## KATE FORBES MSP FOR SKYE, LOCHABER AND BADENOCH

Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust

13 September 2023



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust's asset transfer request for the lease of the Glenmore Visitor Centre and Café. This request is for a five-year full repairing lease, with the option to extend the lease for a further five years. There is an additional option to terminate the lease at any point if the Community Trust can purchase the site.

As constituency MSP for the area, I would be delighted to see the provision of local jobs at the centre and café, as this would be of great benefit to the community. The plan to invest generated income back into the visitor centre and the local area is a fantastic initiative, which could ensure that the services provided are maintained to a high standard.

Furthermore, the creation of a space within the centre that could be utilised by schools and community groups is one that I welcome. A Glenmore Heritage Hub that would tell the history of Glenmore is an exciting concept, and it would add to the wide range of activities that Badenoch has to offer.

The trust have already demonstrated what they can achieve by the successful reopening of an ice rink facility in Aviemore, and I have every confidence they will make the visitor centre and café a success too.

Yours sincerely

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