

Community Asset Transfer

Stage 1: Expression of Interest

Dumfries and Galloway Council is committed to Community Asset Transfer ('CAT') where that will bring benefits to our local communities. All Community Transfer Bodies (CTBs) wishing to apply for an asset through Dumfries and Galloway Council's Community Asset Transfer Procedure should complete this application form.

Completion of this form opens engagement with the Council and allows us to allocate support to your group via our local Ward Officers who work closely with local partners. When you express an interest we will provide you with a local point of contact and support and advice help you work your way through all aspects of the asset transfer process.

The formal asset transfer process can involve detailed business planning and it is important that groups receive good advice prior to this stage. Stage 1 is a pre application stage to allow groups to consider fully what is required in the business plan which forms the basis of the formal asset transfer request. If your group wishes

If your group wishes to apply for an asset through Dumfries and Galloway Council's CAT process, please complete this expression of interest form and send to the Community Development and Empowerment Manager (contact details below).

Community Development and Empowerment Manager

Communities Directorate

Dumfries and Galloway Council

Militia House

English Street

Dumfries

DG1 2HR

Tel: 030 33 33 3000

Email: CommunityAssetTransfer@dumgal.gov.uk

1. Please provide details of the organisation making the application

Name of Organisation	Cairnryan Hall Welfare & Facilities Group Ltd
Address of Organisation	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address	

2. Please provide your contact details

Your Name			
Contact Address			
Telephone Number		Fax Number	
E-mail Address			
Position in the Organisation			

3. Structure of the organisation

What type of organisation are you?	Company Limited by Guarantee
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Do you have a formal constitution, governance document or set of rules? Yes No

4. What is the structure and purpose of your organisation?

How many people are involved in your organisation, ie:-

Management Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paid part-time staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paid Full-Time Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please provide details of other posts below					

Board of Directors - Registered at Companies House - SC751654

When was the organisation established?	November 2022
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5. Please tell us about the asset (building or land) you are interested in

Name of Asset	Car Parking & Lawns area with adjacent small football pitch at Cairnryan Village Hall
Address of Asset	Car Parking & Lawns area at Cairnryan Village Hall, Cairnryan, Stranraer, DG9 8QX

Type of transfer you are interested in (transfer of ownership or leasing). If leasing, what length of lease is required?

Transfer of Ownership with potential for initial lease - all in conjunction with CAT for village hall, currently under a Management Agreement

6. Please use next page to tell us, using no more than one side of A4 paper

A. What do you want the asset for?

B. What benefits will this bring to the local community?

Signed	<input type="text"/>	Position	<input type="text"/>
Name	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>

Completed applications should be emailed to CommunityAssetTransfer@dumgal.gov.uk

Or by post to:

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A & B. To augment the community benefit already enjoyed by operation of the Community/Village Hall at the site currently the subject of a two year management agreement started 1/4/23.

Taking on the car park area and attractive grounds (including the mini football pitch) for operating such activities as summer fetes. This particularly relevant with the introduction of our new community cafe (eg teas and cakes at picnic tables). The community desire for such a community 'pop-up cafe' was highlighted in the responses to the questionnaire based Community Action Plan. Such a cafe proceeds are directly put to community projects (Group is strictly non profit making, but can use profit for funding of community projects. EG. Recent defib installation was part funded from such 'profits', when funding application via Foundation Scotland was not supported).

Our current 'Hall Sports & Social club' has recently amalgamated with the village 'Hobbies at the Hub' and 'Cairnryan Ladies' to form the Group's new 'Hub Club'. In particular the Sports Club, but also the other groups, would benefit by being able to spread their activities from inside the hall to the exterior grounds.

But in any case the grounds are potentially an attractive area for the community just to relax in - and are seen as being part of the general hall amenity. The main Village Hall is situated on the main A77 trunk road serving both the Cairnryan Ferry Ports. Operation of the hall would be difficult (almost impossible) without safe parking away from passing HGVs at busy ferry times. Group would ensure that the Cairnryan Community continued to enjoy community sports facilities at the football pitch part of the site.

Group would also ensure the general principle that the outside areas would remain fully accessible to the community, generally free of any charge.

At present the Cairnryan Hall Welfare & Facilities Group Ltd (currently a CLG), has an 'ordinary membership exceeding 25% of the electorate of the Cairnryan Community area, with another 16 'associate members' from the outer Wigtownshire area. To put this in context, our 'ordinary membership' alone far exceeds those voting in recent community councillor elections. We have granted the Ryan Bay Holiday Park management an associate membership for their sites longer term caravan clients. The new Hub Club has a newly formed committee of about a dozen local residents - again for context purposes this exceeds the membership numbers of both the Cairnryan Community Council AND the current Foundation Scotland Community Fund Panel. Such membership is consistently still growing.