

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..

- We recognise that CAT can be a valuable part of supporting and sustaining communities and we wish to ensure council assets are managed by the people who regularly use them.
- We are fully committed to using council assets to form long-term partnerships with third sector organisations in order to create stronger communities.
- We will actively investigate opportunities for CAT to local communities and support community groups through the application process.

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

Applicants that meet the Council's suitability criteria will be contacted and supported to produce their plan for the asset which is the basis for a final Stage 2 application (see the Community Asset Transfer Process for more detailed information).

If you need help completing the form or have any questions, please contact the CDEM.

We will process your application when we receive all the information relevant to your asset transfer, so please fill in all sections of the form.

1. Please provide details of the organisation making the application

Name of Organisation	Dalbeattie Community Initiative Ltd
Address of Organisation including postcode	
Telephone Number	
Mobile Number	
E-Mail Address	
Full Name	
Position in Organisation	

2. Please provide your contact details

Telephone Number	
Mobile Number	
E-Mail Address	

3. Structure of the organisation

What type of organisation are you?	Scottish Charity and Limited company
Do you have a formal constitution, governance document or set of rules?	YES

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

How many people are involved in your organisation?	Management Committee	9
	Other	55
	Paid staff – full time	0
	Paid staff – part time	2
	Volunteers	Approx. 60
When was the organisation established?	Established in September 1997	
What is the purpose and main activities of your organisation?	<p>Dalbeattie Community Initiative main aim is to:</p> <p>“To act as a catalyst within the community, to respond to local needs and effectively reflect local priorities in order to promote and encourage the economic, social and physical regeneration of Dalbeattie and the surrounding area”.</p>	
Does your organisation have previous experience of managing an asset? If yes please provide details. If no, explain what support you think your group might need to get ready to manage the asset.	<p>Yes we currently own our main office, manage two properties in Dalbeattie – we also manage the pontoon and slipway at Kippford and the outdoor gym at Colliston Park.</p>	

**5. Please tell us about the asset
(building or land) you are interested
in**

Name of Asset	Dalbeattie Primary School
Address of Asset	Southwick Road, Dalbeattie
Type of transfer you are interested in - Transfer of ownership - Short term lease is (1-3 yrs) - Long term lease (e.g. up to 25 yrs)	Transfer of ownership

6. Please tell us, on one page how you will use the asset to the benefit of the local community and how you know that this is what the community needs?

Dalbeattie Community Initiative is working in partnership with the local councilors, Dalbeattie Community Council, and Active Dalbeattie to put together a plan for the development of Dalbeattie Primary School.

Further community consultation is needed on a final development plan however the aim is to secure the school so that it has a future and will not be left unused and derelict.

We envisage the development of the school and surrounding grounds into a destination activity centre to include the upgrading of Islecroft campsite to include more camping/caravanning points, camping pods, new laundry and shower facilities, new reception facilities and linking with facilities available in main school building. For the main building a youth hostel/bunkhouse, indoor and outdoor sporting activities with particular interest in connecting with the 7stanes trails, local walking/running trails and wellbeing. Redeveloped catering facilities that would include self-catering kitchen space, and café. We would hope to include flexible community spaces and/or long term leasing of part of the building to local groups (expressed interest from Dalbeattie Playgroup and Dalbeattie Sea Cadets). Develop the hall space to be multifunctional possible use for shows/concerts, community festivals etc.

We have begun with an early stage community consultation of which 545 responses were gathered with an overwhelming interest in providing more sporting and community facilities. We would also like to ensure the

development will encourage economic growth and benefit the other business in the town.

Completed applications should be sent to: Jamie Ferguson, **Community Development and Empowerment Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Council Municipal Chambers, Buccleuch Street, Dumfries, DG1 2AD** and marked **“Community Asset Transfer”**.