



## THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

### Forestry and Land Scotland – Community Asset Transfer Scheme

#### DECISION NOTICE – AGREED

To: Nether Lochaber Community  
Association  
Northwinds  
2 Corran Gardens  
Onich  
Fort William PH33 6SJ

Forestry and Land Scotland  
Estate Development  
Bothwell House, Caird Park  
Hamilton ML3 0QA

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Our ref: 21-22-01RATN

Head of Acquisition & Disposals  
Leona Wilkie

23 August 2021

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Nether Lochaber Community Association on 29 April 2021 in relation to Inchree Barn, Onich, Fort William shown on the plan annexed, “the disposal area”.

Forestry and Land Scotland has decided to **agree** to the request.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- renovation of the barn to create a new community building will replace the existing community hall which is no longer fit for purpose
- the creation of a café, gallery and workshop space will create new employment opportunities and generate income to support development of the community’s aspiration for the area

- FLS would otherwise demolish the barn, as it is currently unsafe, so renovation by Nether Lochaber Community Association will allow them to retain a building of local significance

The attached document specifies the terms and conditions subject to which we would be prepared to **transfer ownership** of the land to you. If you wish to proceed, you must submit an offer to us at the address above by **24 February 2022**. The offer must reflect the terms and conditions attached, and may include such other reasonable terms and conditions as are necessary or expedient to secure the transfer within a reasonable time.

#### Right to appeal

If you consider that the terms and conditions attached differ to a significant extent from those specified in your request, you may appeal to the Scottish Ministers.

Any appeal must be made in writing by 17 September 2021, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice, to:

Community Land Team  
D Spur  
Saughton House  
Broomhouse Drive  
Edinburgh  
EH11 3XD

Email: [CRTB@gov.scot](mailto:CRTB@gov.scot)

Guidance on making an appeal is available at [www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/](http://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/).