

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

Notes of support

1. Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council
2. Inverfarigaig Residents' Group
3. David Fraser, Highland Councillor, Aird and Loch Ness
4. Chris Balance, Highland Councillor, Aird and Loch Ness



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To whom it may concern,

The members of the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council support the idea of the asset transfer of the Inverfarigaig Forest School to the Community Trust assuming there is a community use for the building. The members noted that a desire for the building to be in community ownership features in both the Community Action Plan from 2021 and the recently completed Local Place Plan.

Kind regards

Patrick Haston.

Chair

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council

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Steven Watson

From: Helen Grainger <helenmgrainger@gmail.com>
Sent: 25 July 2023 22:18
To: Steven Watson
Cc: Christopher Gehrke
Subject: Land and Forestry

Good evening Steven

With regards to your letter about the transfer of the forestry classroom and toilets to Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust. I sent out a message to residents and the general opinion was that as a group we are indeed in favour of this transfer. At present time we wouldn't be keen to lead any projects but support the Trust whole heartedly.

Yours

Helen Grainger
Chair Inverfarigaig Residents Group

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Steven Watson

From: David Fraser (Councillor) <David.fraser.clr@highland.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 July 2023 08:48
To: Steven Watson; Chris Ballance (Councillor)
Cc: Tony Foster
Subject: RE: Proposal - Inverfarigaig Building - Community Asset Transfer Request - Forest and Land Scotland

Steven

As the land transfer is supported by the community council then yes I am also happy to support.

For the avoidance of doubt I am not expressing a view for or against how that land may then be developed and any subsequent planning applications that could come before the Council.

Kind regards

David

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Steven Watson

From: Chris Ballance (Councillor) <Chris.Ballance.cllr@highland.gov.uk>
Sent: 24 July 2023 13:57
To: Steven Watson; David Fraser (Councillor)
Cc: Tony Foster
Subject: RE: Proposal - Inverfarigaig Building - Community Asset Transfer Request - Forest and Land Scotland

Happy to have my name used in support of this.

Chris

From: Steven Watson <clo@sfctrust.org.uk>
Sent: 03 July 2023 12:01
To: David Fraser (Councillor) <David.fraser.cllr@highland.gov.uk>; Chris Ballance (Councillor) <Chris.Ballance.cllr@highland.gov.uk>
Cc: Tony Foster <tony-ceo@sfctrust.org.uk>
Subject: Proposal - Inverfarigaig Building - Community Asset Transfer Request - Forest and Land Scotland

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Dear Cllrs Fraser and Ballance
Dear David and Chris

I am writing to ask if you are in a position to provide support as an elected member of Highland Council for our Ward to the Trust's application for the transfer of the Inverfarigaig building application. The application has the support of the Community Council. The building and surroundings have been underused for many years and the Trust plans to make this a hub for our environmental volunteers and projects.

If you were concerned about issues as regards planning consent procedure, the Trust is currently making no applications for planning consent relating to this building or land.

We would expect the transfer, if it progresses, to take some time and this will allow us to develop the community projects which ownership of the land and building will allow. The local community in Inverfarigaig has indicated support through our Place Plan and Community Action Plan 2021 processes.

Please let me know if you are able to be supportive and mentioned in our Community Asset Transfer Scheme Asset - Transfer Request Form which I am currently drafting. .

Thanks
Steven