

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

Municipal Chambers

Buccleuch Street

Dumfries

DG1 2AD

Tel: 030 33 33 3000

Email: CommunityAssetTransfer@dumgal.gov.uk

1. Please provide details of the organisation making the application

Name of Organisation	Wigtownshire Stuff
Address of Organisation	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address	

2. Please provide your contact details

Your Name	
Contact Address	
Telephone Number	

3. Structure of the organisation

What type of organisation are you?

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 Paid part-time staff Paid Full-Time Staff Volunteers
 Others Please provide details of other posts below

When was the organisation established?

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

Name of Asset	Pavilions
Address of Asset	Agnew Park, Stranraer, DG9 7JZ

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

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		Position	
Name		Date	

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

Or by post to:

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Wigtownshire Stuff would like to take ownership of Pavilions at Agnew Park to provide both a base for the charity – which it currently does not have – and to be able to develop a range of community projects at Pavilions in line with its aims and objectives. These are to develop real opportunities for and alongside adults with additional support needs with a focus on younger adults.

Currently, Wigtownshire Stuff utilises Pavilions for its accessible bike project on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the potential is for this project to grow significantly; being based at Pavilions would be very positive for this. It is a popular activity with major health and well-being benefits for both children and adults with a wide range of support needs.

In developing new projects, being based at Pavilions would make a significant difference. From its earliest days Wigtownshire Stuff has provided informal support to families in particular whose son/daughter is going through transition and recently it has been offering Person-centered support to individuals and families. If Wigtownshire Stuff was based at Pavilions this support both formal and informal could be strongly developed. For example, as a base for individuals and their families to drop in to meet up with other families who have been through the experience of transition for their loved ones. Transition is a major area that needs to be improved and Wigtownshire Stuff could play a major part in assisting with this and again an accessible base such as Pavilions would greatly help this endeavor.

There are other projects such as developing a quiet and sensory space with a focus on autistic individuals would also be something that Wigtownshire Stuff would be interested in exploring. Pavilions would provide a suitable venue for this.

These are just some of the projects that Wigtownshire Stuff would seek to develop if it was based at Pavilions. All of what the charity does is to further its aims of making a positive difference to individuals, their families and the local community.