

ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

NOTICE OF ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST REVIEW

An asset transfer request has been made to North Lanarkshire Council under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Section 86 (1)(b) subsection iii. Airdrie Harriers are now requesting review of their application to North Lanarkshire Council, on the basis of no decision notice within the required period.

The request has been made by Airdrie Harriers and relates to Coatbridge Outdoor Sport Centre which includes the running track, grass pitch, grass terracing within the perimeter fence and the car park adjacent to the entry gate, situated on Langloan Street, Langloan, Coatbridge ML5 1HH.

The request is for purchase of the land, which includes the running track and surrounding area. The proposed use of the land is for outdoor sports and to build up a community centre.

Airdrie Harriers would like to request a review from the council as they have not replied in the statutory timelines. Airdrie Harriers submitted the application and relevant details on the 31st of May 2024. The Club then agreed to an extension of the initial deadline on 8th of November to the new deadline of 3rd February to allow the council greater time to review the case. This February date has now passed, and Airdrie Harriers have still not been informed of the outcome of the application or any further information from the council how the asset transfer will now progress.

The council requested the November extension to get a valuation for the site. The council has known about this application since early in 2023 and could have done a valuation at any point. When our application was submitted in May 24, we provided two cashflow budgets, one with the Janet Hamilton Centre being operational and one where the Janet Hamilton Centre did not exist. This highlights that all parties knew the demolition of the buildings was a known and completely foreseeable scenario. The council could have easily got a valuation at any point over the last two years for the site, with the scenario of the buildings being demolished.

The valuation Airdrie Harriers received for the site in early 2024 is for current usage of an Outdoor Sport Centre, the site has 'no value' due to the dilapidated condition of the facilities that are currently on the site. For any new usage then we would need to do full toxicology report due to the site being historically the Langloan Chemical and Iron Works. We were quoted £15k to do these boreholes and get the toxicology report. As Airdrie Harriers want the site for current use, we did not see this additional cost as an effective use of our much-needed funds.

The application submitted by Airdrie Harriers May-24 considered the current situation on the site where no buildings were useable. The Club received very strong support from both the athletic community and the local community in our survey. We work closely with the Langloan Resident and Tenants Association and the representations

received from people that do not have a direct relationship with our athletics club was very strong because the club has a very long association with the site and very respectful of the Langloan community for over 40 years. We implore the council to review the application and allow Airdrie Harriers to continue to provide the social community benefit we have for many years. Allowing us to purchase our home of over 40 years and bring the site back to benefit of the full community.

The documents relating to this request can be viewed online at [Active community asset transfer cases](#) which includes many of the documents but not the financial spreadsheet 'Cashflow Budget- JHC not available'. I have attached the relevant documents to this email, which were not sent in the original submission on the 31-May-24. All the documents and representations can also be available by contacting [REDACTED] at Airdrie Harriers or from North Lanarkshire Council by contacting

Gary Stark on StarkGa@northlan.gov.uk or NLCCommunityOwnership@northlan.gov.uk

The list of documents is:

- CAT Request Submission Form (provided 31-May-24)
- Airdrie & Coatbridge Harriers Business Plan (provided 31-May-24)
- Airdrie & Coatbridge Constitution (provided 31-May-24)
- Cashflow Budget - JHC not available (provided 31-May-24)
- Community Survey Results (provided 31-May-24)
- Accessibility & Social Impact report (provided 31-May-24)
- Team Bios (provided 31-May-24)
- Small selection of representations from the community (provided between June-24 and July-24), all the representation are available on request.
- Extension agreement email (8-Nov-24)
- Accepted extension agreement letter (29-Nov-24)

Thank you,

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Airdrie Harriers

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