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Community Asset Transfer Scheme (CATS) for our national forests and land

ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

Introduction

Please read the relevant parts of the [Community Asset Transfer Scheme \(CATS\) Guidance](#) before completing this form. You may also wish to refer to the Scottish Government's [Asset Transfer Guidance for Community Bodies](#).

The Request must be submitted in writing, either as a hard copy or by email. Please answer all the questions. You can attach additional information as extra sheets or electronic documents. Please be specific. When answering the questions you do not need to repeat any information you have already given, but simply refer to an earlier answer or attached document.

Please return the completed form and supporting documentation to:

Community Asset Transfer Scheme Team
Forestry and Land Scotland
231 Corstorphine Road
Edinburgh
EH12 7AT

E-mail: fls.communities@forestryandland.gov.scot

We will confirm receipt of your Request within 5 working days and you will receive a formal acknowledgement letter within 15 working days to confirm whether your Request is valid or requesting further information. We may also ask you for more information during the assessment and evaluation process.

CATS: ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

This is an asset transfer request made under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

SECTION 1: Information about the community transfer body making the request

1.1 Name of the community transfer body making the asset transfer request

Sunart Community Company

1.2 Community transfer body address

This should be the registered address, if you have one.

Postal address:

Creag Ard,

5 Longrigg Rd

Strontian

Postcode: PH36 4HY

1.3 Contact details

Please provide the name and contact address to which correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request should be sent.

Contact name: Andrew Hughes

Postal address:

Sunart Community Company

Longrigg Committee

Craig Ard,

5 Longrigg Rd

Strontian

Postcode: PH36 4HY

Email: enquiries@sunartcommunitycompany.co.uk

Telephone: XXXXXXXXXX

We agree that correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request may be sent by email to the email address given above. *(Please tick to indicate agreement)*

You can ask the Forestry and Land Scotland to stop sending correspondence by email, or change the email address, by telling us at any time, as long as 5 working days' notice is given.

1.4 Type of eligible community transfer body

Please select **one** option and mark with an "X" in the relevant box to confirm the type of community transfer body and its official number, if it has one:

- a Company and its company number is SC293485
- or**
- a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and its charity number is _____
- or**
- a Community Benefit Society (BenCom), and its registered number is _____
- or**
- Unincorporated organisation (no number)

Please attach a copy of the community transfer body's constitution, articles of association or registered rules.

If the organisation is an eligible community transfer body under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 go to **Section 2**.

1.5 If the organisation is **not** an eligible community transfer body under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015:

a) Has the organisation been individually designated as a community transfer body by the Scottish Ministers?

No **Yes**

Please give the title and date of the designation order:

or b) Does the organisation fall within a class of bodies which has been designated as community transfer bodies by the Scottish Ministers?

No **Yes**

If yes what class of bodies does it fall within?

Section 2: Information about the land and rights requested

(see CATS Guidance Section 1.2)

2.1 Please identify the land to which this asset transfer request relates.

You should provide a **grid reference** and attach a **map** clearly showing the boundaries of the land to which this asset transfer request. You should also provide any name by which the land is known, and you may also wish to provide additional description. You can contact your Forestry and Land Scotland [Region](#) office for assistance in providing a copy of the map.

Grid reference: NM800623

Area in hectares: 87.57

Name and description of the land: Longrigg Wood

If your request is for a building, you should provide a street address and the Unique Property Reference Number ([UPRN](#)) if known.

Address:

UPRN (**if known**):

Section 3: Type of request, payment and conditions

(see CATS Guidance Section 1.4)

3.1 Please tick what type of request is being made:

- for **ownership** (under section 79(2)(a)) – go to **Section 3A**
- for **lease** (under section 79(2)(b)(i)) – go to **Section 3B**
- for other **rights** (section 79(2)(b)(ii)) – go to **Section 3C**

3A – Request for ownership

What price are you prepared to pay for the land requested (see CATS Guidance Section 2.2)?

Proposed price: £152,500. This requested discount accounts for the significant investment to be made in infrastructure that will provide significant community benefit, the more difficult to quantify benefits of community ownership and management of the site, and risk inherent in the undertaking. Please see the attached *Best value assessment - Longrigg Wood* document for more detail. We are open to discussion on this matter.

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request.

3B – Request for lease

a) What is the length of lease you are requesting?

b) How much rent are you prepared to pay? (see CATS Guidance Section 2.2)

Please make clear whether this is per year or per month.

Proposed rent: £ per

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to be included in the lease, or to apply to the request in any other way.

3C – Request for other rights

a) What are the rights you are requesting?

As part of the plan to extract timber from the site, we have discussed, and are hoping to reach agreement, with FLS to allow for timber haulage vehicles to travel towards Salen when they leave the Longrigg site, then use FLS land to turn before heading back through Strontian towards Corran. Whilst there are other options for extracting the timber, this is the

preferred option for the community as it avoids making otherwise unnecessary changes to the bell mouth at the junction of the Longrigg wood road, and minimises disruptions for the neighbours living adjacent to the site.

We have initiated discussions with FLS on this and hope to reach an agreement early in 2023, giving us or private timber haulage contractors permission to use FLS land for this purpose.

We anticipate payment will reflect standard access agreement costs.

Do you propose to make any payment for these rights?

Yes No

If yes, how much are you prepared to pay? Please make clear what period this would cover, for example per week, per month, per day?

Proposed payment: £TBC per

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request.

Section 4: Community Proposal

You may wish to refer to relevant sections in supporting documents.

4.1 Please set out the reasons for making the request and how the land or building will be used.

This should explain the objectives of your project, why there is a need for it, any development or changes you plan to make to the land or building, and any activities that will take place there.

The community of Strontian is keen to take ownership of Longrigg Wood to improve the social, economic, and environmental health and well being of our village. There is a strong belief that it can play a vital role in us achieving our shared community vision of 'Keeping Sunart a great place to live, work and visit'.

As it is listed for disposal by FLS, the wood will be sold if the community does not buy it. This community asset transfer would therefore mean that the community is able to avoid a purely commercial actor taking control of a valuable asset close to the heart of our village. There are serious community concerns that commercial extraction will result in disruption to the local community over which we will have little control, is likely to result in more extensive harvesting of the forest with attended impacts on the land, as well as replanting and future land management which has little positive environmental or social benefit for the community and wider society.

Crucially, the Sunart Community Company (SCC) also believes there will be significant benefits across many aspects of community life as a result of the activities and resources which will be unlocked if this application is successful.

Longrigg is situated just a kilometre, as the crow flies, from the bridge at the centre of the village and is linked by the well used pathways through the Phemies Wood and common grazing. A large number of our community live directly adjacent to the woods - and are actively involved in the community effort to take ownership. The plans we have will make the wood an integral and vibrant part of community life.

In the initial years of ownership, SCC plans to establish a range of community uses of the wood: from income generation activities such as firewood production, to partnership with the local high school for educational activities, through to development of the site for social amenity. In the medium term, SCC would like to explore the establishment of woodland crofts and eco-housing options to address a severe housing crisis in the village. Further details of the specific objectives are set out in the Business Plan and the update addendum included in this application.

SCC plans to harvest the more valuable Sitka spruce on the site as quickly as is feasible due to the high windthrow risk and in order to provide initial revenue income to cover a portion of the costs of management activities (fencing, restocking) and community benefit activities. The harvesting and restocking plans will be supported by the development of a Forest Plan, integrating recent community consultation results. As the remainder of the wood, which is dominated by Lodgepole Pine of variable quality and windblown areas, is more challenging to access and less commercially attractive, SCC plans to include low impact, selective harvesting and access creation over a longer time period in the Forest Plan.

Whilst there is significant expertise within the community (as detailed later in this document) we anticipate recruiting a community woodland project manager to oversee the development and delivery of a forest plan, building on the planned activities set out in the business plan. The restructuring of the woodland will increase access, and provision of facilities such as hard standing, sheds, polytunnel and compost toilets, making the woodland a sustainable and accessible asset for the benefit of the community and the many visitors to Ardnamurchan and neighbouring peninsulas. The long-term aim is to manage Longrigg using eco-sensitive methods to protect and restore the soils, nurture native trees, capture carbon, and increase biodiversity that the community can enjoy.

4.2 Benefits of the proposal

Please set out the benefits that you consider will arise if the request is agreed to (see CATS Guidance Section 3.2). This section should explain how the project will benefit your community, and others.

Please refer to the guidance on how the relevant authority will consider the benefits of a request.

The benefits of this proposal will predominantly accrue to the local community, but it will also support the delivery of local authority and Scottish government targets.

The Highland Council Development Plan categorises our area as 'fragile', with the sparsity of population over 17 times more than the Scottish average, and an ageing population profile greater than the Highland and Scottish average. The cost of living is typically 20-40% higher than rural England, whilst average household incomes are lower. This is a low wage economy with a high percentage of seasonal jobs - over 17%. Public transport is poor and house prices are beyond the reach of most local residents. The potential impact of this community asset transfer are therefore very significant across economic and social indicators.

Community benefits

ECONOMIC

- Commercial timber extraction to help finance a range of further economic, social, and environmental benefits for the community.
- Employment and income for people working directly on the development of the woodland, including in project management, as well as in firewood, small scale sawmilling, and other potential income generating activities on the site.
- Increased revenues for local tourist and services businesses as the site draws visitors.
- Supporting the development of new crofting and agriculture enterprises in the wood through the planned creation of a number of woodland crofts.
- Provide practical skills and training opportunities for young people in the community.
- Affordable and sustainable supply of fuel, which is increasingly important due to increased and volatile oil and gas prices.

SOCIAL

- Helping to reconnect the community with a woodland culture, especially through a dynamic woodland undergoing significant change and slow restoration to native wood.
- This project will create a number of physical community amenities, such as a woodshed, poly tunnel and compost toilets; as well as community assets such as a local firewood service.
- Creation of educational spaces and opportunities in partnership with Ardnamurchan High School, giving students and families access to a rare forest learning and practical skills environment. Alongside the supporting statement from an Ardnamurchan High School Senior Leader please see the attached educational appendix which lays a clear and highly achievable plan for educational use. All expertise is provided and so input from the

Community (aside High School staff) is minimal. The educational proposal makes clear that the impact is long term, wide reaching and above all us, develops and protects the community by educating its young people in a manner which affords them access to the educational learning space (Longrigg) which has previously not been achievable in as flexible a context due to land ownership (private) and also the remote geography of the Peninsula itself.

*“If the community was able to manage access to Longrigg, we could very quickly and effectively begin to utilise the environment for all manner of ecology surveying (part of both the Broad general Education and also all National Qualifications up to Level 7), offer new courses in addition to the pupils core curricular choices) and finally enable those pupils who choose to study one day a week at the UHI in Fort William a far more relatable and logistically accessible option. Again, the emphasis here is on the fact we could as educators commit entire year groups to site visits and long term research projects with no outside impetus and so the additional demands or requirements from the community are zero. With 137 pupils on roll in the High School currently and feeder number into S1 of 20-25 per cycle, each year group could achievably visit several times a year. Thus, an immediate outreach to many as well as offering a relatable and attainable link to the environment they live in”:
Andrew Hughes: Faculty PT STEM, AHS”*

It is particularly important to note that alongside using Longrigg for explicitly linked education (in terms of Outcomes within the Curriculum for Excellence), Ardnamurchan High Schools involvement will cascade to a huge proportion of the community benefits as a whole.

- Improving social and recreational activities for the community particularly through community access to the site; volunteering and community projects to realise the site’s potential; and the development of sport activity such as mountain biking. With the educational links planned (and also the appropriate professionals part of the Community Group), trail building and subsequent use could very easily become part of the Skills Section on the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Alongside this, suitably qualified Outdoor Instructors who live locally and are part of the Group have intimated a desire to ensure that young people on the Peninsula have access to Trail Centres (purpose built mountain biking trails). Again the broad skills base that the community group has would be employed to its full. This has been achieved, successfully, on the Isle of Arran alongside Arran High School, where local woodland, owned by the community, was developed by teachers and pupils at the High School. We would aim to do something similar.

- Partnership with local charities such as, Ewen’s Room (mental health charity focused on actively improving wellbeing across Lochaber), and partnership with Lochaber Countryside Rangers (Highlife Highland) who regularly organise wellbeing walks in the village, will allow us to maximise the potential for improvements in health and wellbeing outcomes.

- Potential to increase the feasible options available to address the chronic housing crisis in the village, including through the longer-term exploration of affordable housing through woodland crofts and eco-homes.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Over time we will replace mono-crop plantation with a more biodiverse and accessible native woodland environment.
- We will also make the woodland much more resilient to deal with the climate changes already being witnessed now and into the future
- The proximity to areas of ancient and historic woodland mean that the development of a flourishing native woodland will provide opportunities to create habitat networks for a range of plant and animal species.
- Developing the environmental skills and knowledge of the community through this project will in itself be a benefit for the people of Strontian but is also likely to have cascade effects for their engagement with the environment.
- The planned firewood enterprise will deliver a carbon neutral source of fuel for the community, encouraging a switch from more carbon intensive fuel sources.

Scottish Government National Outcomes

This project advances the efforts of Scotland to meet the national outcomes agreed at a government level. Specifically:

- **We have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy. We have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone.** This project will facilitate local entrepreneurship and business development in environmentally conscious activities, improving our environment and addressing climate change. The work will engage people living within an isolated rural community, facing employment and poverty challenges; and will provide skills, training, educational and employment opportunities to hundreds of people.
- **We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe.** The community is at the heart of this project proposal. They have informed every stage of its development and will oversee its delivery if approval and funding are secured. This has already built community within Strontian and the project activities will further strengthen ties.
- **We are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society.** The existence of a primary school and secondary school in the Strontian is a source of huge pride and importance to the village. We are excited about planned collaboration with the Strontian High Schools, and the opportunities for education at all stages of life this project presents.
- **We are healthy and active.** The acquisition and development of the woods will present Strontian with an incredible new outdoor resource on its edge, with facilities and activities that bring people out of their homes into physical activity and community in the woodland. This has proven health benefits, and we will be focused on how to maximise these.
- **We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally.** This is an important transfer of ownership and control from FLS to the local community. It has the

clear potential to deliver both tangible and intangible benefits for overcoming rural poverty. - **We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment.** There can be few actions which better address this outcome than bringing a commercial plantation into community ownership and through collective effort, recreating a bio-diverse and enriching native woodland.

Highland Council Priorities

The project also resonates through the Highland Council's new 5 year strategy. Specifically delivering upon the priorities for: **A Fair and Caring Highland** (Working together to improve quality of life and opportunities for Highland people), **Resilient and Sustainable Communities** (Helping communities be prosperous, sustainable and resilient), **Accessible and Sustainable Highland Homes** (Build houses to support communities and economic growth), and **A Sustainable Highland Environment.**

4.3 Restrictions on use of the land

If there are any restrictions on the use or development of the land, please explain how your project will comply with these. Your Forestry and Land Scotland [Region](#) office can provide assistance in identifying any restrictions and how to comply with them.

Restrictions might include, amongst others, environmental designations such as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), heritage designations such as listed building status, controls on contaminated land or planning restrictions.

N/A

4.4 Negative consequences

What negative consequences (if any) may occur if your request is agreed to? How would you propose to minimise these?

You should consider any potential negative consequences for the local economy, environment, or any group of people, and explain how you could reduce these.

Impact on the local economy: No negative consequences have been identified as the project will bring new job opportunities.

Environment: Whilst there will be a short term environmental impact from the felling and extraction of the Sitka spruce, we envisage no medium to long term negative consequences - the forest will be enhanced through creation of open areas and a focus on biodiversity and native woodland restoration in the management plan..

Neighbouring properties: Potential disturbance by activities, noise: The residential properties adjacent to the forest have been actively engaged in the project, with a number of those living adjacent to the site members of the committee taking the plans forward. Care will be taken to ensure that project development will include identifying areas around neighbouring properties to ensure they are sympathetically managed to reduce disturbance to the neighbours and on-going liaison with them will ensure any concerns are addressed.

There are a number of risks in taking on this wood. We have attempted to document these here. Further detail can be found in the business plan.

RISK/MITIGATION

- Failure to secure funds / Create and implement comprehensive fundraising strategy
- Community disengagement / Proactive dialogue and regular open afternoons and clear pathways to engage
- Drop in timber value / Effective financial forecasting with contingency planning eg on alternative income sources
- Lack of suitable forest management skills locally / Hire external people, skill up local community members
- Increased public access increases risk of accidents / Get comprehensive insurance, regular hazard identification and action process

- Fire / Enforcement notices, patrolling and/or monitoring of the site, fire beater points throughout the woodland, maintain rides and tracks as firebreaks, easy access to a source of water e.g. water course
- Pests and diseases / Monitor; Ensure woodland management plan is designed to reduce stress on trees
- Boundaries with neighbouring properties / Maintain good communication, pre-emptive felling/clearing trees back from boundaries.

4.5 Capacity to deliver

Please show how your organisation will be able to manage the project and achieve your objectives.

This could include the skills and experience of members of the organisation, any track record of previous projects, whether you intend to use professional advisers, etc.

Sunart Community Company is a development trust based in Strontian. Our role is to support the empowerment, sustainability and development of the local community of approx 360 residents, based around Loch Sunart, in West Lochaber. It is an area with one of the highest levels of access deprivation in Scotland.

Sunart Community Company is a dynamic community-led organisation with a very strong track record of initiating, financing, and delivering very successful - often complex - projects, delivering exceptional environmental, social, and economic value to Strontian and the surrounding area. Having secured and managed diverse income sources, SCC has proven financial management systems in place. It has overseen recruitment and management of paid staff and volunteers. It has an effectively functioning governance structure with a thriving board made up of a broad representative group of Directors with a range of complementary skills. And, as is detailed in Section 5, SCC has exceptional local accountability mechanisms in place. The most recent SCC audited accounts are also attached for your reference.

There is significant expertise within the SCC Longrigg Committee, which is leading Strontian's community asset transfer effort, across a range of relevant skills and experience.

The group includes three forestry professionals with experience of large scale and community woodland management. Jake Willis was previously Forestry Commission Scotland Community Forester with the Sunart Oakwoods Initiative and a Community Woodland Advisor for the Community Woodlands Association (CWA), as well as a sawmiller and tree surgeon. Currently he supports UK and international community-based natural resource management projects. Jamie McIntyre was previously Forestry Commission Scotland Community Forester with the Sunart Oakwoods Initiative, a member of the board of the CWA and a pioneer of Woodland Crofts in Scotland. Chris Steel is a member of the

local FLS team managing recreation and environment at several sites across the National Forest Estate.

The group also includes directors of Sunart Community Renewables, a pioneering community enterprise which successfully delivered an £850,000 hydro-electric energy project which is generating annual income to fund community development; as well as directors of the pioneering Strontian Community Schools Building project, which oversaw the creation of a purpose-built, community-owned primary school in the village. Others involved include local teachers (the group chair being the Faculty Principal Teacher for STEM at Ardnamurchan High School and thus has resource and authority to embed Longrigg into educational strands of the community), school pupils, tourism business owners, communication professionals, outdoor education providers (Otter Adventures) and charity directors, with collective understanding of the education and recreational potential of the site, how to engage the local community and visitors, and how to secure funding for projects such as this.

Nonetheless, we plan to recruit a professional community woodland project manager to oversee delivery of the project, coordinate community engagement, and lead day-to-day activity in the woods. A proposed job description for this role is also attached for reference.

Section 5: Level and nature of support

5.1 Please provide details of the level and nature of support for the request from your community and, if relevant, from others (see CATS Guidance Section 3.2)

You should describe the community your body represents and include information on the proportion of your community who are involved with the request, how you have engaged with your community beyond the members of your organisation and what their response has been.

You should also show how you have engaged with any other communities that may be affected by your proposals.

The Sunart Community Company (SCC) is a charitable organisation responsible for overseeing a broad range of activities, projects, and infrastructure designed to realise the vision of “Keeping Sunart a great place to live, work and visit”. Our role is to support the empowerment, sustainability and development of the local community and our work includes a heritage group, a loch development group, a men’s shed, the Oakwoods gift shop, a paths network group, and much more. We also manage the community benefit fund which distributes funds every year to local projects that benefit the community. All our work is informed by the views of the community which we solicit through an annual community consultation, public meetings, and other informal processes.

The initial steps in the exploration of the feasibility of a community buyout of Longrigg were led by SCC members and directors. In March 2017, The Sunart Community Company and the Sunart Community Council held a public Community Woodland Workshop in response to Forestry Commission Scotland contacting the Community Council to inform them that Longrigg Woodland had been earmarked for disposal. The Sunart Community Council gave the Community Company the go ahead to investigate viability for a Community Woodland project. Following the Community Workshop, the Sunart Community Woodland Working Group formed with the purpose of investigating the viability and potential for our own Community Woodland project.

The 2017 community consultation, which covers many aspects of community life, included questions about the potential for a community buyout of the Longrigg Wood, and explored ideas for its potential use. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the responses helped to inform a community consultation, led by external consultants, on the 7th December 2018 at the Sunart Centre in Strontian. Forty one members of the community attended the event over the seven-hour period, representing 21% of the community as a whole. Again, there was enthusiastic feedback on the proposed idea of community ownership of Longrigg, with only one attendee voicing opposition to there being a community owned woodland in Strontian. A range of ideas, questions and concerns were collated to inform the plans for the site as they were developed. Full details of this consultation can be found in our supporting documents.

In 2018 an application for stage one feasibility funding to the Scottish Land Fund was successful and consultants were contracted to explore the potential of community ownership in detail. This work, which drew upon extensive community input, was initiated in February 2019 and completed by

December 2020, with the COVID pandemic delaying the process considerably. Community input and feedback was solicited throughout this period, including through the annual community consultations. Two days of outreach were undertaken in September 2021 in the centre of the village with a stall to inform people of the status of the plans and the details of the feasibility study, ahead of a further community meeting in the Sunart Centre, once COVID restrictions had been partially lifted, on the 3rd November 2021, and online via Zoom on the 4th. Around 30 people attended the in person meeting on the 4th, and again feedback was overwhelmingly supportive. It was agreed to proceed with a community asset transfer request and an application for stage two funding to the Scottish Land Fund.

At that meeting those involved in the feasibility and scoping phase of the work indicated that they would have to step back from the project. A cohort of people interested in stepping in to take the project further forward volunteered. A group of nine people met on the 17th January 2022 and appointed a convener, vice-convener and secretary to lead a steering group in the next steps of the project. This group met throughout 2022, updating the community on progress via the local magazine 'Dè tha dol', and through reports to the community company board meetings. In December 2022 the community consultation again solicited input on community support for the plan, and again support was extremely high. Of those who completed the survey online (responses returned in hard copy are still being processed), 71% supported the proposed community ownership of Longrigg Wood, and only 8% opposed it. There was enthusiastic support for the proposed uses of the woodland, with Community activity (walking, mountain biking etc), Native woodland restoration, Biodiversity enhancement, Outdoor learning space for education (both in and out of community), Woodland crofts/community wood lots, Eco-housing project to meet local affordable housing needs, and Community firewood production all securing support from over 75% of respondents. Peatland restoration scored slightly lower at 70%, whilst Commercial restock/timber growing secured just under 50%.

We have also got support in this proposed buyout from local mental health charity, Ewen's Room, and the local charity focused on wellbeing of the elderly in Sunart, Urram. There is support from Senior members of the High School, and we anticipate further expressions of support from other community leaders and organisations.

In summary, we have undertaken extensive, detailed, and repeated consultation with the community and there is consistent enthusiastic support for the plans.

Section 6: Funding

Please outline how you propose to fund the price or rent you are prepared to pay for the land, and your proposed use of the land

(see CATS Guidance Section 1.5)

You should show your calculations of the costs associated with the transfer of the land or building and your future use of it, including any redevelopment, ongoing maintenance and the costs of your activities. All proposed income and investment should be identified,

including volunteering and donations. If you intend to apply for grants or loans you should demonstrate that your proposals are eligible for the relevant scheme, according to the guidance available for applicants.

We received a Stage 1 Scottish Land Fund Grant and are in the process of preparing a Stage 2 grant application ready to submit once this asset transfer request is approved. We anticipate any costs of purchase beyond the SLF grant will be met through income generated through the Sunart Community Company, or additional government or trust grants. In particular, the long term forest plan for which we hope to secure funding from the Forestry Grant Scheme for the production of the plan and ongoing management.

Funding for the future project and development of the wood will be covered by the revenue generated by the commercial felling of sitka spruce. Cashflow models are included in the feasibility study and business plan submitted alongside this document. We may secure bridge funding from Sunart Community Company, or commercial banks if necessary. Funds for medium and longer term ambitions for the site have the potential to be sourced from a range of government and charitable trust grant programmes.

Cashflow models and potential funding sources are both detailed in the business plan in sections 3.3 and 5, and in the addendum document.

Signature

Two office-bearers (board members, charity trustees or committee members) of the community transfer body must sign the form. They must provide their full names and home addresses for the purposes of prevention and detection of fraud.

This form and supporting documents will be made available online for any interested person to read and comment on. Personal information will be redacted before the form is made available.

We, the undersigned on behalf of the community transfer body as noted at section 1, make an asset transfer request as specified in this form.

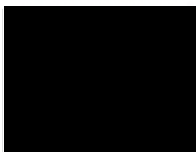
We declare that the information provided in this form and any accompanying documents is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

1. Name: John A Jones

Address: 

Date: 8/1/23

Position: Secretary

Signature: 

2. Name: James Hilder

Address 

Date 08/01/23

Position Treasurer

Signature 

Checklist of accompanying documents

To check that nothing is missed, please list any documents which you are submitting to accompany this form.

Section 1 – you **must** attach your organisation’s constitution, articles of association or registered rules

Title of document attached:

Sunart-Community-Company-Articles-of-Association-Final-2018

Section 2 – any maps, drawings or description of the land requested

Documents attached:

Appendix-5-Maps-Condensed

Section 3 – note of any terms and conditions that are to apply to the request

Documents attached:

Section 4 – about your proposals, their benefits, any restrictions on the land or potential negative consequences, and your organisation’s capacity to deliver.

Documents attached:

LW-PHASE-1-FEASIBILITY-STUDY-FINAL-Dec-2020

LW-PHASE-2-BUSINESS-PLAN-FINAL-Dec-2020

APPENDIX-2-WOODLAND-SITE-SURVEY-REPORT

APPENDIX-3-ACCESS-REPORT

APPENDIX-6-PROJECT-BRIEF

APPENDIX-7-DRYING-OPTIONS

APPENDIX-8-Longrigg-Woodland-DRAFT-Project-Manager-Job-Description

Longrigg Woodland Community Purchase - 2023 Addendum

SunartCommunity Company Acs 2020-21 reduced size

Section 5 – evidence of community support

Documents attached:

APPENDIX-1-COMMUNITY-CONSULTATION-REPORT

Section 6 – funding

Documents attached:

Best value assessment - Longrigg Wood