour Highland Games, which brings a lot of tourists to the area. XXXX feel this is an excellent idea and fully support the scheme.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	16/09/2019
Comments Received:	I continue to fully support Aberlour Community Association on their asset transfer request to take ownership of the Alice littler park Aberlour which will benefit the whole community and all the businesses in Aberlour including all the visitors that pass through the village.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	17/09/2019
Comments Received:	I have enjoyed the privilege of living in Aberlour since XXXX, before which I lived in xxx for XXXX years, from 1970. Since moving to xxx I have used Aberlour for the usual services, including medical, shopping, social and recreation. I have been involved in many Scouting activates over the years and hope to

	<p>see them continue in this ideal learning environment. I have always regarded the area by the Spey, where the Alice Littler Park (ALP) sits, and its surrounds as the focal point of Aberlour's heartbeat. The Penny Brig and the paths around have always been a major amenity and attraction for me. With the Alice Littler Trust expertly looking after the Park since its inception, their role has been wholeheartedly taken over by ACA, who have its interests at heart. Spending time in the park has been greatly therapeutic in the last three years while recovering from two serious medical conditions. – the trees, the other flora and fauna and the Spey have given me much comfort. I wish for that environment to continue, with minimal changes for the benefit of all. In my opinion ACA is the most suitable Charity to look after the Park, along with the Speyside Visitor Centre, and to ensure it continues to serve all, whatever activity they enjoy, be it walks, Highland Games, It's a Knockout and innumerable others. I support ACA's CAT Application to take over and run the Park</p>
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	20/09/2019
Comments Received:	<p>At a meeting of the above group on 16 September 2019 the XXXX voted to support the Aberlour Community Association's application to regain the park for the benefit of all users of the park. The Aberlour Community Association has proven through its running of the Fleming Hall, the Speyside Visitor Centre and the Aberlour Old Station Tearoom that it has the financial management expertise, plus the skills, talents and enthusiasm of its many volunteers to manage the Alice Littler Park for the benefit of not only local people but also for the many visitors from home and abroad who make use of the park. The ACA is well aware of improvements and up-keeping required to make a success of the park's future. The XXXX wishes them every success for their CAT application.</p>
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	23/09/2019
Comments Received:	<p>I am happy to support the Alice Littler Park asset transfer to Aberlour Community Association as they most certainly have the village interest at heart. ACA have a proven track record, in improving facilities for the village</p>
CTB Response:	Please insert here

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Date Received:	26/09/19
Comments Received:	On behalf of the XXXX family, I fully support The Aberlour Community Association in the asset transfer request for the Alice Littler Park. XXXX was instrumental in the concept and the design of the Park which was intended to be a unique riverside park for the use of the community and visitors. It was also created with the view of hosting the annual Aberlour Highland Games which attracts local residents and visitors from far afield. The Community Association is the only local organisation that fully represents Aberlour and has a track record in managing its assets for the good of the community. A successful asset transfer request will safeguard this unique riverside setting as a public park. The park itself represents Aberlour and is known locally and by visitors alike from all over the world. We have confidence in Aberlour Community Association taking ownership of the Alice Littler Park to benefit the whole community and safeguard it for the future.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	28/09/19 (late submission but approved)
Comments Received:	I wish to support the proposal for a Community Asset Transfer request for the Alice Littler Park from The Moray Council (TMC) to benefit, as a community asset, the Aberlour Community Association (ACA). Historically, the Alice Littler Park was gifted to the community, for the benefit of the community. At some point, ownership was transferred to TMC due to the Long Leases (Scotland) Act, which was and remains, a contentious issue as locals say that this should never have happened to deny them of their central community asset situated by the banks of the Mighty River Spey. The Park is used by all in the community for social, sport, mental and physical health, refreshing minds, and enjoyment given the regenerating stimulation associated with freedom of the physical sights and sounds of the location for recreational and regenerative purposes. The picturesque Park, in the control of the ACA, has the potential for ACA to improve the amenities. A regenerated Park can benefit the local economy and residents given ACA local community energy and usage alongside the former platform Tea Room and the Visitor Centre. These sited on the platform are financially sound and are poised to provide added dynamism. Usage for community training, meetings and socialising are already successfully arranged where the ACA own the Tea Room and the Visitor Centre so it will complete the triangulation. Regrettably, under the current TMC regime, the stifling of local initiatives along with grass cutting cessation next year, impacts on good management of the accessibility, demeanour, beauty and ability for the renowned annual

	Aberlour Highland Games to welcome overseas and local visitors. This is a unique, special, attractive Park which needs ACA to take control through the transfer of assets which is recommended to be introduced.
CTB Response:	Please insert here

Date Received:	29/09/19 (late submission but approved)
Comments Received:	I am writing to you with our response to your request for consultation responses on the above matter. As noted in the documentation provided with this Asset Transfer Request the XXXX are in support of any proposal that ensures the long-term availability of the park for the XXXX. As a recently established SCIO it would be our wish to formalise this longstanding practice within a contractual arrangement with any new or prospective owners. We would wish this to be brought to the attention of any interested parties with whom we would work willingly to conclude this.
CTB Response:	Please insert here