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To: Forestry FLS Communities
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Hello,

As an Aviemore resident, business director and committee member of a popular running club, I strongly support the AGCT request for asset transfer of the Glenmore center.

The AGCT operation of the local ice-rink has added a significant new facility to the community and led to a new generation of our children learning to skate. They are a skilled group of locals who have a proven ability to make things work.

The combination of self-sustaining business and use of volunteer effort is very powerful, and that mix is needed in Glenmore.

In the last 10 years, we have seen various changes in the area, and few have been very good. The center lacks a clear purpose beyond the cafe, the parking policy is a mess and neither the council nor FLS have the time or energy to drive a positive change.

The local communist has the energy, skills and incentive to make the center run for the benefit of all. Both tourists and local residents are likely to connect with a community project of this type.

I (and many others) would jump to volunteer and help a community led effort, which is something the current ownership simply cannot inspire.

The risks in letting the community have a place here is low. There is no large investment needed and no 'big' plans that could fail. This seems to perfectly match the Scottish government's pledge to empower community groups and would be a very positive story to share.