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Hello to whoever is reading this,

As a resident of the carron Valley I have been asked to submit my views on the proposed purchase of woodland near the Carron Dam by the Valley renewables Group under the FES CATS scheme.

As a resident of the valley for over 25 years, I do recall the old Community Centre across the road from this site. My memory tells me that it was little more than a stripped out semi-detached house provided by Stirling council.

It was not in good interior condition and was not much used.

I do not recall who managed the facility, but suspect it was a committee, each member with their own agenda.

I only went there on two occasions, but did meet other residents of the valley that until those times, I had not met.

I very much like the idea of a new community focus point.

I also like the idea of a staged program of development.

If a woodland manager could also be organised, then the project could get off to a very good start. I am currently fit and active and would have an interest in volunteering some of my time to help with physical work, it may give me more opportunities to meet like minded locals.

Should this purchase happen then I do not doubt that there will be many hurdles, and no shortage of "political differences".

Equally in my view, should the purchase happen, and it all go wrong in the future, then the land and the woodland will still be there. Maybe just some mess to be sorted.

I see it as a Win Win situation.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Layton.