



## ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

### Forestry and Land Scotland – Community Asset Transfer Scheme

#### DECISION NOTICE – AGREED

To: Glen Urquhart Rural Community Association  
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Our ref: 23-24-02RATN

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This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by GLEN URQUHART RURAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (GURCA) on 20 September 2023 in relation to the former Balnain Forest Office buildings and land, Balnain shown on the indicative plan annexed, “the disposal area”.

Forestry and Land Scotland has decided to **agree** to the request.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- The proposal by GURCA sets out a clear vision for the community benefits that will be delivered by the primary intended user group, the Glen Urquhart Men’s Shed (GUMS).
- The proposal also identifies the potential for use of the assets by wider number of groups, many of whom might also gain from access to such a resource.

- The proposals have substantial support from the local community, and other local community organisations.
- GURCA and GUMS have strong and varied leadership teams with highly valuable and practical skills upon which to call to deliver the objectives of this proposal.

The attached document specifies the terms and conditions subject to which we would be prepared to transfer ownership of the land to you. **If you wish to proceed, you must submit an offer to us at the address above by 8 August 2024.** The offer must reflect the terms and conditions attached, and may include such other reasonable terms and conditions as are necessary or expedient to secure the transfer within a reasonable time.

#### Right to appeal

If you consider that the terms and conditions attached differ to a significant extent from those specified in your request, you may appeal to the Scottish Ministers.

Any appeal must be made in writing by 5 March 2024, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice, to:

Community Land Team  
D Spur  
Saughton House  
Broomhouse Drive  
Edinburgh  
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Email: [CRTB@gov.scot](mailto:CRTB@gov.scot)

Guidance on making an appeal is available at [www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/](http://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/).