



15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Sir / Madam

**RE: Application for Community Asset Transfer of Glenmore Visitor Centre, car parks and land to Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust.**

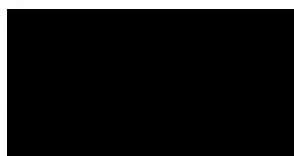
Aviemore and Vicinity Community Council (AVCC) met on the 8<sup>th</sup> February and unanimously agreed to write in support of Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust's (AGCT) application for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for the visitor centre, surrounding car parks and land. AVCC has liaised with AGCT throughout this project and the trust have worked hard to mitigate earlier concerns.

We feel the plans to improve the café operation, opening hours, creation of flexible space to allow events, talks and community usage will all be of benefit to the visitor experience in Glenmore. In the short term this will lead to enhanced local employment opportunities but in the longer term will allow for reinvestment in the building, visitor infrastructure and the wider community.

ACGT have shown their ability to deliver a complex project with the successful creation and running of the new Aviemore Ice Rink. As part of that project they have been able to secure funding to introduce a wide range of ages and abilities to ice sports, be that ice skating, ice hockey or curling. This vision to enhance access to all, links with the trusts desire to enhance the heritage and historical links of the area, it shows a wider commitment to engaging with schools and other groups for the benefit of the local community.

The CAT application also aligns with Cairngorm National Park's objective of empowering communities. Our only remaining concern which we would like to see mitigated is the need for there to be an asset lock that ensures should the venture fail the asset is transferred back to FLS or another community organisation.

Yours sincerely



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Chair - Aviemore and Vicinity Community Council