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Asset Ref	Fishermen's Hall
Name CTB	FHT
ATR Ref	068

ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST

NOTICE OF ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST Representation Submissions / CTB Feedback

Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 sets out that people are to be made aware that an asset transfer request has been submitted. Notification has been published via the [Moray Council website](#), advertised via Moray Council social media sites, notification to any tenant/owner/occupier of said asset and notification at the site of the asset. These notifications explain how representation can be submitted.

When representation is received in response to these notices, the Moray Council must send copies to the community transfer body for comment/feedback, which should be submitted in writing to the Moray Council at:

Email: CAT@moray.gov.uk

Post: Moray Council Community Asset Transfer Team, High Street, Elgin IV30 1BX

Details of the representations can be found below. In order to comply with data protection requirements, any personal information will be 'blacked out' from these documents before submission to you.

Date of Representation period (40 working days):	03/08/21 to 28/09/21
Number of Representation(s) received:	5

Date collated Representation sent to CTB:	29/09/21
Deadline for receipt of CTB comments on representations (20 working days from date representations issued)	27/10/21

All comments/feedback received will be published via the Moray Council website for public information.

If the CTB feel they are unable to meet the comment/feedback deadline; they should contact the CAT team to discuss.

1	xxxxx has supported this community asset from the very beginning and continue to be supportive of the CAT and the benefits it will bring to the community.
2	As a member of the local community I have been part of the group working to support the transfer into the community. As an individual who is not from the locality I would say it is essential that this facility is retained and becomes once again a key element at the heart of the community. The hall has capacity and can be fairly flexible in its use from theatre venue, show arena, dance pavilion, fundraising focus, wedding receptions, funeral teas, bowls, dance, drama, wrestling, blood donor centre, prom dance, leavers ball the list goes on. I therefore feel that the gall should be given to the community to continue its development as a focal community space to promote social, health, wellbeing and other areas to promote a community together.
3	I wish to make the following comment as an individual, not linked to any organisation. I feel that a good deal of time, effort, emotion and good will on the part of the board of trustees has gone into ensuring the CAT has gone this far. They should be congratulated and supported as much as possible. The hall is an invaluable community asset and serves local groups (eg BALL group, panto performances, other lets). As well as this it is a growing centre for local entertainment (refer to the impressive Programme for planned events for 2020, which will now be held in 2022). The quite recent refurbishment of the Supper Room is an additional means by which the hall can serve the local area (event private hires, funeral teas etc) and this resource could be extended and developed in the future. The hardworking team behind the scenes at the Fishermen's Hall have already done so much to develop this valuable community asset.
4	Back in May our group wanted to book hall for an event in October. We sent an email to the bookings email address but never got a response. There was no information about them being closed for covid nor when they were reopening on either their Facebook page nor their website. The communication is very poor and its hard to future plan things like this. Even when restrictions relaxed there was no communication. It was far easier to book when the council ran the hall
5	I fully support this CAT. Having supported this community group as a Moray Council employee previously, i can say without fear or contradiction that within this group, there are people who have the ability, skills and resilience to take on the responsibility of managing and operating this facility on behalf of the Buckie community. They also have the support of the wider community as a whole. They have actively participated in attending training with Moray Council departments as well as 'outside' bodies such as CAT Scotland, Scottish Government and third sector organisations such as TSI. They have also demonstrated an ability to manage the building since managing the lease of the building from Moray Council.

FRIENDS OF FISHERMEN'S HALL RESPONSE:

We thank those in our community who have taken the time to comment positively on the work of the Trustees to date and given us confidence that we are doing the right thing to bring the Fishermen's Hall back into community ownership. In relation to the comment relating to an unanswered email requesting a hire, it is unfortunate that this was overlooked. Due to the pandemic and the restrictions placed on venues such as the Fishermen's Hall it would not have been possible to start taking lets. Reason being that we were still not clear or had full guidance on reopening for use and secondly we had an issue with the floor which precluded any possible hires until the matter was resolved and the hall fully functional. We had many enquiries about hires and addressed those as and when they arrived, this one unfortunately must have slipped through that process. We will of course look at that process and tighten up where and if required. The Hall was operating a central booking system which will be re-established as soon as possible to ensure that all bookings are dealt with centrally and thus reduce the risk to any possibility of something being missed. Like all facilities and business operations we need to address issues raised by our users and ensure we attain the highest level of service possible.

We as a trust had, due to the pandemic suspended all meetings and whilst we remained in contact through telephone we did not feel it was necessary to give any information re the hall as nationally there was more than sufficient information to inform everyone that halls and social gathering venues remained closed in line with policy. When we as a committee met to look at re opening and sharing the details of the hall condition this was immediately posted on our Facebook page with an indication of when we may restart business for some of our regular hirers. We have and will continue to use social media as our main way of communication with the community. This has worked very successfully in the past and hopefully with more people being "online" since the pandemic may attract a wider audience. As with everything we do have public notice boards and our information is shared on other public platforms such as Community Council and Buckie Roots.