

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Asset Transfer Request

This is an asset transfer request made under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

Section A – Information about the community transfer body (CTB) making the request

1. Name and registered address of the CTB making the asset transfer request

PlayAberlour

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

2. Contact details.

[REDACTED] Co-Chair

(address above)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

☒ We agree that correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request may be sent by email to the email address given above.

3. Number of people involved in the organisation

- a. Management Committee / Board: 4
- b. Total Membership (list attached): 27
- c. Paid staff: 0

4. Type of CTB and its official number, if any: SCIO SC047670

5. Attach a copy of the CTB's constitution, articles of association or registered rules. Attached

6. Has the organisation been individually designated as a CTB by the Scottish Ministers? No

7. Does the organisation fall within a class of bodies which has been designated as CTBs by the Scottish Ministers? Yes

If yes what class of bodies does it fall within? Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations

Section B – Information about the land and rights requested

1. Identify the land to which this asset transfer request relates.

Alice Littler Park
Broomfield Square
Aberlour
AB38 9QP

UPRN 000133002306

This is the entirety of the area delineated in the lease between the Trustees of the Alice Littler Memorial Trust and Moray District Council, recorded by the Registers of Scotland, General Register of Sasines, County of Banff (Fiche 21, Frame 26), presented and recorded on 20 February 1991, comprised of *"two areas of ground extending to five hundred and eighty-two decimal or one-thousandth parts of an acre or thereby and four acres and nineteen decimal or one-hundredth parts of an acre or thereby in Aberlour in the District of Moray of Grampian Region and for registration purposes in the County of Banff particularly described in and disposed by and delineated in black and coloured pink and marked respectively 'Plot Number One' and 'Recreation Ground' on the plans annexed and subscribed as relative to the Disposition by the said Sydney Littler in favour of the Landlords dated the Ninth day of July and recorded in the Division of the General Register of Sasines for the County of Banff on the Twenty-seventh day of August both in the year Nineteen Hundred and Eighty together with the whole buildings, erections and others in and upon the subjects of the Lease"*.

Map attached.

Section C – Type of request, payment and conditions

1. This Asset Transfer Request is for ownership under section 79(2)(a) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
2. Terms of the request

What price are you prepared to pay for the land requested? £0

Attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request. None

Section D – Reasons for request

1. Community Proposal – Reasons for making the request and how the land will be used.

Introduction

PlayAberlour SCIO was formed as a direct result of the Planning For Real process undertaken by the community of Aberlour in 2016. The process revealed the overwhelming wishes of local people that our beloved Alice Littler Park be brought back from its current neglected state, as publicised in the resulting Aberlour Community Action Plan (attached).

Alice Littler Park, in its spectacular setting by the River Spey, has long been enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Sadly, maintenance in recent years has been done to a bare minimum standard, and the general condition of the entire park has deteriorated. Memorial benches are in disrepair, weeds and molehills cover large areas, broken tree branches are left on the ground.

Most troubling is the condition of our once brilliant playpark, which has been the responsibility of the Aberlour Community Association for more than 20 years. Much of the equipment has already been removed by Moray Council for safety violations and will not be replaced. Swings, roundabout, balance course... all gone. The few items remaining are at end-of-life and fit to be removed. Crumbling log borders and obsolete wood chip surfaces have always been a barrier to people with impaired mobility, and unpleasant for everyone.

What is needed is a complete renewal of the entire park, including a reimagining of the playpark, to meet the needs of all people—of all ages and abilities, locals and tourists alike—for fun and recreation in Aberlour. Our community has spoken clearly, and PlayAberlour was founded specifically to listen to their voices and bring these changes. We are eager to get started.

History

PlayAberlour was founded by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in 2016, following their participation in the Aberlour Planning for Real process. [REDACTED] owns the local filling station on Aberlour High Street, and years before fought to become the first female RAF Nimrod pilot; she is passionate about creating a wonderful, inclusive park that her three young children and their friends, families, neighbours and visitors can all enjoy. [REDACTED] is CEO of a Silicon Valley technology company, with degrees in architecture, planning and law, including expertise in disabled access; he is determined to transform the park into a destination fitting for the beautiful Speyside, where he can spend time with his children, their grandparents, and new friends.

In November 2016, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] presented the Action Plan results to the Alice Littler Memorial Trust (then thought to be the owners of the park), shared a vision of how Alice Littler Park could be brought back to life, and sought permission and approval from the Trustees to undertake further research and develop a detailed proposal. PlayAberlour's intention and commitment was to undertake the entirety of the research, design, funding, construction and management tasks required.

The response from the Trust was sharply and disappointingly limited. They supported only the installation of a small fence around the toddler area, and minor improvements to existing equipment and grounds. The Trust specifically rejected any changes designed to increase the inclusion of people from a wider range of ages, abilities, interests and backgrounds, whether local or visitors, and anything at all outwith the existing playpark area.

PlayAberlour also gave a copy of the Trust presentation to the Aberlour Community Association ("ACA"), which has owned the current playpark equipment and held the lease on the playpark area since 1998. Equipment upgrades were generally supported, but anything beyond that was not.

While we were considering our options, it became known in 2017 that the Trust did not, in fact, own the park, as it had been caught completely unaware of a major change in Scottish land law, despite an unusually extended grace period. Under the new law, the park became the property of Moray Council, and the Aberlour community gained an unexpected opportunity to see its vision come true. PlayAberlour made the effort to gain charity (SCIO) status and then filed an Expression of Interest for a Community Asset Transfer.

As PlayAberlour progressed its plans, we were expressly directed by Moray Council to try again to work with ACA, and they with us. Through this period we made multiple attempts to arrange meetings, but ACA refused. In May 2018 ACA filed their own Expression of Interest to acquire part of the park, vastly complicating the CAT process. Insensibly, their interest was originally only in the northern half of the park (in front of the station), but not the part they already had a lease on and responsibility for (the playpark itself). In April 2019, we finally made a detailed presentation to the ACA trustees and agreed in principle on several areas for further discussion. ACA then refused to follow through on any such discussions. At our final attempt to work with ACA this past summer, we were nonsensically asked to leave a meeting that had been specifically arranged for the purpose of discussing cooperation. ACA then filed a CAT application for the entire park in September.

It is important to note that ACA has rejected the outcomes of the Planning for Real process, withdrawing before the final Prioritisation Event. For whatever part of the park they want, ACA has stated they would only seek to maintain current conditions, regardless of the wishes of the entire community as reported in the Action Plan.

PlayAberlour is 100% committed to the National Standards for Community Engagement, the Planning for Real process, the resulting Action Plan, and future outcomes which grow from these. In this spirit, on behalf of our community, we are proud to present this Asset Transfer Request to Moray Council.

Focus on the playpark...

The playpark is our initial focus. PlayAberlour has done extensive research, made contact with many equipment providers, and seen an incredible array of ideas that will bring fun and fitness for all.

Our new playpark will be a thrill for toddlers and older kids, and as inclusive as possible for people of all ages and physical abilities. It will have a mix of replacements for the obsolete or missing equipment, other traditional items, and brilliant new amenities—new play equipment that reaches all age groups and abilities. Not just a traditional playpark, but something for everyone including a fitness gym, musical and sensory equipment, and potentially even sand and water play.

As a very high priority, the community identified the need for a fence to keep young children away from the river and to keep unleashed dogs out of the play area. We will look into the much-requested option of creating a separate doggy play area.

The addition of appropriate seating, tables and shelter will further broaden the appeal of the facility. All new equipment, furniture, landscaping, etc., will be selected to fit attractively in the Speyside setting and be made from suitable materials.

In support of its core function as a playpark and broader function as place for everyone to enjoy outdoor recreation, an array of amenities will be reviewed for inclusion:

- Spinning, swinging, balancing, moving, hiding, seeking, laughing and playing. We'll bring our poor playpark back to life with a great selection of the things everyone wants.
- Ziplines are the priority request, and there might even be room for a double.

- Inclusivity will not be an afterthought. Every decision will be made with everyone in mind. Not everything can be made accessible to everyone, but amazing things are possible.
- An attractive, appropriate fence around the play area, high enough to keep dogs out and small children in and away from the water.
- Teens have not been well served at the park in the past, and equipment that is known to be of interest for this age group will be in the plan, as requested.
- Fitness equipment and/or fitness trail for adults, including some designed especially for our many seniors, placed strategically alongside the new accessible pathway surface to the play area.
- Musical, sensory and other creative items to encourage imagination and discovery, tastefully and naturally placed within the trees near the play area.
- Seating within the play area so parents and other guardians can be close at hand, as part of a real picnic area, possibly partly covered, adjacent to the play area for parties and days out.

(The Planning For Real process registered a keen interest in a dedicated place to skateboard, roller skate, scooter and cycle, with the majority of relevant flags positioned in or near the park. Parents identified that it is a perfect potential location as it would allow children of the same family group to play in one area with older ones having the freedom to use the skatepark whilst remaining in view of their siblings. Space and surfaces for these will take further thought and discussion, and will be looked into as a separate initiative or future phase of the project. We intend to respect the very strong interest noted in a skatepark and hopefully locate a potential suitable location, but it is a project for the future, not part of this application.)

... and improving the whole of Alice Littler Park

The people of Aberlour clearly expressed they want Alice Littler Park to be cleaned, tidied and made as inclusive as possible, while preserving the things everyone loves.

The entire rest of the park needs work and care—pathways, surfaces, furniture, grassy areas, trees, landscaping, signage and more. The memorial benches that are such an important part of the history of the village need respectful attention. The holes on our putting green are still there, but the beautifully manicured individual "fairways" have disappeared. The patchy sand-covered area near the recent drainage project could be transformed into a proper attraction for games like boules and petanque, as people have already been doing informally.

To keep it all visually harmonious, the materials, colours, finishes, details and other visible aspects will be kept calm and modest in respect of the spectacular setting. For play equipment and other structures, wood is perfect, where possible, whether in its natural tones or a gentle brown or green varnish, but we have to accept the realities of weather and heavy usage. Stainless steel seems to be an obvious choice for certain structural elements, and would look fine with wood. Powder-coated steel in compatible muted hues is less preferred but could work. Some plastic parts and bright colours may be suitable if used sparingly.

Our magnificent trees will be inspected and attended to, making sure they stay healthy and green for decades to come. PlayAberlour members who are already involved with the village flowers are ready to sow lively seasonal colour. We will repair (we already have done some) or replace any memorial benches needing attention at the preference of the donors, and maybe we can add a few more. Our traditional Highland games ground will be preserved and protected, and we will work hard to turn our putting green back into the fun and photogenic showpiece we all remember.

We know we can count on the people of Aberlour to come up with more great ideas for their park. They already have. And when decisions need to be made, or a new opportunity arises, all we have to do is ask them.

Celebrating our history and connections

We have a unique opportunity to add a further historical overlay to Alice Littler Park, something that will surely be of great interest to locals and visitors alike—a tribute to the Strathspey Railway line, which operated through the park until 1965. This rich theme offers a family-friendly connection to a fascinating part of our heritage, complementing the familiar Speyside "whisky and fishing" story.

Working closely with our local historians and naturalists, we can create displays to show how all these themes come together in Aberlour, plus ask equipment providers to include thoughtful rail-related elements into the play areas, and look for more good opportunities to embellish the story. It all ties in perfectly with the educational exhibits in our award-winning Speyside Visitor Centre, and will bring friendly faces—both familiar and new—into the Old Station Tearoom and throughout the village.

Saving Victoria Bridge

The bridge is owned by a private charity, Victoria Bridge Aberlour Limited, which is in the process of winding up its affairs. Typically, an asset like this would need to be disposed of before the charity can dissolve, but no organisation has stepped forward to take over responsibility. **PlayAberlour will.**

Only three other possible organisations have been identified for this role:

- Moray Council, which is not in a financial position to do so. The fact that the bridge is part of the Moray Core Path network was not indicated to be a sufficient basis for the Council to take it over.
- Aberlour Community Association, the Chair of which, we are told, has repeatedly declined to consider the matter.
- Crown Estate, which, when queried, stated they would not take over an asset of this type.

The stages of abandonment of the bridge are troubling in the extreme. It is our understanding there has been no insurance on the bridge since November 2018. With no insurance, the bridge should probably already be chained off, or at a minimum display signage stating "pass at your own risk".

While a relatively recent inspection has been done, it is our understanding that neither further inspections nor regular maintenance are now scheduled or planned. The nature of a complex structure like this is that regular minor maintenance is needed to avoid major expenses that can come very quickly down the road.

The basic annual costs of the bridge are not dramatic, only on the order of £1500 to £2000 per year. These expenses have been covered by private donations over the years. PlayAberlour has received assurance from a group of these donors they will continue for several years more in order to help us get off to a good start. However, as none of the current donors are residents of Aberlour, it is their feeling it is high time for the village to take over this responsibility. We agree.

The bridge needs a responsible party immediately to manage insurance, inspections and maintenance. PlayAberlour will take this responsibility on behalf of the village, folding these tasks into management of the park, if, and only if, it is awarded Alice Littler Park.

Consultation

PlayAberlour is 100% committed to assuring everyone in the Aberlour community always has the opportunity to have their say. We will continue to use well-designed consultation methods inspired by the techniques used in the **Planning for Real** process, and always strive to uphold the spirit of the **National Standards for Community Engagement**.

The members of PlayAberlour will do our best to carry forward the most popular ideas that are really wanted and fitting for the park, taking into consideration realistic limitations that inevitably arise, and research multiple providers to ensure we respect and fulfil the expectations of the community.

Conclusions

- Aberlour desperately needs a new and inclusive playpark, and the rest of the park is in urgent need of maintenance and upgrades. This proposal represents a direct path to accomplishing those goals.
- PlayAberlour is supported by volunteers and the wider community, and our board and members have the skills and ability to carry the project through to completion.

2. Benefits of the proposal – Benefits that you consider will arise if the request is agreed to.

PlayAberlour will undertake a renewal of the entire park, including a reimagining of the playpark, to meet the needs of all people—of all ages and abilities—for fun and recreation in Aberlour.

The community wants the playpark to be:

"Usable by every generation through careful selection of equipment"

"Inclusive for everyone, including those who have impaired mobility or extra needs"

"A place that will attract people from the village, the surrounding Speyside, and beyond"

(Aberlour Planning for Real event participant quotes)

Upgrading Alice Littler Park is our chance to fulfil what the village and surrounding community want to see in their park—an inclusive recreation area truly for all—and help make Aberlour an even more wonderful place to be for locals and visitors alike.

Fun and fitness for all

Currently the park does not meet current standards for inclusive play, has limited access for prams or wheelchairs, and lacks fitness, play and social opportunities for teens, adults and seniors. PlayAberlour's plan is an opportunity to turn this around. Sympathetic modifications will allow better utilisation of the space, and specialised pieces of equipment can be incorporated. All this will elevate the park to be a destination location fitting for both today's and future needs.

Bringing Aberlour together

We will work with Moray Council and Transport Scotland to improve the visual links between the centre of the village, the Old Station building, and the playpark. Suitable signage and landscaping will enable visitors to find the playpark and other amenities. Thankfully the dilapidated sign that disgraced our High Street for many years has finally been removed, but the replacement is uninspiring. We will look into an upgrade more fitting with the character of the village.

Making the park a destination

This asset transfer will enable PlayAberlour to create an amazing, well-designed playpark and renew our beautiful park overall. The park, in turn, will raise the visibility and appeal of Aberlour as a true destination for fun and recreation, giving the whole village a boost, and supporting the health and economy of Aberlour and Speyside.

This proposal will benefit the community in many important ways

1. Economic development
2. Regeneration
3. Public health
4. Social wellbeing
5. Environmental wellbeing

1, 2 & 4) Economic development, regeneration & social wellbeing benefits

Children's play is crucial to Scotland's wellbeing; socially, economically and environmentally. By investing in all our children and young people now we can strengthen their ability to achieve their full potential.

~ Play Strategy for Scotland, Scottish Government, 2013

Investment is critical to Scotland competing both for visitors and for wider investment into the economy. There is an increasing need to focus on improvements to the public realm ... to combat the challenges arising from the changing nature of shopping. Funding mechanisms need to continue to evolve to ensure that the place attractiveness of Scotland continues to be delivered.

~ Tourism Development Framework for Scotland, Visit Scotland, 2013

Supporting Community Sustainability: Additional spend from visitors supports many community facilities, such as shops, cafes, pubs and village halls

~ Tourism in Scotland: the economic contribution of the sector, Scottish Government, 2018

Our community clearly expressed its opinion on redeveloping our park by the placement of thousands of pins during our Planning for Real project. What was clearly wanted was a major upgrade from the status quo, and a plan to secure the future of the park in a way that reflects the wishes of the entire community, not just a small, private subcommittee. It is absolutely clear that a revitalized Alice Littler Park will make a huge contribution to the economic life of the village and surrounding areas.

PlayAberlour was formed specifically to bring these changes while valuing the opinion and seeking the participation of **every member of the community**, and its sole purpose is to promote the park, manage it well, and gather expertise and resources as needed. With a single purpose, we are confident in our ability to succeed.

Redevelopment phase

Local contractors, tradespeople, equipment providers, materials suppliers and others will benefit from the significant investment resulting from our fundraising efforts, as they are best placed to provide cost effective services. These contracts will in turn help boost the local economy. The village of Aberlour would directly see an increase in footfall and spending in our shops and cafes.

On completion

Investment in the park will directly improve the quality of life on our community. High quality parks and recreation play a pivotal role in attracting and retaining businesses, influencing business expansion decisions, and attracting new residents to the community. Aberlour's lovely rural location, Speyside Way, famous fishing and whisky attractions, nearby castles and historic sites, plus excellent food options, contribute to its appeal for tourists and locals alike. Along with our excellent schools, community centre, care home, medical practice, high street businesses, a mix of tidy existing and new housing, and long-standing international companies already located here, only our neglected and forlorn park is out of place.

Businesses of all sizes are far more likely to invest in Aberlour and our local area where employees will enjoy opportunities for excellent park and recreational facilities, which is a more desirable outcome than would be likely with bare minimal investment in the park. Small- to medium-sized entrepreneurial or family-owned companies in particular often seek to locate in places that reflect the founders' ideals and the company culture, and will find having a park with which reflects these values attractive, encouraging investment.

Companies specifically involved with outdoor recreation can align themselves with the image of Aberlour's endless active lifestyle options. Our recreational redesign is a match with healthy outdoor and wellness images—green fields, thick woods, sparkling water, and now sunshine—attracting tourists. With Moray recently breaking its hours-of-sunshine records, and Aberlour ideally situated in the lee of Ben Rinnes protecting us from the full force of the weather, promotion of our invigorating regional climate is a rising opportunity that will further boost our economy.

Growth in tourism in the area leads to economic growth with new guest houses and holiday accommodation bookings, upgraded and new cafes and dining, increased spending in shops, and so forth, all consistent with Moray Council's goals, in particular the Moray Growth Deal.

With regard to inclusiveness, parks with thoughtful universal design features are rare, and people are willing to travel for miles to utilise them. Our upgraded park will be a repeat destination for visitors from throughout the region.

The missing piece in Aberlour is the existence of a park with fine recreation facilities for people of all ages and abilities, including play and recreation areas, fitness equipment and inclusive facilities.

Economic development organisations

Aberlour's redeveloped park will increase its prominence in Speyside, Moray, Northeast and Scottish tourism marketing materials:

- 72% of communities use images of parks and public spaces in economic development marketing materials.
- 70% of communities use park data to promote quality of life, such as number of parks in the region, cycle trails, outdoor fitness gyms, etc.

Having a first-class park will shine a bright spotlight on Aberlour. Economic development organisations of all kinds will focus on our improved park to showcase and promote the area.

Negatives and risks

Without our proposed work and investment, the negative results of missing this opportunity are a very real danger, with numerous examples existing. Our playpark already looks like what would be found in a depressed and neglected village. With its rotting or missing play equipment, and no consideration or understanding for inclusivity, it turns people away.

Lack of investment and foresight is an acceptance of neglect. The park risks permanent decline with corresponding impacts on health, fitness, social interactions, tourism and more. The Aberlour Community Association itself has publicly noted an increase in drug offenses, vandalism and other crime in and around the park. A downward spiral could bring reduced investment by business, decline of the high street, reduction in work force, lower house values and a generally reduced quality of life.

With Moray Council under tight financial limitations, the only hope for our park is for the community to take it over and together bring it up to the standard clearly described and asked for in the Aberlour Action Plan and our surveys, welcoming and inspiring to locals and visitors alike. It's not good enough for the park to merely be handed over to a caretaker for basic maintenance. Such a result would ignore the thousands of requests from the community through the Planning for Real Process. It is crucial the right group is given the opportunity—a group with a mission and vision that matches what the community actually wants.

3 & 5) Public health & environmental wellbeing benefits

Parks, outdoor recreation and time spent in nature benefit people of all ages, abilities, and states of health, in ways that are well known and important to all of us:

- movement, activity and exercise
- access to fresh air and sunlight; relief from indoor pollutants
- reduced stress; improved metabolic and cognitive health
- opportunities for socialization

Medical studies have concluded that every £1 spent on public health avoids £14 in health expenditures, and the National Trust estimates £36 value to the economy as a whole for every £1 spent on parks.

Our own survey found that the two favourite things to do in our park are:

- Take children to the park and playpark—40%
- Walks in the park—over 50%

Our intention is to make sure the design encourages multi-generation play, fitness, recreation and relaxation. Thoughtfully selected equipment can make it possible for grandparents to play and be active **with** their grandchildren, not just watch. Fitness equipment located near play equipment can make it possible for teens and adults to get a workout while keeping a close eye on young children.

Play and fitness equipment bring a wide array of health benefits to the community:

- strong muscles and bones
- agility, flexibility, balance and coordination
- calories burned

Major health issues of the day are linked to less active lifestyles. Obesity, in particular, is a growing health problem for people of all ages. Excess body mass stresses joints, and increases risk of high blood pressure and type-2 diabetes. Play, exercise and activity lead directly to better health.

For children especially, play and outdoor recreation bring a wide array of health and developmental benefits. Expending energy can reduce fidgeting and improve concentration in school. Creative play builds motor skills, social skills, problem solving and creative thinking. Running and jumping burn calories and strengthen hearts and lungs. Overhead reach and climbing equipment develop arm strength, coordination, flexibility, endurance, agility, and balance. Every piece of equipment contributes to the health of our children.

Exposure to nature is proven to help everything from surgical patient recovery, to levels of concentration by people with ADHD. When even a poster of trees has been proven to make a difference, a walk along the Spey is the best medicine. A great park that includes a beautiful environment plus appropriate equipment for people of all ages and abilities will have huge benefits for the health and environmental wellbeing of our community.

3. Restrictions on use of the land – If there are any restrictions on the use or development of the land, please explain how your project will comply with these.

The park is itself covered or adjoins land covered by an array of designations, including Public Park, Open Spaces, Special Scientific Interest, Special Conservation, Special Landscape, etc. PlayAberlour is proposing no changes to the park that are likely to conflict with these designations, and would always seek to mitigate or eliminate impacts if legitimate concerns are raised.

4. Negative consequences – What negative consequences (if any) may occur if your request is agreed to? How would you propose to minimise these?

The negative already exists. Aberlour's playpark is in a shocking state of neglect, and the rest of the park urgently needs attention. This proposal seeks to correct these deficits as quickly as possible. We will do everything in our power to move it the initial redevelopment along effectively, while building an organisation and connections in the community able to maintain the park long-term.

5. Capacity to deliver – Please show how your organisation will be able to manage the project and achieve your objectives.

PlayAberlour was purposely formed for the task of accepting responsibility for Alice Littler Park, including the redevelopment of its playpark, and the improvement and maintenance of its grounds, trees, paths and other assets.

The project is large, but manageable, and we have already taken several steps along the way. Generally, the process is as follows:

- Review input gained through the Planning for Real Process.
- Extensive research, plus further inputs and refinements from Members of PlayAberlour.
- Confirm the elements of the plan with the community.
- Develop the preliminary general plan, subject to ongoing refinement through consultation with the community.
- Apply for and obtain the park through Community Asset Transfer.
- Finalize the array of options for equipment, amenities, landscaping, etc.
- Determine final specific financial requirements.
- Undertake fundraising to meet the goals.
- Liase with relevant departments at Moray Council, including Land and Parks, Planning, etc.
- Apply for permits and schedule construction.

PlayAberlour's outreach to the community has resulted in a great deal of interest. Our members are patiently waiting for the CAT awarding and their opportunity to help us get the real project underway. The PlayAberlour trustees have felt it unreasonable to ask people to put in substantial time and efforts whilst the park's status remains uncertain, and so we have limited our "ask" through this extended paperwork phase.

Even so, our Facebook page is very active, has over 200 friends, and our posts receive lively discussion and many likes. Readers may wish to have a look: facebook.com/aberlourplayskate

Our leaders are highly qualified and experienced, and have demonstrated ability to conceive, execute and manage projects of this size and complexity.

Here are our stories:

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E – Level and nature of support

Provide details of the level and nature of support for the request, from your community and, if relevant, from others.

1) Planning for Real and the Aberlour Community Action Plan

Over the winter and spring of 2016, a working group of seven community members plus many other volunteers took the **Planning for Real** process forward in Aberlour. The centrepiece was a dramatic, 12-foot-long, 1:300 scale 3D map of the community used to gather comments—in the form of small flags on toothpicks—from as many people as possible. The working group also carried out a buildings survey, designed, delivered leaflets and posters, undertook a services audit, promoted the process locally through newspaper articles and Facebook. The peak of the activity took place at the launch event and "map visits" before culminating in the Prioritisation Event in mid-June.

The community was consulted extensively, starting with a public Launch Event which over 150 local residents attended, and then map visits with an array of local organisations including:

- BALL (Be Active Life Long; older residents of Aberlour)
- Speyside High School pupils
- Messy Church
- Aberlour Parent and Toddler Group
- Walkers of Aberlour (the village's major employer)
- Aberlour Primary School parents and pupils
- Aberlour & Speyside Rotary
- Aberlour Parish Church (during a well-attended visit by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland)
- About Aberlour (business group)
- ...and more
- Visitors to Aberlour had the opportunity to comment in the Speyside Visitor Centre for four days during the Whisky Festival.

As a result, a total of 2272 flags were used by the public to indicate their issues and priorities. **Over 1000 of the flags—nearly half—were for improvements and changes within the park.**

Every flag and comment made was entered onto a database, which was then analysed for themes and priorities. Top themes and priorities were taken forward to the Prioritisation Event on the 11th June 2016 where they were discussed by the public and the relevant Moray Community Planning Partners and relevant agencies, including:

- Moray Council (various departments)
- NHS Grampian
- Police Scotland
- Rural Environmental Action Project (REAP)
- BEAR Scotland
- Alice Littler Memorial Trust
- (But, notably, **not** Aberlour Community Association, which had pulled out of the project at this point.)

Moray Council staff converted this data into the **Aberlour Community Action Plan** (attached) which summarised and indicated the priorities of the top wishes, with most of the recreation and park-related issues rated as "high" priority.

Out of 22 issues identified as "Top Priorities", 8 specifically mention Alice Littler Park and a 9th expresses interest in a skatepark:

- Dog poop scoop bins to be provided (Alice Littler Park)
- Dog mess problem (various locations, mainly Alice Littler Park)
- Do it UP! (Alice Littler Park play park / Park in general)
- Litterbins needed (mainly Alice Littler Park)
- Drainage / Flooding / Erosion (Alice Littler Park / Speyside Way / Riverbank)
- Skateboard / Rollerblade park (behind / adjacent to Cemetery)
- Adventure playground for age 6-12yrs (Alice Littler Park)
- Signposts to facilities and attractions (Alice Littler Park)
- Safety Fence / Rail / Barrier (mainly Alice Littler Park)

2) PlayAberlour Recreation Survey

In April 2018, PlayAberlour completed an extensive survey to confirm our analysis of the Action Plan. It was delivered through every mail slot in Aberlour and we received responses from almost 1/4 of village households—an amazing result!

Unsurprisingly, the survey results closely tracked the data that had been tabulated by Moray Council for the Action Plan. A copy of the survey, charts showing some of the results, and a public follow-up letter are attached. These results and reactions were used to develop the plan for the park and playpark described in this document.

3) Aberlour & Speyside Rotary

PlayAberlour has a close relationship with the Aberlour & Speyside Rotary Club (██████████ President; (██████████ member), which strongly supports our plan and has agreed to help us in three important ways.

- As a long-established organisation with clubs across Scotland and around the world, Rotary has a vast network of expertise in community organizing, volunteerism, charity governance and many other areas essential to proper and efficient operation. We will be able to access these resources via local and regional connections.
- The local club has an impressive track record of fundraising and community engagement. They have agreed to both joint-sponsor and help us put together our own events.
- Respecting their many years of experience in charity operations, we have asked Rotary if they would consider providing a backup or shadow administrative function for PlayAberlour as we build our capabilities. We are very grateful they have agreed to do so.

4) Letters of support / patronage

- Commitment of patronage from a prominent local figure.
- Commitments of support from political figures.
- Letters of support from national organisations and bodies in the areas of play and recreation.
- Letters of support from many local businesses.

Section F – Funding

Outline how you propose to fund the price you are prepared to pay for the land, and your proposed use of the land.

PlayAberlour - Funding Strategy 2020-22

It is the intention of PlayAberlour to raise approximately £300,000 from major funders for the re-development of the playground in Aberlour plus other upgrades throughout Alice Littler Park, which includes certain long term sustainability costs.

PlayAberlour proposes the following in our initial plan:

- rebuild the children's and toddler play area;
- agility area for older kids;
- outdoor community gym;
- picnic gazebo, tables, and BBQs;
- upgraded paths, bins and benches;
- professional grass cutting;
- professional gardener and/or community volunteers regularly maintaining hedges, flower beds, sensory and sporting areas;
- insurance, inspections and minor routine maintenance on the playpark, park and bridge.

Future wider fundraising achievements identified as of interest to the community but NOT in the scope of this application include:

- skatepark;
- Changing Places inclusive accessible toilet and changing room;
- maintenance and possible modifications in the carpark, particularly with regard to community wishes around improving and/or limiting accommodation for visitors with caravans;
- non-routine maintenance of the play areas, equipment, park and bridge; and
- other benefits and amenities in accordance with the wishes and priorities of the community as indicated in the Aberlour Action Plan, PlayAberlour surveys, or other methods consistent with the principles of the National Standards for Community Engagement. .

PlayAberlour has obtained initial costs in order to facilitate the compilation of financial projection (see table attached). Most of these estimates were sourced from Scotland. During the next phase, quotes will be necessary and PlayAberlour will focus on quality and durability as well as location and cost.

It is proposed to raise the bulk of the money (over 50%) from a main grant from a major donor such as the Heritage Lottery Community Fund and meet the rest of the required costs with donations sourced from corporates, trusts and foundations, community fundraising and events. Statutory and third sector involvement may offer access to specific funds that will cover individual specialist costs.

Major donors and grant-making bodies

The main funding must come from a major donor or grant-making agency. Once this funder is on board, it will be much easier to secure support from other donors. PlayAberlour will approach Heritage Lottery or Big Lottery immediately upon awarding of the CAT.

Corporates

It is crucial to involve local businesses in the fundraising process. This can be accomplished by a mixture of corporate sponsorship and match funding, joint events and employee volunteering. Corporates enjoy profile-raising, and such a prominent and visually compelling site as Alice Littler

Park provides extensive opportunities for highly positive public relations materials. For a semi-rural area, Speyside has a rare abundance of high-visibility Corporates, all of which are ideal partners for PlayAberlour. Among the distilleries, Aberlour (Pernod Ricard) and Macallan (Edrington) are within sight of the park, while several more would benefit from improvements to the local recreational infrastructure, both for visitors and employees.

Any larger companies in the immediate area would have a similar interest in improvements at the park, including: Speyside Cooperage, Glenfiddich, Walkers, McPhersons and others. Grocery and other big-box chains are known for contributing to local environmental and social benefit projects, as Co-op and Tesco have done in Aberlour. Regional companies large and small that benefit from tourist visits will be given opportunities to become involved, whether they are as widely known as Johnston's of Elgin, involved with tourism directly such as hotels and restaurants in the area, or the businesses on Aberlour's high street. Many local businesses have already pledged support and some have offered to quote work at a reduced rate or as a donation.

Trusts and foundations

Significant amounts of funding can be secured from local and national trusts or foundations. These resources are usually identified through a search of their funding criteria and priorities and then an application process. From our research, it is plain that funders are very interested in supporting parks and outdoor recreation.

Among the many we have found with specifically complementary goals, our highest priority to approach include: The Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation, SITA Trust, FCC Scottish Action Fund, Co-op Membership Community Fund, Hunter Foundation, Bond, Chrysalis Trust, Wood Foundation, Money for Moray, Robertson Trust, Gannochy Trust, Carnegie Trust, Esme Fairburn Trust, Albert Hunt Trust, Foundation Scotland, Clothworkers Foundation, Canni wi'Cash, WM Mann Foundation, Whirlwind Charitable Trust, STV, Anton Jurgens, Henry Smith, Children in Need, Weir Charitable Trust (potential funder for accessible toilets), Berry Burn Wind Farm Community Fund, Paul's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund, SSE Community Funds, Cattnach Charitable Trust, etc.

Community events and involvement

Direct support by and from the users of the park will be sought for things like seasonal cleanups, unforeseen costs, or items that are essential but not likely to be of interest to outside sponsors (dog waste bins, for example). It is a primary way of ensuring community engagement and awareness, and PlayAberlour will depend on community support throughout the project.

Moray Council has already made an invaluable contribution by inspiring the people of Aberlour with the Planning for Real process. Our local Aberlour Primary School and Speyside High School will be welcome to hold events in the park, and we will work with them to find creative ways for those events to be able to help raise funds and awareness. We would encourage students, seniors, or any other interested group to carry out projects such as clearing litter, gardening, educational, or other environmental activities and duties, and we would nominate outstanding efforts for Duke of Edinburgh or John Muir awards.

Other SCIOs and charitable organisations

We will reach out and build bridges to garner support, advice and, where appropriate, funds from other charitable organisations regionally and/or close to our interests. Locally, the Aberlour Strathspey Highland Games, Aberlour & Speyside Rotary and Friends of Craigellachie Bridge are natural connections, as are all the seniors, church, sports and others community groups who will benefit from the improved park and play area. The knowledge of specialised SCIOs such as Changing Places will be key to providing advice and contacts for future accessible toilets/changing room design and funding. We have had contact with charitable organisations similar to PlayAberlour who have re-developed their own parks successfully. Despite their current curious opposition to PlayAberlour and

the community's plainly expressed wishes in the Aberlour Action Plan, we have not given up on the Aberlour Community Association, who remain a possible future partner.

Crowdfunding, pledges and legacy

These other sources of funding usually provide smaller amounts but can add up significantly. We can encourage the community to form a "Friends of Alice Littler Park" membership club, which generates income through fees or subscriptions, and offer naming rights for a bench, tree or other amenity. Legacy funding or inheritance pledges are a more sensitive topic to be approached with thought and care, but local inhabitants may want to leave some money for the benefit of Alice Littler Park. Residents of Aberlour and users of the park should be given the opportunity to be involved in a variety of different ways and at all stages of the project.

Persons interested in securing the future of Aberlour's Victoria Bridge have pledged several years of support for its insurance and maintenance. A donor has offered to cover half of the cost of several years of grass cutting in the park. A professional landscape architect has pledged to assist with evaluating condition of the greens, plantings and trees, and advise on low-maintenance grounds-keeping. These donors wish to remain anonymous at this time.

User fees

People have suggested looking into some kind of fee for certain uses of the parking area. Caravan usage in particular has been pointed out as potentially being appropriate for consideration of a fee. We will also look into the possibility of a fee for certain private uses of park areas, such as parties, weddings or other events. This would require consultation with the community to see if it's an option people find acceptable.

Patronage / significant support

We have received a commitment for patronage from a significant local figurehead, pending our obtaining the park. Going forward, this person's letters of support and the presence of their name on applications will add visibility to our cause. Our patron could host events such as charity dinner parties and invite important contacts, who could become donors. We will seek and welcome the support of other high-profile individuals who can champion our cause, donate time, grace marketing materials and make our events more widely known, encouraging community participation and the attention of the press.

Summary

PlayAberlour will be approaching the organisations and people mentioned above, and more, to fund our re-development of the playpark and an overall upgrade of Alice Littler Park. We would like to secure the majority of the funding in 2020-21 to be able to commence work in 2021-22. A team of volunteers and professionals will form a fundraising subcommittee led by the Treasurer of PlayAberlour who has professional experience in fundraising. The subcommittee will include all Trustees and form a core of members with the interest and proven capability for success.

Signature

Two office-bearers (board members, charity trustees or committee members) of the community transfer body must sign the form. They must provide their full names and home addresses for the purposes of prevention and detection of fraud.

This form and supporting documents will be made available online for any interested person to read and comment on. Personal information will be redacted before the form is made available.

We, the undersigned on behalf of the community transfer body as noted at section 1, make an asset transfer request as specified in this form.

We declare that the information provided in this form and any accompanying documents is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Name [Redacted]

Address [Redacted]

Date 03 Jan 2020

Position Co-Chair

Signature [Redacted]

Name [Redacted]

Address [Redacted]

Date 03 Jan 2020

Position Co-Chair

Signature [Redacted]

Checklist of accompanying documents

To check that nothing is missed, list documents which you are submitting to accompany this form.

Section A – You must attach your organisation's constitution, articles of association or registered rules

Document attached: Constitution attached

Section B – Maps, drawings or description of the land requested

Documents attached: Map attached

Section C – Note of any terms and conditions that are to apply to the request

Documents attached: None

Section D – About your proposals, their benefits, any restrictions on the land or potential negative consequences, and your organisation's capacity to deliver.

Documents attached: Included in application and business case

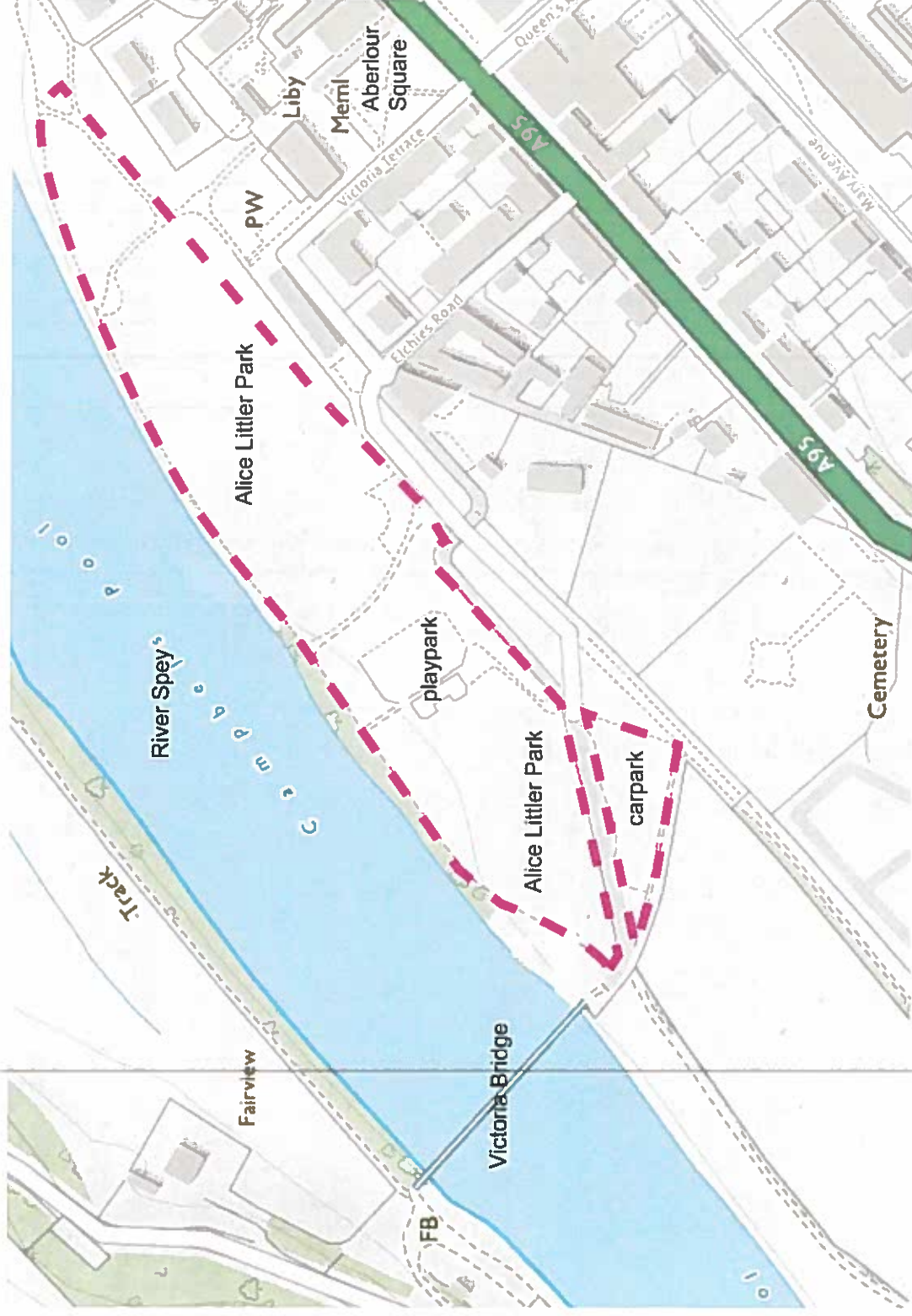
Section E – Evidence of community support

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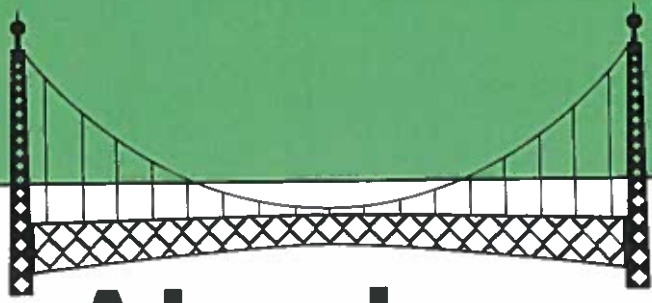
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Alice Littler Park, Aberlour



— Approximate park boundary



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Introduction

This Community Action Plan has been produced by and for the community of Aberlour with the assistance of The Moray Council, Community Support Unit, Moray Health & Social Care Partnership, numerous local individuals and organisations, using the Planning for Real® methodology (www.planningforreal.org.uk/what-is-pfr/).



Why we got involved

feedback from the Planning for Real Working Group who are ALL local residents of Aberlour

I wanted to ensure Aberlour grows in the right direction and continues to improve and enhance its fabulous assets and is a place our family, friends and neighbours as well as visitors are proud of.

I went to the first meeting to see if Aberlour Planning for Real was a publicity stunt or something good for Aberlour.

Planning For Real offered a great chance for me to work closely with people from Aberlour and see first-hand their amazing local knowledge and talent. The process has given me new enthusiasm for my role and I'm confident that other communities in Moray could learn so much from Aberlour.

I joined the planning for REAL as I enjoy working with the community and wanted to enhance the facilities that we have in the village

Planning for Real is a unique opportunity for everyone in a community to get together and discuss their hopes and aspirations for the community.

I think that Planning for Real in Aberlour will deliver great results in the months and years to come. I'm looking forward to reviewing how much we have achieved and perhaps repeating the process.

Planning for Real is so much more than "where should we build some houses". It is about building bridges between old and young, and all parts of the community, and getting us all working together on practical projects that benefit us all now and hopefully for generations to come.

I got involved with planning for real as I thought it would be a good opportunity to speak to people I hadn't spoken to much before. I also got involved as it sounded like an enjoyable project that would help me to improve on and learn new skills.

How we did it!

A working group of 7 community members took forward the Planning for Real® process in Aberlour. We spent 14 weeks creating a 3D map of their community along with many volunteers who dropped in during the map making bi-weekly sessions. The sessions were held on a Wednesday evening and Thursday morning and included a visit from Aberlour Nursery.

The working group also carried out a buildings survey, designed, delivered leaflets and posters, undertook a services audit, promoted the process locally through newspaper articles and Facebook. The peak of the activity took place at the launch event and with the map visits – all 11 of them before culminating in the Prioritisation Event in mid-June.



Who we consulted with the map and flags:

- Launch Event which was open to the general public which over 150 local residents attended
- BALL group (Be Active Life Long) older residents of Aberlour invited to contribute their views
- Speyside High School pupils came along to a map visit during a lunchtime session
- Messy Church had their say
- Aberlour Parent & Toddler Group took the opportunity to have their say
- Walkers of Aberlour took up the offer of a map visit in one of the staff break out areas
- Parents of Aberlour Primary School pupils had their say on parents evening
- The members of Aberlour Rotary Club came along for a viewing and gave their views
- Visitors to Aberlour had the opportunity to comment during a 4 day visit to the Speyside Visitor Centre during the Whisky Festival
- Members of Aberlour Parish Church had their say during a visit by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland
- The map was visited a meeting of About Aberlour for comments from local business

How Aberlour got to this point – A brief history

The full name of the town is Charlestown of Aberlour. It is situated 15 miles south of Elgin on the A95. Aberlour takes its name from the Lour burn which is bridged by the main street at the south end of the town next to the Aberlour Distillery. Aberlour is in the Speyside Glenlivet Ward for local government, the Moray constituency for the Scottish Parliament, and the Moray constituency for the UK Parliament.

The local history of the area is potted with historical references of note including the first mention of “Aberlaure” being made in 618AD.

The first mention of the Church of Aberlour which was gifted to the Cathedral of Moray by the family of De Moravia – in a deed of concession by the Bishop of Andrew in 1226

Bonnie Prince Charlie crosses the River Spey at Milford on his way to Culloden – he camps for the night at Tom-na-Brack (Tombreck) in 1745. During the Industrial Revolution Charlestown of Aberlour is created with 100 x 2 acre feus in 1812, the land donated by Charles Grant of Wester Elchies. The Parish Church is also built with the road bridge over Lour Burn following in

1815. The railway arrives from the East in 1863 and a new school and orphanage follow. The founding of the Aberlour Distillery in 1879 is followed by the Fleming Hall in 1889. Aberlour soon has a basic sewage system, a public water supply and Joseph Walker relocates the business from Torphins in 1912.

Aberlour has a long history of community involvement in the development of recreational and leisure activities with the formation of Aberlour Villa Football Club in 1923.

Within living memory Aberlour continued to mark its place in both industrial and community involvement with Walkers Shortbread Ltd opening the first factory at Fisherton for shortbread production in 1978 and the opening of The Alice Littler followed by the construction of the Suspension Bridge over the burn, replacing the former railway bridge a few years later.

Industry again progresses when Aberlour Distillery start bottling its own Single Malt in 1986 and the Aberlour Community Association take on management of the Fleming Hall with 25 year Lease from The Moray Council in 2001.



What did you say about Aberlour? – The themes and priorities identified by you

As a result of the map visits and the Launch event a total of 2272 flags were used by the public to indicate their issues and priorities. Every flag and comment made was entered onto a database. The database was then analysed for themes and priorities. The top five themes and priorities for Aberlour are listed below.

For each theme identified, the top four or five priorities were taken forward to the prioritisation event on the 11th June 2016 where they were then discussed by the public and the relevant Moray Community Planning Partners and relevant agencies.

The 5 main themes (and top priorities) identified were:

Theme 1: Traffic, Transport & Access

Total 664 flags

Light controlled / zebra crossing / Pelican crossing

Location High Street

Traffic to be slowed down / One way system introduced

Location Mary Avenue

Road surface to be improved / Grit box / Ice hazards

Location Mary Avenue

Bus service to be improved

Additional parking required

Location off High Street

Theme 2: Environment & Sustainability

Total 514 flags

Dog poop scoop bins to be provided

Location Alice Littler Park

Dog mess problem

Location Various locations, mainly Alice Littler Park

Do it up

Location Alice Littler Park play park / Park in general

Litterbins needed

Location Mainly Alice Littler Park

Drainage / Flooding / Erosion

Location Alice Littler Park / Speyside Way / Riverbank

Theme 3: Leisure & Tourism

Total 449 flags

Opening Hours at Swimming Pool, Community Centre, Gym

Location Speyside Community Centre

Skateboard / Rollerblade park

Location behind / adjacent to Cemetery

Adventure playground for age 6-12yrs

Location Alice Littler Park

Signposts to facilities and attractions

Location Alice Littler Park

School clubs (after hours)

Location Primary School / Fleming Hall



Theme 4: Facilities & Services

Total 278 flags

Youth club

Shops / Restaurants – local

Location High Street

Farmers market

Location Christmas Market/Farmers The Square

Disabled Access / Toilets / Facilities

Location Scout Hall

Community notice board

Location Local info visitors and locals various locations

NHS dentist

Location Aberlour/Stephen Hospital

Theme 5: Crime & Safety

Total 187 flags

Safety Fence / Rail / Barrier

Location mainly Alice Littler Park

Speeding/Dangerous driving

Location High Street / A95

Police – more foot patrols needed / station

Location Aberlour

On the 11th June at the Prioritisation Event held in the Fleming Hall these themes with their priorities were discussed by the public and the relevant Moray Community Planning Partners and other agencies.

Attending Moray Community Planning Partners:

- Moray Council (various departments)
- NHS Grampian
- Police Scotland

Other agencies:

- Rural Environmental Action Project (REAP)
- BEAR Scotland
- Alice Littler Trust



Prioritisation Event Results

Issue	Priority	Timescale	What needs to happen?	Who takes this forward?	Potential Partners
Traffic, Transport & Access – Priority 1					
Controlled road crossing on High Street	High	Long (36 month plus)	Road Crossing be installed Lobby MP/MSPs Transport Scotland identify budget Lobby Government Ministers Request road survey (every 15 mins over 24 hours) Share P4R results with Transport Scotland Raise Profile Involve local/national media	Research and evidence Working in Partnership Help and advice Creating a short life working group	Aberlour Community Association Local Parent Councils BEAR Scotland The Moray Council NHS Police Scotland Senior Citizen Group Transport Scotland
Traffic, Transport & Access – Priority 2					
Slow down traffic / one way on Mary Ave	High	Medium (24 months)	Speed surveys Dialogue with Community Safety Partnership (Budget) Road Traffic Order (?)	Working in Partnership	Safety Camera Partnership Haulage Association Under remit of short life working group (Priority 1)
Traffic, Transport & Access – Priority 3					
Road surface to be improved (pot holes)	Medium	Ongoing	Establish the level of TMC priorities Education regarding reporting Poster campaign	A bit of training and advice	Roads Department (TMC) Aberlour Community Association
Traffic, Transport & Access – Priority 4					
Grit bins to be provided	High	Short (4 months)	Request grit bins Establish ownership Lobby owners	Land owners	Aberlour Community Association
Improved road surface (Bank / Co-op)	Medium	Unknown	Identify local sites suitable		
Traffic, Transport & Access – Priority 5					
Improve bus service					
Timed out					

Issue	Priority	Timescale	What needs to happen?	Who takes this forward?	Potential Partners
Environment & Sustainability – Priority 1, 2 & 4					
Lack of dog bins Dog mess Lack of litter bins	High	Short (periodically)	Public awareness (any bin, bye laws, how to report, £ fine) Better signage Identify relevant areas for siting bins Enforcement required Education of owners Right locations	A bit of advice and guidance In partnership	Aberlour Primary School Community wardens Animal Welfare Team (TMC) Local business (Vet Practices)
Environment & Sustainability – Priority 3					
Do it UP! – Alice Littler Park / Play Park	High	Medium – Long	Drainage issues fixed Park redesigned New play surfaces A park for everyone	A lot of funding Help/advice Permission Maintenance Community support	Alice Littler Trust Community Association Parent/Toddlers group Pensioners Club Disability Forum
Environment & Sustainability – Priority 5					
Drainage / Flooding / Erosion	Medium	Medium – Long	BEAR Scotland & Scottish Water take responsibility for issues with drainage / flooding Redesign of Park Removal of bark from Play Park Research/ Evidence gathering	Help & Advice A lot of funding	BEAR Scotland Scottish Water Land & Parks (TMC) Alice Littler Trust



Issue	Priority	Timescale	What needs to happen?	Who takes this forward?	Potential Partners
Leisure & Tourism – Priority 1					
Swimming Pool and Community Centre Sunday Opening	High	Short (Jan – March 17)	Research/evidence from community Report to Cllrs with community request Trial period of 3 months (if approved) Report back to Cllrs with findings	Help and advice on evidence gathering Working in partnership Creating a short life working group	Community Schools NHS Local organisations
Leisure & Tourism – Priority 2					
Sign posts to facilities / attractions	Medium	Medium	Visitor research Identify relevant attractions Identify relevant sites Legislation/permission Funding	Advice and help Permissions from land owners A bit of funding and good will	Speyside Visitor Centre Community support Unit (TMC) About Aberlour
Leisure & Tourism – Priority 3					
Skate board and Roller blade Park	Low	Long	Identify interested parties Identify suitable site A lot of funding	A lot of funding In partnership Help and advice	Dirt Track Group Individuals Landowners
Leisure & Tourism – Priority 4					
6-12 Adventure Playground	High	Medium – Long	Discuss concept Permission Funding Research and design	Funding/sponsors Help and advice Partnership project Sponsorship	Alice Littler Trust Community Aberlour Primary School Businesses



Issue	Priority	Timescale	What needs to happen?	Who takes this forward?	Potential Partners
Facilities & Services – Priority 1					
Youth Club and specialist businesses	Low	Short (6 months)	Identify relevant premises Attract businesses Establish relevant help and support available	Help and advice	About Aberlour
	Medium	Short (6 months)	Identify, train and support volunteers	Help and advice	Rotary Club Early Intervention Team (TMC) Speyside Youth Ltd
Facilities & Services – Priority 2					
Markets: Christmas Farmers	Medium	Medium (18 months)	Various research to be undertaken Licences and permissions Identify suitable location	Testing the water Combine as part of other activities i.e. Whisky Festival	About Aberlour REAP Fairtrade Group
Facilities & Services – Priority 3					
Scout Hall	Medium	Short – Long	Upgrade of the facility Active committee Additional use to be identified	Contact other scouting groups	Aberlour Scout Group Community
Facilities & Services – Priority 4					
Community Noticeboard for visitors and locals	Medium – High	Short (12 months)	Aberlour Community Association looking at short term fix Use alternative media	No additional help or support	About Aberlour Aberlour Community Association Transport Scotland 3rd Sector St. Margaret's Church
Facilities & Services – Priority 5					
NHS Dentist	High	Short (3 months)	National Change Identify premises/ commission Lobby MP/MSPs Approach current dental providers Expansion of service	Establish Speyside need	About Aberlour

Issue	Priority	Timescale	What needs to happen?	Who takes this forward?	Potential Partners
Crime & Safety – Priority 1					
Safety fence, rail or barrier	High	Medium (18 months plus)	Consent Permission Research Planning? Design/consultation Funding Installation Maintenance	Help and advice A bit of funding	Environmental Services (TMC) Aberlour Community Association Alice Littler Trust Community
Crime & Safety – Priority 2					
Police Foot patrols	Low	Ongoing	Focussed presence at appropriate times Education regarding reporting	Partners need to take this forward	Community Wardens (TMC) Speyside High (litter issue)



What services are currently available in Aberlour?

Below is a list of the community amenities available in Aberlour at the time the public were posting their flags in the map of Aberlour. They have been listed so that if a need for a service has been raised, but it is already available, the volunteers taking “Planning for Real” forward know that more publicity and awareness is needed.

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Location	Services available	Times
Aberlour Medical Centre	General Practitioner Services Community Nursing Primary Care Services	Monday – Friday 08.00 – 18.00 Consulting times 08.40 – 12.40 14.00 – 17.20
Aberlour Primary School	Eco School Active School Parent Council 2-3 Group Nursery Aberlour & Craigellachie Preschool Nursery	School Teaching Day: 8.55am – 3.05pm Monday to Thursday 12.45-14.45 Monday to Friday 8.50-12.00 Monday to Friday 07.30-08.45 14.50 – 18.00 3-5 yrs: Weekdays 9-11.30am 2-3 yrs: Tues/Wed/Thurs 1pm – 2.45pm
Speyside High School	Active School Eco School	School Teaching Day 8.40 – 3.20pm
Speyside Community Centre (shared site with Speyside High School)	Swimming Pool Fitness Suite (Gym) Climbing wall Junior Football Sports Hall Astro turf Bowling Club TaekwonDo Metafit Archery Badminton Aberlour Jog Scotland Private Hires	See Community Centre leaflet or moray.gov.uk search for Speyside Community Centre Timetable
Recycling Centre, Elchies Lane, past the Mash Tun Bar, towards the foot bridge and car park.	Cans Glass Plastic Paper & Cardboard Textiles	
Aberlour Parish Church	Sunday Services	Craigellachie Parish Church 9.45am Aberlour Parish Church 11.15am
	Prayer & Coffee Bible Study Messy Church Church of Scotland Guild	Wednesday, 10.00am
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church	Sunday Services	Sunday 10am
The Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church	Vigil	

Location	Services available	Times
The Scout Hall	Cubs Scouts Beavers Explorers	Monday 6.30 - 8pm Monday 6.30 – 8.30pm Tuesday 5.30 – 6.30pm Friday 7-9pm
Aberlour Tennis Club	Ladies Tennis Club Nights	Wednesday 10.00 – 11.30am Mondays & Fridays 6pm to dark
Aberlour Bowling Club		Daily Seasonal, end of April to end of September
Old Station Tearoom	Drinks and home-baking by local volunteers, raising funds for the Aberlour Community Association.	Seasonal, June to end of September Daily 10.00 – 12.00 & 2.00- 4.30 Sunday 2-4.30pm
Speyside Visitor Centre (adjacent to the Old Station Tea Room)	Visitor Information Centre run by local volunteers	Seasonal, April to end of September 10.00 – 5.00pm, 7 days a week
The Aberlour Hotel	The Rotary Club of Aberlour & Speyside	Tuesday 7pm
Fleming Hall	Be Active Life Long Group (BALL) Active Start (pre 5yrs) Aberlour Pipe Band Pilates Highland Dancing Senior Citizens Toddler Group Exercise Group Pilates Group	Monday 10.00 – 12.00 midday 1.30 – 2.30pm 7.00 – 9.00pm Tuesday 9.30 – 10.30am 2.45 – 5.30pm 1st Tuesday of month Wednesday 9.30 – 12 5.30 – 8.45pm Friday 9.30 – 10.30





Aberlour Now

Celebrations for the Bi-centenary took place in 2012 along with the formation of the Aberlour Community and District Pipe Band the previous year and in 2015 Moray Council agree in principle to the Community Asset Transfer for Old Station Building to Aberlour Community Association.

Overall Aberlour's population is growing and it has a higher percentage of older people in comparison with the rest of Moray with the population growing by 24% in the ten years between the 2001 and 2011 censuses.

Aberlour also has a high percentage of older people living alone. 35% of households have only members who are over 65 years old. With more older-people public expenditure to support Aberlour will increase into the future.

71% of homes in Aberlour are owner occupied which is more than Moray (66%) and which, in turn, is more than Scotland (62%). 15% of homes are social-lets which are well below Moray and National levels. 12% are private-lets which is similar to both Moray and Scotland.

A positive note for Aberlour is that there is low unemployment unfortunately many of the jobs are low-skill jobs with 36% of residents have no formal qualifications and this is shown in that many school leavers opt for employment rather than continue their education although the attainment of Aberlour pupils is much better than the Moray average but fewer continue their education and go on to university.

Health statistics for Aberlour show a high prevalence of smoking, hypertension, obesity, diabetes, hypothyroidism and cancer to be the main causes of ill health.

Planning Objectives for Aberlour

This page lists all the planning guidelines as identified in the Local development Plan for Aberlour which are also indicated in the map on the next page. Planning Objectives are reviewed every couple of years to ensure consistency with current needs and policies.

Hierarchy Status / Objectives / Issues

Aberlour is a third tier settlement* and an important centre for Speyside

Aberlour has been identified for growth given its strategic role locally (secondary school; employment; trunk road). The lie of the land restricts options for development land and a shortage of land for employment purposes.

Infrastructure

Water and Drainage

Developers are advised to contact Scottish Water to confirm that there is sufficient drainage capacity and water supply available to accommodate proposals.

Roads

A number of potential roads improvements have been identified.

Layout and Design

High quality design and layouts in any new development is an important aspect for “placemaking”, in order to achieve an attractive and interesting living environment.

Housing (see map)

5 potential housing sites have been identified at:

R1 Chivas Field for 30 houses

R2: Braes of Allachie for 40 houses

R3: Tombain for 12 houses

R4: Speyview for 100 houses

Braes of Allachie (Phase 2) 5 for 50 houses

Opportunity Sites

OPP1 (see map) Mary Avenue

Industrial

Existing Industrial Sites

1. Aberlour

The existing industrial estate which accommodates McPherson's transport depot and Walker's Shortbread Factory is at capacity and cannot be reasonably expanded. A detailed Flood Risk Assessment will be required for any planning application.

2. Aberlour / Glenlivet Distillery Area

Reserved for the use of the distillery and related business uses.

3. Mary Avenue

No additional capacity for development.

4. Fisherton

New developments must respect the site's sensitive location at the entrance to Aberlour and may be required to screen or landscape the frontage to the main road

Transportation Improvements (TSP)

A number of potential road improvements have been identified in association with the development of sites. In addition to individual site requirements, these take account of the cumulative impact on the road network.

Environment

The following sites are identified as open spaces which contribute to the environment and amenity of Aberlour. The over-riding policy E5 – Open Spaces applies to each of these sites.

See map for specific location of the following environmental designations

ENV1 Public Parks and Gardens Alice Littler Park

ENV2 Private Gardens or Grounds West Lynne

ENV3 Amenity Greenspace Field at St. Margaret's church, Mary Avenue

ENV5 Sports Areas Speyside High School, Charlestown Bridge

Wider Environmental Designations for Aberlour

ENV6 Green Corridors/Natural/Semi Natural Greenspaces:

Linn Braes; Mary Avenue; Dowans Hotel; Braes of Allachie/School; Mary Avenue; Braes of Allachie; Woodlands; Braes of Allachie TPO and Tombain

ENV7 Civic Space The Square

ENV11 Cemeteries Cemetery

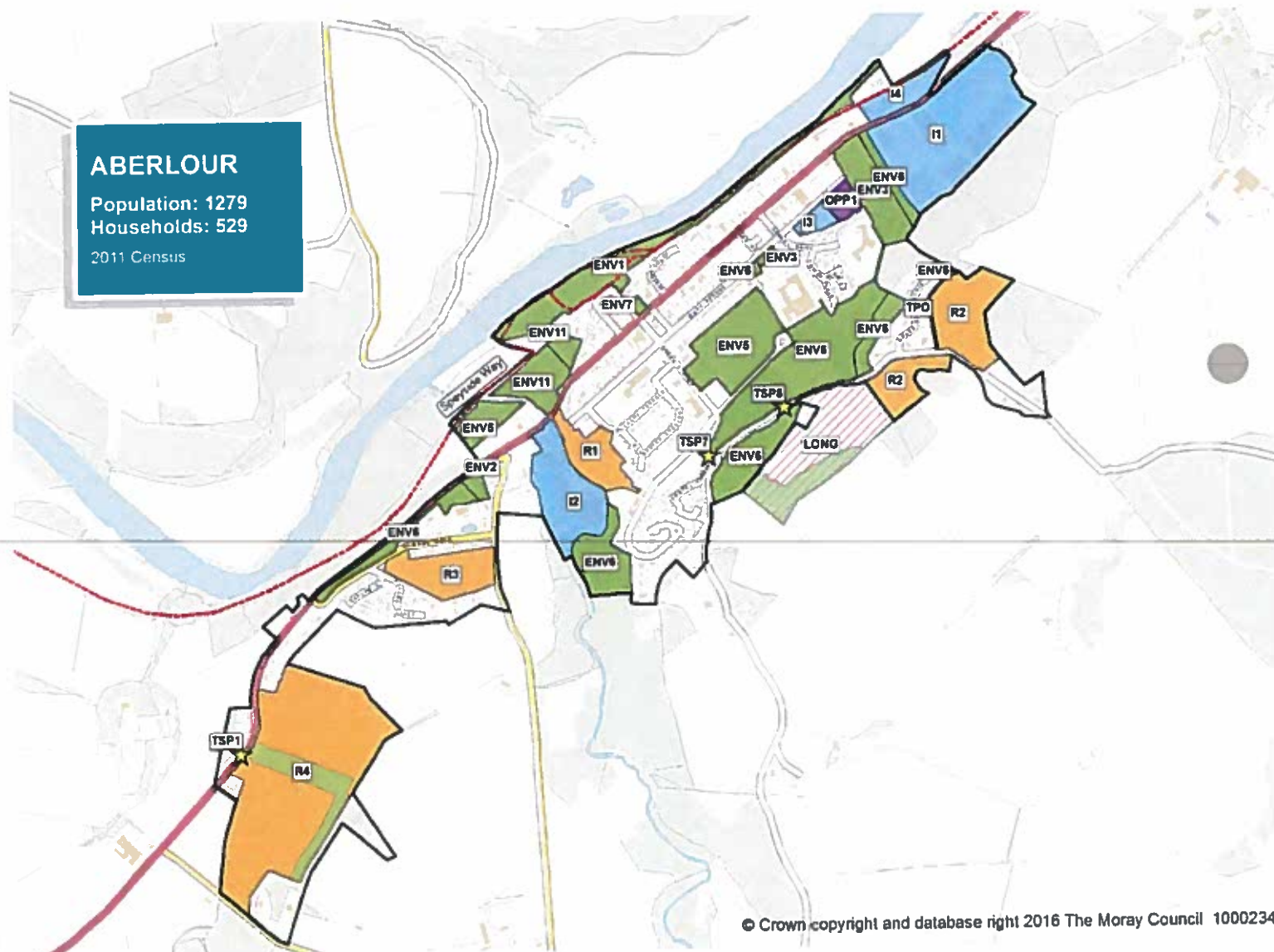
TPO Tree Preservation Order Braes of Allachie

AGLV: The whole area out with the town boundary, is designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value covering the Spey Valley

Speyside Way: The Speyside Way follows the line of the old railway through the town. New development which abuts the Speyside Way must not impair its attractiveness to walkers

SSSI: The River Spey is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest

SAC: The River Spey is a designated Special Area of Conservation



Where does the Aberlour Community Action Plan fit within Moray 2026?

What is Moray 2026?

Moray 2026 is the strategic document from The Moray Community Planning Partnership which is made up of:

- HIE Moray
- HITRANS
- Moray College UHI
- Moray Integration Joint Board
- NHS Grampian
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue
- Scottish Government
- Skills Development Scotland
- The Moray Council
- tsIMORAY

The community of Aberlour have identified priorities based on themes which align with Moray 2026.

The Partnership has identified 5 priorities which are:

Aberlour Community Action Plan

1. A growing, diverse and sustainable economy

1. Traffic, Transport access

2. Healthier Citizens

2. Environment & sustainability

3. Ambitious and confident young people

3. Leisure & Tourism

4. Adults living healthier, sustainable independent lives
safe from harm

4. Facilities & Services

5. Safer communities

5. Crime & Safety



What happens next with Planning for Real?

The members of the Aberlour Planning for Real Working Group have agreed to facilitate the next stage of the process which is to bring together the potential partners identified by the community to take forward the issues identified. This will include keeping the public up to date with developments as projects progress particularly through Facebook (check out Aberlour Planning for Real fb page). Local groups, possibly new groups and Aberlour Community Association are likely to be looking for new members to help develop and deliver projects, this won't mean you have to become a trustee to get involved though.

The Working Group have also agreed to come together periodically to review the Community Action Plan and get the map back out in the future to identify further themes and priorities.

Members of the Working Group also facilitated a shared learning event with representatives from the communities of Lhanbryde and Portgordon who are looking to take forward Planning for Real in their communities.

Aberlour Planning for Real has been developed and delivered locally by:

- Emma Winchester
- Pamela Winchester
- Charlie Watson
- Shuna Dicks
- Hugh Fraser
- Sandy Henderson
- Jane Crowther
- Greg Sareb

Aberlour 3D map was made with help from:

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- George
- Charlotte
- Lorraine
- June
- Charlie G
- Mabel
- Carolyn
- Davey
- Corbin
- Blane
- Karen

With help from:

- Aberlour Primary – Lunchtime group
- Aberlour Scouts and Cubs



Your Notes





PlayAberlour



Aberlour Recreation Survey March 2018

PlayAberlour is a new local charity formed directly from last year's very successful Planning for Real process. The people of Aberlour clearly wished for Alice Littler Park to be improved and made accessible for all, and for places to be found for other kinds of recreational and social activities.

Members of the community have volunteered to help make these wishes come true, and now we're ready for more input from you on exactly how you want it. This survey is the first step as we work to re-design and re-create our community recreation facilities.

We are keen to hear from locals (and visitors too) about your highest hopes and dreams for play and fun in our village. Please pass this message along to your friends and family.

Survey online at playaberlour.org

If you would prefer to use a paper version, it is on the reverse of this flyer. Please return it to the Aberlour Library, **deadline March 15th**. For a large-print version, ask at the library.

Please consider joining PlayAberlour to receive regular updates on our progress.

Thank you for your participation!

PlayAberlour PlayAberlour SCIO SC047670

Our playpark needs help...



**Working together, we can
make our playpark great again!**

... barriers removed, a fence for safety, and more.



1. Email address

About yourself and how you use the park...

2. Age group (tick one)

- ☐ 0 to 5
☐ 6 to 12
☐ 13 to 18
☐ 19 to 24
☐ 25 to 44
☐ 45 to 64
☐ 65 +

3. Location (tick one)

- ☐ Aberlour
☐ Speyside (outwith Aberlour)
☐ Moray (outwith Speyside)
☐ Scotland (outwith Moray)
☐ UK (outwith Scotland)
☐ Europe (outwith UK)
☐ Earth (outwith Europe)

4. How often do you use Alice

Littler Park (weather permitting?)
(tick one)

- ☐ Almost every day
☐ A few times a week
☐ A few times a month
☐ A few times a year
☐ Rarely or never

5. If you answered "rarely or never" to the previous question and are willing to share the reason, please do:

6. Who do you go with? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Infant(s)
☐ Young child / children
☐ Teen or adult family / friends / visitors
☐ Dog(s) or other animals (cat? cockatoo? lizard? llama?)
☐ Alone
☐ Other:

7. What times of day do you go?

- (tick all that apply)
☐ Morning
☐ Afternoon
☐ Evening
☐ Middle of the night

8. What seasons? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Spring
☐ Summer
☐ Autumn
☐ Winter

What you would like in the park...

The Planning for Real process

identified a long list of things people were interested in. Please confirm the things you would like.

9. Play (tick all you'd like)

- ☐ Fenced play area with equipment for young children
☐ Play area and equipment for kids 6 to 12
☐ Equipment and furniture oriented to teens

☐ Sensory and musical features for all ages

- ☐ Sand and/or water play area
☐ Fix up the putting green
☐ Areas for boules / petanque / bocce and/or other sand / lawn games
☐ Other:

10. Fitness (tick all you'd like)

- ☐ Exercise equipment
☐ Exercise equipment specially designed for seniors
☐ Improved pathways
☐ Other:

11. Seating / shelter / amenities

(tick all you'd like)

- ☐ Seating in play areas
☐ Seating outwith play areas
☐ Covered seating areas - a few, separated
☐ Picnic tables
☐ Larger covered seating area with picnic tables
☐ Game tables
☐ Bandstand
☐ Barbeques
☐ Drinking water
☐ Other:

12. Wheels (tick all you'd like)

- ☐ Skateboard
☐ Roller skating
☐ Scooter
☐ Bicycle
☐ Beginner zone
☐ Other:

13. Dogs (tick all you'd like)

- ☐ Fenced dog zone
☐ Bin and bags
☐ Seating in dog area (for humans)
☐ Drinking water (for dogs)
☐ Other:

14. Anything else? Be specific.

Don't be shy, now's your chance!

If the park were upgraded with all the things you've ticked...

15. How often WOULD you use Alice

Littler Park + possible other new

recreation areas (weather permitting?) (tick one)

- ☐ Almost every day
☐ A few times a week
☐ A few times a month
☐ A few times a year
☐ Rarely or never

16. If you still answered "rarely or never" and are willing to share the reason, please do. Is there something that WOULD get you out to the park?

17. Who WOULD you go with? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Infant(s)
☐ Young child / children
☐ Teen or adult family / friends

visitors

☐ Dog(s) or other animals (cat? cockatoo? lizard? llama?)
☐ Alone
☐ Other:

18. What times of day WOULD you go? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Morning
☐ Afternoon
☐ Evening
☐ Middle of the night

19. What seasons WOULD you go? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Spring
☐ Summer
☐ Autumn
☐ Winter

That's it! Thank you!

20. Have we left anything out? One more chance!

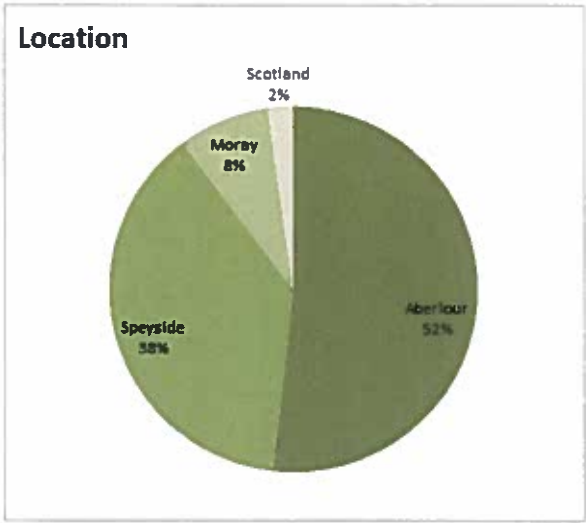
21. What are you most excited about?

22. Any other comments?

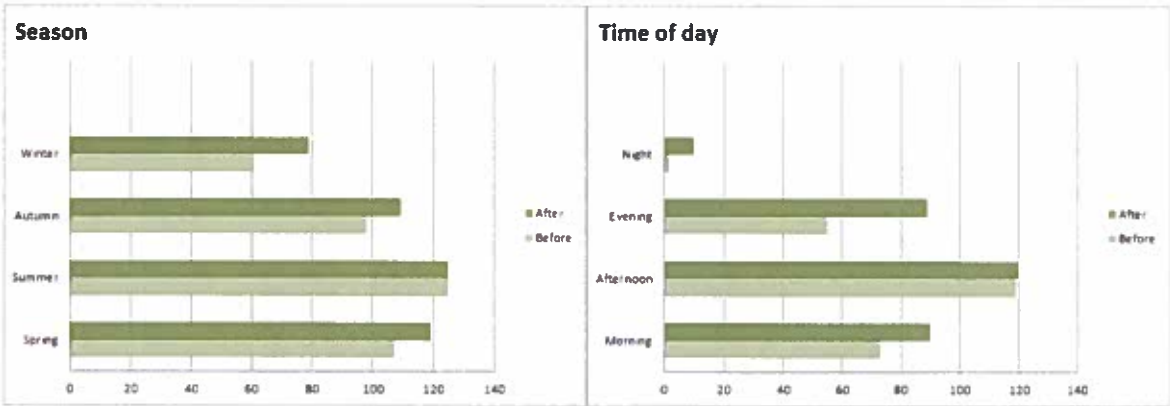
23. Would you like to become a member of PlayAberlour? If yes, tell us your name and we'll contact you at the email address you gave above. If you'd rather we mailed you a paper form, give us your name / address here.

PlayAberlour Recreation Survey

March 2018



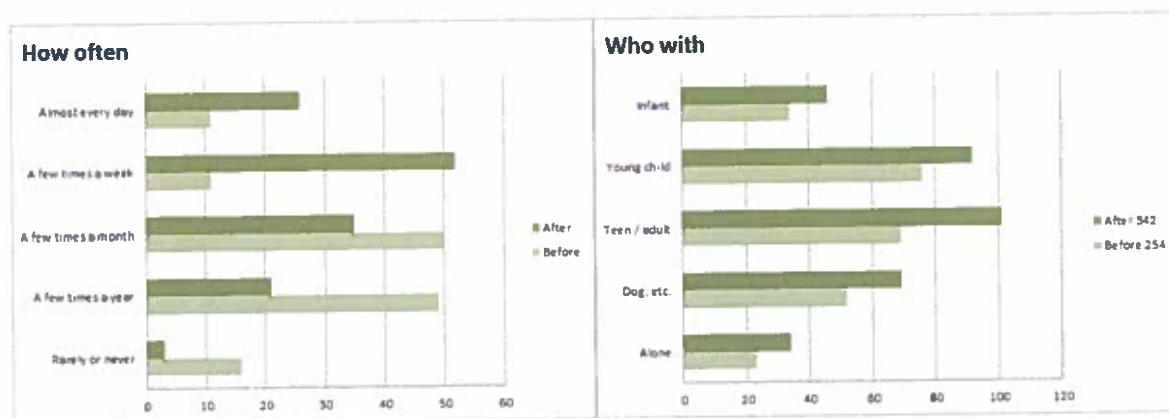
Where respondents live.



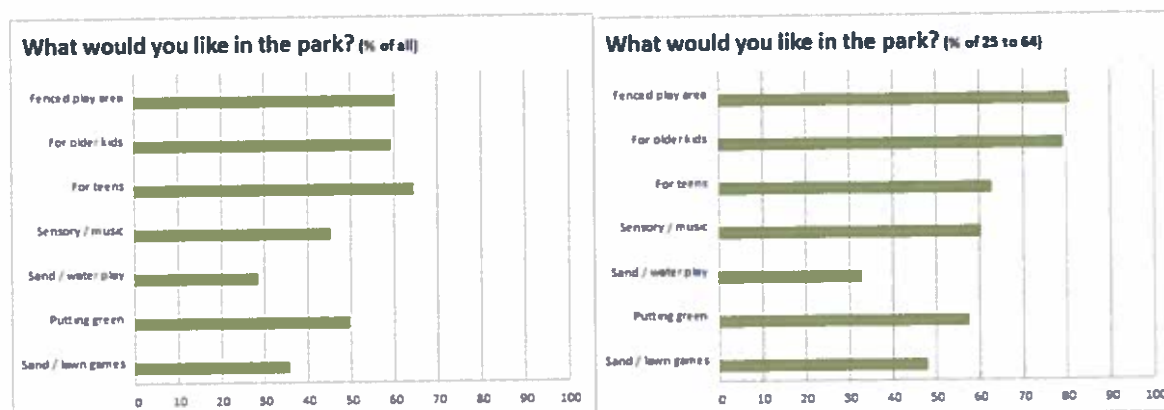
What season and time of day they go to the park now, and when they would be likely to use it after renovation.

PlayAberlour Recreation Survey

March 2018



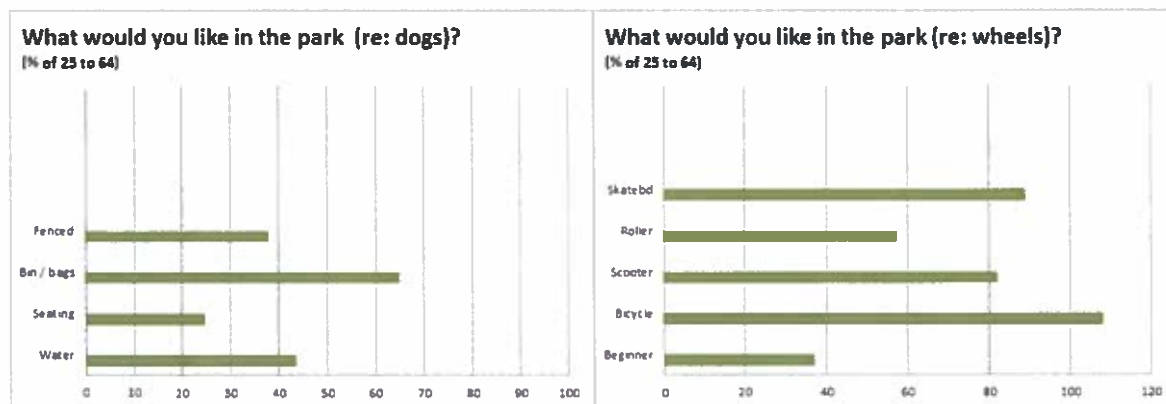
How often they go to the park now and who they go with.
How often they would be likely to use it, and who with, after renovation.



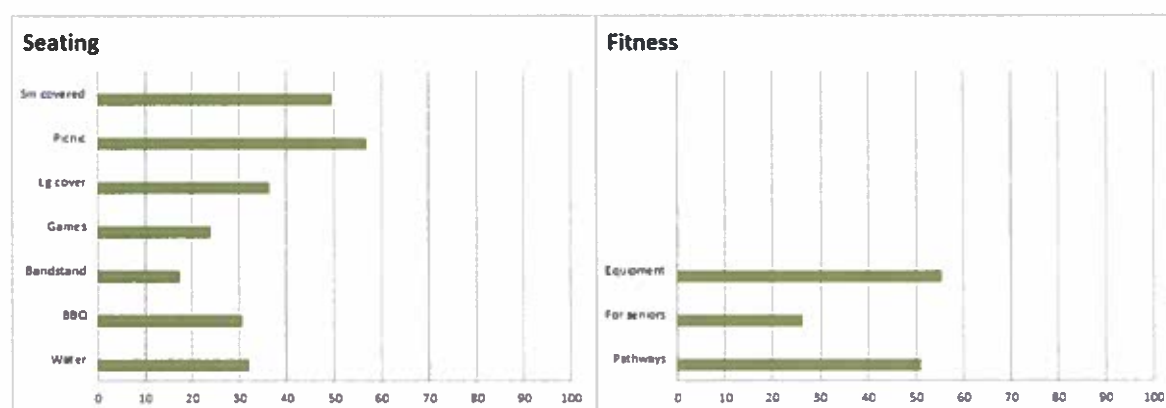
Percentages of all people looking for particular items in the park,
and percentages of those generally of parenting age.

PlayAberlour Recreation Survey

March 2018



Percentages of adults supporting features for dogs and wheeled activities.



Percentages of all people supporting particular rest and fitness options.

Your Vision for Alice Littler Park November 2018

This is a follow-up to the PlayAberlour Recreation Survey of a few months ago, and is our next step towards renewing Aberlour's beautiful Alice Littler Park. Huge thanks to all who responded—almost 1/4 of village households—amazing!

Unsurprisingly, the survey results closely tracked the data from Aberlour's Planning for Real process. **Remember the huge map?** All those flags were tabulated by Moray Council staff and turned into the Aberlour Community Action Plan, and it is precisely these park and recreation wishes from the Action Plan that PlayAberlour was formed to promote. **Our sole purpose is to make these priorities happen**, and we will continue to engage with the entire community to be sure we are on track.

Thanks, also, for your patience. A Community Asset Transfer through Moray Council takes time, and while it may not always seem like much is happening, we have been diligent, making steady progress.

On behalf of all the members of PlayAberlour, and for the benefit of everyone who lives in or visits Aberlour, **we are delighted to present this outline plan for Alice Littler Park.**

Say goodbye to our old playpark

Our playpark is in its last days. Equipment that has already been removed by the Council will not be replaced. Everything remaining in the toddler area and most of what's in the older kids area is at its end-of-life and fit to be removed, although the long slide, climbing rope structure, and rock climbing arch can possibly be refurbished. The crumbling log borders and obsolete wood chip surfaces are a barrier to people with impaired mobility and unpleasant for everyone.



Say hello to our new playpark

PlayAberlour has made preliminary contact with equipment providers, and we have seen an amazing array of ideas that will bring **fun and fitness for all**. Our new playpark will be a thrill for toddlers and older kids, and as inclusive as possible for people of all physical abilities. It will have a mix of replacements for the existing equipment, other traditional items, and brilliant new attractions.

- A major priority will be an attractive, appropriate **fence around the play area**, high enough to keep dogs out and small children in and away from the water.
- **Zipline!** This is also a high priority addition, and there might even be room for a double.
- **Teens** have not been well served at the park in the past, and equipment that is known to be of interest for this age group will be in the plan, as requested.
- **Fitness equipment** for adults, including some designed especially for our many seniors.
- Musical, sensory and other **creative** items to encourage imagination and discovery.
- Many respondents asked for places to skateboard, roller skate, scooter and cycle. Space and surfaces for these will take further thought and discussion, likely as a separate initiative or phase of the project. If these activities are especially important to you, contact us to discuss creating a subgroup. With focused energy, you can make it happen.

(there's more, please turn over)

Not just the playpark, the entire park

The playpark needs the most work, but that's not the whole park. Paths, benches, signs, fences, landscaping and more, all need attention. Overall, people clearly expressed they want Alice Littler Park to be cleaned, tidied and made as inclusive as possible, while **preserving the things everyone loves**.

To keep it all **visually harmonious**, the materials, colours, finishes, details and other visible aspects will be kept calm and modest in respect of the spectacular setting. For play equipment and other structures, wood is perfect, where possible, whether in its natural tones or a gentle brown or green varnish, but we have to accept the realities of weather and heavy usage. Stainless steel seems to be an obvious choice for certain structural elements, and would look fine with wood. Powder-coated steel in compatible muted hues is less preferred but could work. Some plastic parts and bright colours may be suitable if used sparingly.

Our magnificent **trees** will be inspected and attended to, making sure they stay healthy and green for decades to come. PlayAberlour members who are already involved with the village **flowers** are ready to sow lively seasonal colour. We will repair or replace any **memorial benches** needing attention at the preference of the donors, and maybe we can add a few more. Our magnificent **Highland games** ground will be preserved and protected, and we will work hard to turn our **putting green** back into the fun and photogenic showpiece we all remember.



Celebrating our history and connections

We have a unique opportunity to add a further historical overlay to Alice Littler Park, something that will surely be of great interest to locals and visitors alike—a tribute to the **Strathspey Railway** line, which operated through the park until 1965. This rich theme offers a family-friendly connection to a fascinating part of our heritage, complementing the familiar Speyside "whisky and fishing" story. Working closely with our local historians and naturalists, we can create displays to show how all these themes come together in Aberlour, plus ask equipment providers to include thoughtful rail-related elements into the play areas, and look for more good opportunities to embellish the story. It all ties in perfectly with the educational exhibits in our award-winning Speyside Visitor Centre, and will bring friendly faces—both familiar and new—into the Old Station Tearoom and throughout the village.



Next steps

PlayAberlour is in the process of completing our business case for submittal to Moray Council, and then we will await their decision on awarding the Community Asset Transfer. It's been a long process, with a few delays along the way, and we are eagerly pressing forward as this milestone comes into view.

Thank you to everyone who has given us the input to make sure we stay on the right track. We'll keep you posted!

PlayAberlour SCIO SC047670

Join us at playaberlour.org

PlayAberlour

Member List – Dec 2019

- 1) [REDACTED]
- 2) [REDACTED]
- 3) [REDACTED]
- 4) [REDACTED]
- 5) [REDACTED]
- 6) [REDACTED]
- 7) [REDACTED]
- 8) [REDACTED]
- 9) [REDACTED]
- 10) [REDACTED]
- 11) [REDACTED]
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- 20) [REDACTED]
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- 22) [REDACTED]
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Constitution of **PlayAberlour** SCIO

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DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply throughout (words in the singular include the plural and *vice versa*):

- **2005 Act** means the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and every statutory modification and re-enactment thereof for the time being in force
 - **AGM** means an Annual General Meeting
 - **Board** means the Board of Charity Trustees
 - **Charity** means a body entered in the Scottish Charity Register as defined under section 106 of Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
 - **Charity Trustees** means the persons having general control and management of the Organisation
 - **Clear days**, in relation to notice of a meeting, means a period excluding the day when notice is given and the day of the meeting.
 - **Community** has the meaning given in Clause 4
 - **GM** means a General Meeting
 - **Group** means those other Organisations (incorporated or not) that are not this Organisation
 - **Individual** means a human/person
 - **Members** means those individuals and groups who have joined this Organisation
 - **Organisation** means the SCIO whose constitution this is
 - **OSCR** means the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator
 - **Property** means any property, assets or rights, heritable or moveable, wherever situated
 - **SCIO** means Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
 - **them and their** refer to individuals or groups (either he, she or they)
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NAME; CHARITABLE STATUS

1. The name of the Organisation is PlayAberlour (also referred to herein as “the Organisation”).
2. PlayAberlour will, upon registration, be a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

REGISTERED OFFICE

3. The principal office of the Organisation will be in Scotland (and must remain in Scotland).

DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY AND PURPOSES

4. The Organisation has been formed to benefit the community of Aberlour in particular and Moray as a whole (“Community”), with the following purposes (“Purposes”):
 - 4.1. To provide recreational facilities and activities, by undertaking an upgrade to existing facilities and or creating new recreational areas within the village of Aberlour

POWERS

5. The SCIO has power to do anything which is calculated to further its purposes or is conducive or incidental to doing so. In particular, (but without limiting the range of powers available under the 2005 Act), the SCIO has power:
 - 5.1. to encourage and develop a spirit of voluntary or other commitment by, or co-operation with, individuals, unincorporated associations, societies, federations, partnerships, corporate bodies, agencies, undertakings, local authorities, unions, co-operatives, trusts and others and any groups or groupings thereof willing to assist the Organisation to achieve the Purposes;
 - 5.2. to promote and carry out research, surveys and investigations and to promote, develop and manage initiatives, projects and programmes;
 - 5.3. to provide advice, consultancy, training, tuition, expertise and assistance;
 - 5.4. to prepare, organise, promote and implement training courses, exhibitions, lectures, seminars, conferences, events and workshops, to collect, collate, disseminate and exchange information and to prepare, produce, edit, publish, exhibit and distribute clauses, pamphlets, books and other publications, tapes, motion and still pictures, music and drama and other materials, all in any medium;
 - 5.5. to purchase, take on lease, hire, or otherwise acquire any property suitable for the Organisation;
 - 5.6. to construct, convert, improve, develop, conserve, maintain, alter and demolish any buildings or erections whether of a permanent or temporary nature, and manage and operate (or arrange for the professional or other appropriate management and operation of) the Organisation's property;
 - 5.7. to sell, let, hire, license, give in exchange and otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property of the Organisation;
 - 5.8. to establish and administer a building fund or funds or guarantee fund or funds or endowment fund or funds;
 - 5.9. to employ, contract with, train and pay such staff (whether employed or self-employed) as are considered appropriate for the proper conduct of the activities of the Organisation;
 - 5.10. to take such steps as may be deemed appropriate for the purpose of raising funds for the activities of the Organisation;

- 5.11. to accept subscriptions, grants, donations, gifts, legacies and endowments of all kinds, either absolutely, conditionally or in trust;
- 5.12. to borrow or raise money for the Purposes and to give security in support of any such borrowings by the Organisation and/or in support of any obligations undertaken by the Organisation;
- 5.13. to set aside funds not immediately required as a reserve or for specific purposes;
- 5.14. to invest any funds which are not immediately required for the activities of the Organisation in such investments as may be considered appropriate, which may be held in the name of a nominee Organisation under the instructions of the Board of Trustees, and to dispose of, and vary, such investments;
- 5.15. to make grants or loans of money and to give guarantees;
- 5.16. to establish, manage and/or support any other charity, and to make donations for any charitable purpose falling within the purposes;
- 5.17. to establish, operate and administer and/or otherwise acquire any separate trading Organisation or association, whether charitable or not;
- 5.18. to enter into any arrangement with any Organisation, government or authority which may be advantageous for the purposes of the activities of the Organisation and to enter into any arrangement for co-operation, mutual assistance, or sharing profit with any charitable Organisation;
- 5.19. to enter into contracts to provide services to or on behalf of others
- 5.20. to effect insurance of all kinds (which may include indemnity insurance in respect of Trustees and employees);
- 5.21. to oppose, or object to, any application or proceedings which may prejudice the interests of the Organisation;
- 5.22. to pay the costs of forming the Organisation and its subsequent development;
- 5.23. to carry out the Purposes as principal, agent, contractor, trustee or in any other capacity

GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

6. The Organisation is composed of:

- 6.1. **Members**, who have the right to attend members' meetings (including any annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself;
- 6.2. **Junior Members**, who have the right to attend members' meetings (including any annual general meeting). Junior members can form a Junior Committee and present proposals to the Board; and
- 6.3. **Charity Trustees** composed of Elected Charity Trustees, Appointed Charity Trustees; and Co-Opted Charity Trustees, following the first GM.

MEMBERSHIP

- 7. The members of the Organisation shall consist of those individuals who made the application for registration of the Organisation and such other individuals and groups as are admitted to membership under the following clauses.
- 8. The Organisation shall have not fewer than 20 members at any time; and

- 8.1. In the event that the number of members falls below 20 the Board may conduct only essential business other than taking steps to ensure the admission of sufficient Ordinary Members to achieve the minimum number.
9. Membership of the Organisation is open to:
- 9.1. Individuals aged 16 or over who are members of the Community ("Ordinary Members"); and
 - 9.2. Individuals aged between 12 and 15 who are members of the Community ("Junior Members") (such Members not being eligible to serve as Charity Trustees).
 - 9.3. If an Individual or group ceases to fulfil the criteria within clause 9.1 or 9.2, that Individual or group must inform the Organisation. The Organisation may choose to reclassify a Junior Member as an Ordinary Member.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

10. No Individual may become a Member unless that Individual has submitted a written application for membership in the form prescribed by the Charity Trustees and the Charity Trustees have approved the application.

[**Note:** Per Board resolution adopted at the 16 September 2018 AGM, Members shall agree to the following specific terms: 1) The purpose of PlayAberlour is to provide recreational facilities and activities by undertaking an upgrade to existing facilities and/or creating new recreational areas within the village of Aberlour. 2) PlayAberlour has emerged expressly from the Planning for Real process. Members agree to support the community's wishes as expressed in the Aberlour Community Action Plan (viewable online), as well as the results of surveys and other community consultation activities undertaken by PlayAberlour.]

- 10.1. The Charity Trustees shall consider applications for membership promptly. The Charity Trustees shall assess each application to determine whether the applicant meets the criteria for becoming an Ordinary Member or Junior Member.
11. Membership of the Organisation may not be transferred by a member.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

12. No Membership subscription shall be payable.

RE-REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS

13. The Board may, at any time, issue notices to the members requiring them to confirm that they wish to remain as members of the Organisation, and allowing them a period of 28 days (running from the date of issue of the notice) to provide that confirmation to the Board.
- 13.1. If a member fails to provide confirmation to the Board (in writing or by e-mail) that they wish to remain as a member of the Organisation before the expiry of the 28-day period referred to in clause 13, the Board may expel them from the membership.
- 13.2. A notice under clause 13 will not be valid unless it refers specifically to the consequences (under clause 13.1) of failing to provide confirmation within the 28-day period.

LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

14. The members of the Organisation have no liability to pay any sums to help to meet the debts (or other liabilities) of the Organisation if it is wound up; accordingly, if the Organisation is unable to meet its debts, the members will not be held responsible.
15. The members and Charity Trustees have certain legal duties under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; and clause 14 does not exclude (or limit) any personal liabilities they might incur if they are in breach of those duties or in breach of other legal obligations or duties that apply to them personally.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

16. A member shall cease to be a member if:

- 16.1. that Member sends a written notice of resignation to registered office of the Organisation; they will cease to be a member as from the time when the notice is received by the Organisation;
- 16.2. that Member has failed to respond to any re-registration request under clause 13;
- 16.3. a resolution that that Member be expelled (where that Member's conduct, in their/its capacity as a Member, has been detrimental to the effective functioning of the Organisation) is passed by special resolution at a GM (notice of which shall state: a) the full text of the resolution proposed; and b) the grounds on which it is proposed) at which the Member is entitled to be heard;
- 16.4. in the case of an Individual, that Individual has died (membership of the Organisation not being transferable);
- 16.5. where the Member is a Charity Trustee of the Organisation, that Member has failed to comply with the code of conduct for Trustees in a manner which would result in them ceasing to be a Trustee and a member.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 17. The Board must keep a register of members, setting out for each current member: a) their full name; b) their address; and c) date on which they were registered as a member of the Organisation.
 - 17.1. Where any member is not an individual, the register must also contain: a) any other name by which the member is known; b) the principal contact for the member; c) any number assigned to it in the Scottish Charity Register, if it is a charity; and d) any number with which it is registered as a company, if it is a company.
 - 17.2. For each former member the register must set out, for at least six years from the date on they ceased to be a member: a) their name; and b) the date on which they ceased to be a member.
 - 17.3. The Board must ensure that the register of members is updated within 28 days of receiving notice of any change.
 - 17.4. If a member or Charity Trustee of the Organisation requests a copy of the register of members, the Board must ensure that a copy is supplied to them within 28 days, providing the request is reasonable. If the request is made by a member (rather than a Charity Trustee), the Board may provide a copy which has the addresses blanked out.

GENERAL MEETINGS (Meetings of the Members)

- 18. General Meetings – The Board may call a GM at any time and must call a GM within 28 days of a valid requisition. ~~To be valid, such requisition must be signed by at least 5% of the Members, must clearly state the purposes of the meeting, and must be delivered to the registered office of the Organisation.~~ The requisition may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Members.
- 19. Annual General Meeting – The Board shall convene one GM a year as an AGM. An AGM need not be held during the calendar year during which the Organisation is incorporated, provided an AGM is held within 15 months of the date of incorporation. Thereafter, not more than 15 months shall elapse between one AGM and the next.
- 20. The business of each AGM shall include: a) a report by the Chairperson on the activities of the Organisation; b) the election of Elected Charity Trustees; c) the fixing of annual subscriptions; d) consideration of the accounts of the Organisation; e) a report of the auditor if applicable; and f) the appointment of the auditor if applicable. Notice of General Meeting – Subject to the terms of clause 62, notice of a GM shall be given as follows:
 - 20.1. At least 14 Clear Days' notice must be given of any GM.

20.2. The notice must specify the place, date and time of the GM, the general nature of business to be dealt with at the meeting; and a) in the case of a resolution to alter the constitution, must set out the exact terms of the proposed alteration(s); and in the case of any special resolution (as defined in clause 26) must set out the exact terms of the resolution.

20.3. Notice of every members' meeting must be given to all the members of the Organisation, and to all the Charity Trustees; but the accidental omission to give notice to one or more members will not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON OF GENERAL MEETINGS

21. The Chairperson of the Organisation shall act as Chairperson of each GM. If the Chairperson is not present or willing to do so the Vice-Chairperson of the Organisation shall act as Chairperson of the GM. If neither the Chairperson nor the Vice-Chairperson is present or willing to act as Chairperson of the GM within 15 minutes after the time at which it was due to start, the Charity Trustees present shall elect from among themselves one of the Elected Charity Trustees who will act as Chairperson of that GM.

QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS

22. The quorum for a GM shall be the greater of: 5% of the membership; present in person. No business shall be dealt with at any GM unless a quorum is present.

22.1. If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes after the time at which the GM was due to start (or if, during a GM, a quorum ceases to be present) the GM shall be adjourned until such time, date and place as may be fixed by the Chairperson of the GM.

22.2. The Board may make arrangements in advance of a GM to allow members (or their proxies) to fully participate remotely, so long as all those participating in the meeting can communicate with each other; and all Members may vote during the meeting.

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

23. The Chairperson of the meeting shall endeavour to achieve consensus wherever possible but, if necessary, questions arising shall be decided by being put to the vote.

23.1. Each Member shall have one vote, to be exercised in person by a show of hands

23.2. A secret ballot may be demanded by: a) the chairperson of the GM; or b) at least two Members present at the GM, before a show of hands and must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairperson of the GM directs. The result of a secret ballot shall be declared at that GM.

24. There shall be no proxy voting

24.1. In the event of an equal number of votes for and against any resolution, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a vote in their capacity as a member of the Organisation.

25. At any GM an Ordinary Resolution put to the vote of the meeting may be passed by a simple majority of the Members voting (in person).

26. Certain resolutions must be passed as Special Resolutions, including resolutions: a) to alter the name of the Organisation; or b) to amend the Purposes; or c) to amend these Clauses; or d) to wind up the Organisation in terms of clause 67. At any GM a Special Resolution put to the vote of the meeting may be passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting (in person).

27. Ordinary and Special Resolutions may be passed in writing, rather than at a General Meeting, and shall have effect as if they had been passed at a GM, provided the terms of this Clause are followed.

27.1. An Ordinary Resolution may be passed in writing if signed by a simple majority of all the Members.

27.2. A Special Resolution to wind up the Organisation may be passed in writing if signed by all the Members.

27.3. Any other Special Resolution may be passed in writing if signed by not less than two thirds of all the Members.

- 27.4. Written resolutions must be sent to all Members at the same time (the "Circulation Date") in hard copy (posted or hand-delivered) or electronic form (faxed or e-mailed), or by means of a website.
- 27.5. Written resolutions must be accompanied by a statement informing the Member: a) how to signify agreement to the resolution; b) how to return the signed resolution to the Organisation (in hard copy (posted or hand-delivered) or electronic form (faxed or e-mailed)); c) the date by which the resolution must be passed if it is not to lapse (that is, the date which is 28 days after the Circulation Date); and d) that they will not be deemed to have agreed to the resolution if they fail to reply.
- 27.6. A written resolution may consist of several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more Members.
- 27.7. Once a Member has signed and returned a written resolution in agreement thereto, that Members' agreement is irrevocable.
- 27.8. The Members may require the Organisation to circulate a written resolution.
- 27.8.1. The resolution must be requested by at least 5% of the Members. Requests must be in hard copy (posted or hand-delivered) or electronic form (faxed or e-mailed), must identify the resolution and may be accompanied by a statement not exceeding 1,000 words which the Organisation will also be required to circulate.
- 27.8.2. The Board may reject the resolution but must provide reasons for doing so to the members requesting the resolution.
- 27.8.3. If accepted, the Organisation must circulate the resolution and any accompanying statement within 21 days, and may require the requesting Members to cover the expenses it incurs circulating the resolution.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

28. The Chairperson of the GM may, with the consent of a majority of the Members voting (in person), adjourn the General Meeting to such time, date and place as the Chairperson may determine.

ORGANISATION MANAGEMENT

29. The affairs, property and funds of the Organisation shall be directed and managed by a Board of Charity Trustees. The Board:
- 29.1. shall set the strategy and policy of the Organisation;
- 29.2. shall, where no employees or managers are appointed, be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Organisation;
- 29.3. shall hold regular meetings between each AGM, meeting as often as necessary to despatch all business of the Organisation;
- 29.4. shall monitor the financial position of the Organisation;
- 29.5. shall direct and manage the affairs and Property of the Organisation;
- 29.6. shall generally control and supervise the activities of the Organisation;
- 29.7. may, on behalf of the Organisation, do all acts which may be performed by the Organisation (other than those required to be performed by the Members at a GM);
- 29.8. may exercise the powers of the Organisation; and
- 29.9. may not also be paid employees of the Organisation.

INTERIM BOARD

30. Upon incorporation of the Organisation, the individuals who signed the Charity Trustee declaration forms which accompanied the application for incorporation of the Organisation shall be deemed to have been appointed by the members as Charity Trustees with effect from the date of incorporation of the Organisation.

- 30.1. The Interim Board shall retire at the first GM, which shall be held as soon as practicable following incorporation, but shall remain eligible for re-election (the period of office between the date of incorporation and the date of the first GM not being regarded as a "term of office" for the purposes of clause 33.6).

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

31. The number of Charity Trustees shall be not less than 3 and the total number of Charity Trustees shall not be more than 12.

APPOINTMENT OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

32. From and after the first General Meeting of the Organisation, the Board shall comprise the following individual persons (a majority of whom shall always be Elected Charity Trustees):
- 32.1. A minimum of 3 individual persons elected as Charity Trustees by the Members in accordance with clause 33 ("the Elected Charity Trustees"), who must themselves be Ordinary Members; and
- 32.2. up to 5 individual persons co-opted in accordance with clause 39 ("the Co-opted Charity Trustees"), so as to ensure a spread of skills and experience within the Board (the combined total of Appointed Charity Trustees and Co-opted Charity Trustees must not outnumber the total number of Elected Charity Trustees).
- 32.3. Employees of the Organisation may not be nominated as or become Charity Trustees.

ELECTED CHARITY TRUSTEES

33. At the first General Meeting of the Organisation, the Members shall elect up to 12 (minimum of three) individual Ordinary Members as Elected Charity Trustees.
- 33.1. Elected Charity Trustees must be nominated in writing by at least two Members. Such nominations must contain confirmation from the nominee that they are willing to act as an Elected Charity Trustee and must be delivered to the registered office of the Organisation at least seven days before the GM.
- 33.2. Each Member has one vote for each vacancy in the Elected Charity Trustees on the Board.
- 33.3. Provided the first GM is not also the first AGM, there shall be no changes in the Charity Trustees at the first AGM (except to fill any vacancies left following the first GM or caused by retirements since the first GM).
- 33.4. At the second and subsequent AGMs, one-third of the Elected Charity Trustees (rounding upwards if this is not a whole number) shall retire from office at the close or adjournment of that meeting.
- 33.5. The Elected Charity Trustee(s) to retire at an AGM shall be those who have been longest in office since their election/re-election (unless other Elected Charity Trustee(s) have agreed to retire at that AGM). As between Individuals who were appointed as Elected Charity Trustees on the same date, the Elected Charity Trustee(s) to retire shall be agreed between the Individuals appointed on the same date or determined by lot.

CO-OPTED CHARITY TRUSTEES

34. Subject to clause 35, the Charity Trustees may appoint Individuals as Charity Trustees to ensure a spread of skills and experience within the Board ("Co-opted Charity Trustees") and may remove a Co-opted Charity Trustee at any time.
- 34.1. A Co-opted Charity Trustee shall retire at the AGM following their appointment unless re-appointed by the Charity Trustees.
- 34.2. A Co-opted Charity Trustee can be removed from office at any time by a simple majority of the Board.
- 34.3. For the avoidance of doubt, a Co-opted Charity Trustee may participate fully in all Board meetings which they attend, and is eligible to vote at them.

VACANCY

35. The Board may from time to time fill any casual vacancy arising as a result of the retiral (or deemed retiral for any reason) of any Elected Charity Trustee from or after the date of such retiral or deemed retiral until the next AGM.

CHARITY TRUSTEES – GENERAL DUTIES

36. Each of the Charity Trustees has a duty, in exercising functions as a Charity Trustee, to act in the interests of the Organisation; and, in particular, must:
- 36.1. seek, in good faith, to ensure that the Organisation acts in a manner which is in accordance with its purposes;
 - 36.2. act with the care and diligence which it is reasonable to expect of a person who is managing the affairs of another person;
 - 36.3. in circumstances giving rise to the possibility of a conflict of interest between the Organisation and any other party, put the interests of the Organisation before that of the other party; where any other duty prevents them from doing so, disclose the conflicting interest to the Organisation and refrain from participating in any deliberation or decision of the other Charity Trustees with regard to the matter in question;
 - 36.4. ensure that the Organisation complies with any direction, requirement, notice or duty imposed under or by virtue of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.
37. In addition to the duties outlined in clause 36, all of the Charity Trustees must take such steps as are reasonably practicable for the purpose of ensuring:
- 37.1. that any breach of any of those duties by a Charity Trustee is corrected by the Charity Trustee concerned and not repeated; and
 - 37.2. that any Charity Trustee who has been in serious and persistent breach of those duties is removed as a Charity Trustee.
38. Provided they have declared their interest – and have not voted on the question of whether or not the Organisation should enter into the arrangement – a Charity Trustee will not be debarred from entering into an arrangement with the group in which they have a personal interest; and (subject to clause 58 and to the provisions relating to remuneration for services contained in the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005), they may retain any personal benefit which arises from that arrangement.
39. No Charity Trustee may serve as an employee (full time or part time) of the Organisation; and no Charity Trustee may be given any remuneration by the Organisation for carrying out their duties as a Charity Trustee.
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40. The Charity Trustees may be paid all travelling and other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with carrying out their duties; this may include expenses relating to their attendance at meetings.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHARITY TRUSTEES

41. Each of the Charity Trustees shall comply with the code of conduct (incorporating detailed rules on conflict of interest) prescribed by the Board from time to time.
- 41.1. The code of conduct shall be supplemental to the provisions relating to the conduct of Charity Trustees contained in this constitution and the duties imposed on Charity Trustees under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; and all relevant provisions of this constitution shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the provisions of the code of conduct in force from time to time.

REGISTER OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

42. The Board must keep a register of Charity Trustees, setting out for each current Charity Trustee: a) the name of the Charity Trustee; b) the address of the Charity Trustee; c) the date on which they were appointed as a Charity Trustee; and d) any office held by them in the Organisation.
- 42.1. Where a Charity Trustee is not an individual the register must also contain: a) Any other name by which the Charity Trustee is known; b) the principal contact for the Charity Trustee; c) any number assigned to it in the Scottish Charity Register (if it is a charity); and d) any number with which it is registered as a company, if it is a company.
- 42.2. Where the Charity Trustee is appointed by OSCR under section 70A of the 2005 Act it must be recorded in the register.
- 42.3. For each former Charity Trustee the register must set out, for at least 6 years from the date on which they ceased to be a Charity Trustee: a) the name of the Charity Trustee; b) any office held by the Charity Trustee in the Organisation; and c) the date on which they ceased to be a Charity Trustee.
- 42.4. The Board must ensure that the register of Charity Trustees is updated within 28 days of receiving notice of any change.
- 42.5. If any person requests a copy of the register of Charity Trustees, the Board must ensure that a copy is supplied to them within 28 days, providing the request is reasonable; if the request is made by a person who is not a Charity Trustee of the Organisation, the Board may provide a copy which has the name and address of any of the Charity Trustees blanked out. The name of a Charity Trustee may only be blanked out if the Organisation is satisfied that including that information is likely to jeopardise the safety or security of any person or premises.

TERMINATION OF CHARITY TRUSTEES OFFICE

43. A Charity Trustee will automatically cease to hold office if:
- 43.1. they give the Organisation a notice of resignation, signed by them;
- 43.2. they become an employee of the Organisation;
- 43.3. in the case of a Charity Trustee elected under clause 33) they cease to be a member of the Organisation;
- 43.4. (omitted)
- 43.5. in the case of a Charity Trustee co-opted under clause 34) the Board under clause 34.2 vote to end the appointment;
- 43.6. they become disqualified from being a Charity Trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005;
- 43.7. they are absent (without good reason, in the opinion of the Board) from more than three consecutive meetings of the Board - but only if the Board resolves to remove them from office;
- 43.8. they become incapable for medical reasons of carrying out their duties as a Charity Trustee - but only if that has continued (or is expected to continue) for a period of more than six months;
- 43.9. they are removed from office by resolution of the Board on the grounds that they are considered to have committed a material breach of the code of conduct for Charity Trustees (as referred to in clauses 41);
- 43.10. they are removed from office by resolution of the Board on the grounds that they are considered to have been in serious or persistent breach of their duties under sec. 66(1) or (2) of the 2005 Act;
- 43.11. they become prohibited from being a Charity Trustee by virtue of sec. 69(2) of the 2005 Act
- 43.12. they commit any offence under section 53 of the 2005 Act.

44. Clauses 43.9 and 43.10 apply only if the following conditions are met:
- 44.1. the Charity Trustee who is subject of the resolution is given reasonable prior written notice of the grounds upon which the resolution for removal is to be proposed;
 - 44.2. the Charity Trustee concerned is given the opportunity to address the meeting at which the resolution is proposed prior to the resolution being put to a vote; and
 - 44.3. at least two thirds of the Charity Trustees then in office vote in favour of the resolution.

CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

45. The Board shall meet as soon as practicable meeting immediately after each AGM or following the resignation of the existing Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson to appoint: a) an Elected Charity Trustee to chair Board meetings and GMs (the "Chairperson"), and b) an Elected Charity Trustee to chair Board meetings and GMs in the event that the Chairperson is not present and willing to do so (the "Vice Chairperson").
- 45.1. In the event that: a) the Chairperson is not present and willing to act within 15 minutes of the time at which the GM/Board meeting is due to start, or no Chairperson is currently appointed; and b) the Vice-Chairperson is not present and willing to act within 15 minutes of the time at which the GM/Board meeting is due to start, or no Vice-Chairperson is currently appointed, the Charity Trustees present must appoint an Elected Charity Trustee to chair the GM/Board meeting.

BOARD MEETINGS

46. The quorum for Board meetings shall be not less than 50% of all the Trustees, a majority of whom are Elected Charity Trustees. No business shall be dealt with at a Board meeting unless such a quorum is present.
- 46.1. A Charity Trustee shall not be counted in the quorum at a meeting (or at least the relevant part thereof) in relation to a resolution on which, whether because of personal interest or otherwise, they are not entitled to vote.
- 46.2. The Board may make any arrangements in advance of any Board meeting to allow members to fully participate in such meetings so long as all those participating in the meeting can clearly comprehend each other; a member participating in any such means other than in person shall be deemed to be present in person at the Board meeting.
47. 7 Clear Days' notice in writing shall be given of any meeting of the Board at which a decision in relation to any of the matters referred to in clause 30 is to be made, which notice shall be accompanied by an agenda and any papers relevant to the matter to be decided.
- 47.1. All other Board meetings shall require not less than 7 days' prior notice, unless all Charity Trustees agree unanimously in writing to dispense with such notice on any specific occasion.
- 47.2. On the request of a Charity Trustee the Chairperson shall summon a meeting of the Board by notice served upon all Charity Trustees, to take place at a reasonably convenient time and date.
48. No alteration of the Clauses and no direction given by Special Resolution shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given.
49. The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in it, but where the number of Charity Trustees falls below the minimum number specified in clause 35, it may not conduct any business other than to appoint sufficient Charity Trustees to match or exceed that minimum.
50. The Board may invite or allow any person to attend and speak, but not to vote, at any meeting of the Board or of its sub-committees.
51. The Board may from time to time promulgate, review and amend any Ancillary Regulations, Guidelines and/or Policies, subordinate at all times to these Clauses, as it deems necessary and appropriate to provide additional explanation, guidance and governance to members/Charity Trustees.

VOTING AT BOARD MEETINGS

52. The Chairperson of the Board meeting shall endeavour to achieve consensus wherever possible but, if necessary, questions arising shall be decided by being put to the vote,
- 52.1. Each Charity Trustee present (and who is eligible to vote) has one vote. In the event of an equal number of votes for and against any resolution at a Board meeting, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
- 52.2. A resolution in writing shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board or of a sub-committee. A resolution may consist of one or several documents in the same form each signed by one or more Charity Trustees or members of any relative sub-committee as appropriate.

SUB-COMMITTEES

53. The Board may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees, each consisting of not less than one Charity Trustee and such other person or persons as it thinks fit or which it delegates to the committee to appoint.
- 53.1. Any sub-committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any remit and regulations imposed on it by the Board. The meetings and proceedings of any such sub-committee shall be governed by the provisions of these Clauses for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as applicable and so far as they are not superseded by any regulations made by the Board.
- 53.2. Each sub-committee shall ensure the regular and prompt circulation of, the minutes of its meetings to all Charity Trustees.

CONSTRAINTS ON PAYMENTS/BENEFITS TO MEMBERS AND CHARITY TRUSTEES

54. The income and property of the Organisation shall be applied solely towards promoting the Purposes and do not belong to the members. Any surplus income or assets of the Organisation are to be applied for the benefit of the Community.
55. No part of the income or property of the Organisation shall be paid or transferred (directly or indirectly) to the members of the Organisation, or to any other individual, whether by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, except in the circumstances provided for in clause 56.
56. No benefit (whether in money or in kind) shall be given by the Organisation to any member or Charity Trustee except the possibility of:
- 56.1. repayment of out-of-pocket expenses (subject to prior agreement by the Board);
- 56.2. reasonable remuneration in return for specific services actually rendered to the Organisation (in the case of a Charity Trustee such services must not be of a management nature normally carried out by a Trustee of an Organisation);
- 56.3. payment of interest at a rate not exceeding the commercial rate on money lent to the Organisation;
- 56.4. payment of rent at a rate not exceeding the open market rent for property let to the Organisation;
- 56.5. the purchase of property from any member or Charity Trustee provided that such purchase is at or below market value;
- 56.6. the sale of property to any member or Charity Trustee provided that such sale is at or above market value; or
- 56.7. payment by way of any indemnity, where appropriate in accordance with clause 70
57. Where any payment is made under clause 55, the terms of clause 56 must be observed.

PERSONAL INTERESTS & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

58. Whenever a Charity Trustee finds that there is a personal interest, as defined in sub-clauses 63.3 and 63.4, they have a duty to declare this to the Board meeting in question.
- 58.1. A Charity trustee must not vote at a Board meeting (or at a meeting of a sub-committee) on any resolution which relates to a matter in which they has a personal interest or duty which conflicts (or may conflict) with the interests of the SCIO.
- 58.2. It will be up to the Chairperson of the meeting in question to determine: a) whether the potential or real conflict simply be noted in the Minutes of any relevant meeting, or b) whether the Charity Trustee in question, whilst being permitted to remain in the meeting in question, must not partake in discussions or decisions relating to such matter; or c) whether the Charity Trustee in question should be required to be absent during that particular element of the meeting. If a Trustee leaves, or is required to leave, the meeting they no longer form part of the quorum for that meeting.
- 58.3. An interest held by an individual who is "connected" with the Charity trustee under section 68(2) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (husband/wife, partner, child, parent, brother/sister etc) shall be deemed to be held by that Charity trustee;
- 58.4. A Charity Trustee will be deemed to have a personal interest in relation to a particular matter if a body in relation to which they are an employee, director, member of the management committee, officer or elected representative has an interest in that matter.
- 58.5. The Board shall determine from time to time what interests shall be relevant interests and shall ensure that a Register of Notices of Relevant Interests is maintained, which shall be open for inspection by both the Board and members of the Organisation and, with the express prior written approval of the Charity Trustee or employee concerned, by members of the public.

OFFICER BEARERS

59. The Board may appoint office bearers for such term and upon such terms and conditions as they think fit. Any officer bearer may be removed by the Board at any time
- 59.1. The Board may appoint a treasurer for such term and upon such terms and conditions as they think fit. The treasurer may be removed by the Board at any time. The treasurer may be required to attend Board and sub-committee meetings but: a) may not participate in such meetings for voting or quorum purposes unless they are also a Charity Trustee; b) may not attend meetings (or parts of meetings) at which their remuneration or employment is to be discussed; and c) (if the treasurer is not a Charity Trustee) may not attend meetings at which confidential matters are to be discussed.

FINANCES & ACCOUNTS

60. The Board shall determine:
- 60.1. which banks or building societies the bank accounts of the Organisation shall be opened with;
- 60.2. how bank accounts shall be maintained and operated; and
- 60.3. how cheques and other negotiable instruments, and receipts for monies paid to the Organisation, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed.
61. The Board shall cause accounting records to be kept for the Organisation in accordance with the requirements of the 2005 Act and other relevant legislation.
- 61.1. The accounting records shall be maintained by the Treasurer (if there is one) and overseen by the Principal Officer (if there is one), or otherwise by, or as determined by, the Board. Such records shall be kept at such place or places as the Board thinks fit and shall always be open to the inspection of the Trustees.
- 61.2. The Board must prepare annual accounts, complying with all relevant statutory requirements, and must ensure the accounts are examined, as appropriate, by a qualified examiner.

61.3. At each AGM, the Board shall provide the members with a copy of the accounts for the period since the last preceding accounting reference date (or, in the case of the first account, since the incorporation of the Organisation), and shall be accompanied by proper reports of the Board.

61.4. Copies of such accounts shall, not less than 21 clear days before the date of the General Meeting, be delivered or sent to all members, Charity Trustees, the Office Bearers and the auditor, or otherwise be available for inspection on the website or other location of the Organisation (with all members, Charity Trustees, the Organisation Secretary and the auditor being made aware that they are so available for inspection there).

NOTICES

62. The Organisation may serve a notice on a Member in hard copy (addressed to the address given for that Member in the register of members, and posted or hand-delivered) or electronic form (faxed or e-mailed). A notice is deemed to have been served on the day following the day on which it is hand-delivered, posted faxed or e-mailed.

63. The Organisation may communicate with a Member by electronic means (including fax and e-mail) unless the Member has requested that communications from the Organisation be sent in hard copy. The Organisation may publish notifications by means of a website provided the Organisation has advised Members of this and taken reasonable steps to notify Members who have informed the Organisation that they do not have internet access.

RECORDS OF MEETINGS

64. The Board shall cause minutes to be made of all appointments of officers made by it and of the proceedings of all General Meetings and of all Board meetings and of sub-committees, including the names of those present, and all business transacted at such meetings and any such minutes of any meeting, if purporting to be signed after approval, either by the Chairperson of such meeting, or by the Chairperson of the next succeeding meeting, shall be sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts therein stated.

INDEMNITY

65. Subject to the terms of the 2005 Act and without prejudice to any other indemnity, the Charity Trustees, or member of any sub-committee, the Organisation Office Bearers and all employees of the Organisation may be indemnified out of the funds of the Organisation against any loss or liability (including the costs of defending successfully any court proceedings) which he, she or they may incur or sustain, in connection with or on behalf of the Organisation.

ALTERATION TO THE CLAUSES

66. Subject to the terms of this clause, this constitution may be altered by a Special Resolution of the members passed in accordance with clause 26 or 27.3

66.1. Any changes to the purposes set out in clause 4 are subject to written consent from OSCR (and its successors) in terms of sec. 16 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

66.2. The Board must notify OSCR (and its successors) of any changes to the constitution not relating to the purposes, in terms of section 17 of The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

DISSOLUTION

67. The Organisation may be wound up or dissolved only on the passing of a Special Resolution for that purpose in accordance with clauses 26 and 27.3, and subject to written consent from OSCR.

67.1. If, on the winding-up of the Organisation, any property or assets remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, such property shall be given or transferred to such other community body or bodies or charitable group, which has purposes which resemble closely the purposes of the Organisation, as may be: a) determined by not less than two thirds of the Ordinary Members of the Organisation voting (in person) at a General Meeting called specifically (but not necessarily exclusively) for the purpose; and b) approved by OSCR (and its successors).

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BUSINESS CASE FOR COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

Alice Littler Park, Aberlour

03 January 2020

1) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Alice Littler Park, in its spectacular setting by the River Spey, has long been enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Sadly, maintenance has fallen off in recent years and the park has deteriorated.

Most troubling is the state of our once brilliant playpark, which has been the responsibility of the Aberlour Community Association for more than 20 years. Much of the equipment has already been removed by Moray Council for safety violations, and what remains is dispiriting. The log borders, obsolete wood chip surfaces and inaccessible equipment have always been a barrier to people with disabilities.

In 2016, Aberlour undertook a Planning for Real community planning process. The people spoke overwhelmingly about their wishes for our beloved Alice Littler Park to be rescued from its current dire state, as reported in the resulting Aberlour Community Action Plan. PlayAberlour was founded specifically bring these changes.

A complete review of the entire park, including a reimagining of the playpark, is needed, for people of all ages and abilities, and whether from near or far. The resulting renovation will bring benefits of many kinds—economic, social, public health, environmental and more.

We have put together a highly competent team, and with the support of the community we will find and secure the resources needed for both the redevelopment and ongoing management.

2) PROJECT HISTORY

a) Alice Littler Park

Alice Littler Park was owned by the Aberlour-based Alice Littler Memorial Trust since the 1970s, and leased for many years on peppercorn rent to Moray Council who provided all grass cutting, gardening, maintenance, insurance, etc. The current playpark was built in the late 1990s by the Aberlour Community Association (ACA), who still hold a lease for that area of ground and have been fully responsible for the play equipment, surfaces and repairs since 1998. Moray Council, as the underlying leaseholder, is ultimately responsible for safety, and has steadily been removing unsafe play equipment. Repair or replacement is not the responsibility of Moray Council, it is the sole responsibility of ACA which has utterly failed to do so.

b) Planning for Real

In 2016, the community of Aberlour undertook its Planning For Real process, underwritten by Moray Council. The process revealed the overwhelming wishes of local people that Alice Littler Park receive major improvements, as publicised in the resulting Aberlour Community Action Plan (attached).

In November 2016, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] presented the Action Plan results to the

Alice Littler Memorial Trust (then thought to be the owners of the park), and shared a vision of how Alice Littler Park could be developed. PlayAberlour sought permission and approval from the Trustees to undertake further research and develop a detailed proposal on how the park could be redeveloped. PlayAberlour's intention and commitment was to undertake the entirety of the research, design, funding, construction and management tasks required.

The response from the Trust was sharply and disappointingly limited. They supported only the installation of a small fence around the toddler area, and minor improvements to existing equipment and grounds. The Trust specifically rejected any changes designed to increase the inclusion of people from a wider range of ages, abilities, interests and backgrounds, whether local or visitors, and anything at all outwith the playpark area.

PlayAberlour also gave a copy of the Trust presentation to ACA, which owns the playpark equipment and holds the lease on the playpark area. Equipment upgrades were generally supported, but anything beyond that was not supported.

While we were considering our options, it became known in 2017 that the Trust did not, in fact, own the park, as it had been caught completely unaware of a major change in Scottish land law, despite an unusually extended grace period. Under the new law, the park became the property of Moray Council, and the Aberlour community gained an unexpected opportunity to see its vision come true. PlayAberlour made the effort to gain charity (SCIO) status and then filed an Expression of Interest for a Community Asset Transfer.

c) PlayAberlour's mission

PlayAberlour SCIO was founded specifically to implement community wishes revealed through Aberlour's 2016 Planning for Real exercise, as published in the resulting Community Action Plan.

Our constitution states: PlayAberlour SCIO has been formed to benefit the community of Aberlour in particular and Moray as a whole, with the following purposes: To provide recreational facilities and activities, by undertaking an upgrade to existing facilities and or creating new recreational areas within the village of Aberlour.

d) Project objectives

For this CAT application, PlayAberlour has one main goal: Fix up the park.

There are two key existing areas needing priority attention that are the subject of this application: 1) the ruined playpark, and 2) the general neglected state of the rest of the park. While we are fixing up these messes, we can also take care of a third closely related matter, which is the current status and future protection of Victoria Bridge.

The playpark is our main focus. PlayAberlour has seen an incredible array of ideas that will bring fun and fitness for all. Our new playpark will be a thrill for toddlers and older kids, and as inclusive as possible for people of all ages and physical abilities. It will have a mix of replacements for the existing equipment, other traditional items, and brilliant new attractions.

The entire rest of the park needs a lot of work too—pathways, surfaces, furniture, grassy areas, trees, landscaping, signage and more. The crumbling memorial benches need respectful attention. We will bring back the putting green, fix up the scruffy sandy patch near the drainage project, clean up the seating and planted areas, and generally make it a place where people want to gather.

Other ideas for the park and playpark have been put forward, and we hope to get to some of those soon, but they are not part of this proposal.

Aberlour's historic and iconic Victoria Bridge is the very symbol of our village, but it is at immediate risk of abandonment, closure and decay. If awarded the park, PlayAberlour will also take over responsibility for the bridge.

e) How we'll get it done

PlayAberlour is a new organisation, purposely formed for the task of accepting responsibility for Alice Littler Park, including the redevelopment of its playpark, and the improvement and maintenance of its grounds, trees, paths and other assets. Our leaders are highly qualified and experienced, and have demonstrated ability to conceive, execute and manage projects of this size and complexity.

It is the intention of PlayAberlour to raise approximately £300,000 from major funders for the re-development of the playground in Aberlour and other upgrades throughout the park, which will include certain long term sustainability costs. We will apply to the grant-making bodies who our research and contacts have determined support these kinds of projects.

Underlying expenses for the basic maintenance of the park are modest, on the order of £5000 per year, and expenses for managing Victoria Bridge are around £1500. We can seek funding for these costs from many sources, including financial sponsorships from our local corporate neighbours, and they can be further offset by volunteer work by local groups or individuals, in-kind donations, discounts from local suppliers and tradespeople, or creative new sources of engagement online such as crowdfunding.

3) COMMUNITY BENEFITS

a) Fixing what's broken

Renovation of Alice Littler Park has three key components:

- The playpark
- The rest of the park
- Victoria Bridge

i) The playpark

The playpark is our initial focus. PlayAberlour has done extensive research, made contact with many equipment providers, and seen an incredible array of ideas that will bring fun and fitness for all.

Our new playpark will be a thrill for toddlers and older kids, and as inclusive as possible for people of all ages and physical abilities. It will have a mix of replacements for the obsolete or missing equipment, other traditional items, and brilliant new amenities—new play equipment that reaches all age groups and abilities. Not just a traditional playpark, but something for everyone including a fitness gym, musical and sensory equipment, and potentially even sand and water play.

As a very high priority, the community identified the need for a fence to keep young children away from the river and to keep unleashed dogs out of the play area. We will look into the much-requested option of creating a separate doggy play area.

The addition of appropriate seating, tables and shelter will further broaden the appeal of the facility. All new equipment, furniture, landscaping, etc., will be selected to fit attractively in the Speyside setting and be made from suitable materials.

ii) **The rest of the park**

The people of Aberlour clearly expressed they want Alice Littler Park to be cleaned, tidied and made as inclusive as possible, while preserving the things everyone loves. We will see to the pathways, surfaces, furniture, grassy areas, trees, landscaping, signage and more throughout the park.

Materials, colours, finishes, details and other visible aspects will be kept calm and modest in respect of the spectacular setting. Our magnificent trees will be inspected and attended to, making sure they stay healthy and green for decades to come. PlayAberlour members who are already involved with the village flowers are ready to sow lively seasonal colour. We will repair or replace any memorial benches needing attention.

We will work hard to turn our putting green back into the fun and photogenic showpiece we all remember. The patchy sand-covered area near the recent drainage project will be transformed into an attraction for games like boules and petanque. Our traditional Highland games ground will be preserved and protected.

We have a unique opportunity to add a further historical overlay to Alice Littler Park—a tribute to the Strathspey Railway line, which operated through the park until 1965. This rich theme offers a family-friendly connection to a fascinating part of our heritage, complementing the familiar Speyside "whisky and fishing" story. Working closely with our local historians and naturalists, we can create displays to show how all these themes come together in Aberlour, plus ask equipment providers to include thoughtful rail-related elements into the play areas, and look for more good opportunities to embellish the story. It all ties in perfectly with the educational exhibits in our award-winning Speyside Visitor Centre, and will bring friendly faces—both familiar and new—into the Old Station Tearoom and throughout the village.

We know we can count on all members of the community to come up with more great ideas for their park. They already have. And when decisions need to be made, or a new opportunity arises, we absolutely commit to asking for their input and approval.

iii) **Saving Victoria Bridge**

The bridge is owned by a private charity, Victoria Bridge Aberlour Limited, which is in the process of winding up its affairs. Typically, an asset like this would need to be disposed of before the charity can dissolve, but no organisation has stepped forward to take over responsibility. PlayAberlour will.

Only three other possible organisations have been identified for this role:

- Moray Council, which is not in a financial position to do so. The fact that the bridge is part of the Moray Core Path network was not indicated to be a sufficient basis for the Council to take it over.
- Aberlour Community Association, the Chair of which, we are told, the Chair has repeatedly declined to consider the matter.
- Crown Estate, which, when queried, stated they would not take over an asset of this type.

The stages of abandonment of the bridge are troubling in the extreme. It is our understanding there has been no insurance on the bridge since November 2018. With no insurance, the bridge should probably already be chained off, or at a minimum display signage stating “pass at your own risk”.

While a relatively recent inspection has been done, it is our understanding that neither further inspections nor regular maintenance are now scheduled or planned. The nature of a complex structure like this is that regular minor maintenance is needed to avoid major expenses that can come very quickly down the road.

The basic annual costs of the bridge are not dramatic, only on the order of £1500 to £2000 per year. These expenses have been covered by private donations over the years. PlayAberlour has received assurance from a group of these donors they will continue for several years more in order to help us get off to a good start. However, as none of the current donors are residents of Aberlour, it is their feeling it is high time for the village to take over this responsibility. We agree.

The bridge needs a responsible party immediately to manage insurance, inspections and maintenance. PlayAberlour will take this responsibility on behalf of the village, folding these tasks into management of the park, **if, and only if**, it is awarded Alice Littler Park.

b) Key benefits to the community

i) Economic development, regeneration & social wellbeing benefits

Investment in the park will directly improve the quality of life in our community. High quality parks and recreation play a pivotal role in attracting and retaining businesses, influencing business expansion decisions, and attracting new residents to the community. Aberlour’s lovely rural location, Speyside Way, famous fishing and whisky attractions, nearby castles and historic sites, plus excellent food options, contribute to its appeal for tourists and locals alike. Along with our excellent schools, community centre, care home, medical practice, high street businesses, a mix of tidy existing and new housing, and long-standing international companies already located here, only our neglected and forlorn park is out of place.

The missing piece is the existence of a park with fine recreation facilities for people of all ages and abilities, including a play and sports areas, fitness equipment and inclusive facilities. ~~Having a first-class park will shine a bright spotlight on Aberlour.~~ Economic development organisations of all kinds will focus on our improved park to showcase and promote the area.

ii) Public health & environmental wellbeing benefits

Parks, outdoor recreation and time spent in nature benefit people of all ages, abilities, and states of health, in ways that are well known and important to all of us.

The design will encourage multi-generation play, fitness, recreation and relaxation. Thoughtfully selected equipment can make it possible for grandparents to play and be active **with** their grandchildren, not just watch. Fitness equipment located near play equipment can make it possible for teens and adults to get a workout while keeping a close eye on young children.

For children especially, play and outdoor recreation bring a wide array of health and developmental benefits. Green grass, trees to sit under and exciting play equipment all

contribute so much to the health of our children. A great park that includes a beautiful environment plus appropriate equipment for people of all ages and abilities will have huge benefits for the health and environmental wellbeing of our community.

4) COMMUNITY SUPPORT

a) Planning for Real and the Aberlour Community Action Plan

Over the winter and spring of 2016, a working group of seven community members plus many other volunteers took the **Planning for Real** process forward in Aberlour. The centerpiece was a dramatic, 12-foot-long, 1:300 scale 3D map of the community used to gather comments—in the form of small flags on toothpicks—from as many people as possible. The working group also carried out a buildings survey, designed, delivered leaflets and posters, undertook a services audit, promoted the process locally through newspaper articles and Facebook. The peak of the activity took place at the launch event and "map visits" before culminating in the Prioritisation Event in mid-June.

The community was consulted extensively, starting with a public Launch Event which over 150 local residents attended, and then map visits with an array of local organisations:

- BALL (Be Active Life Long; older residents of Aberlour)
- Speyside High School pupils
- Messy Church
- Aberlour Parent and Toddler Group
- Walkers of Aberlour (the village's major employer)
- Aberlour Primary School parents and pupils
- Aberlour & Speyside Rotary
- Aberlour Parish Church (during a well-attended visit by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland)
- About Aberlour (business group)
- ...and more
- Visitors to Aberlour had the opportunity to comment in the Speyside Visitor Centre for four days during the Whisky Festival.

2272 flags were used by the public to indicate their issues and priorities. **Over 1000 of the flags—nearly half—were for improvements and changes within the park.**

Every flag and comment made was entered onto a database, which was then analysed for themes and priorities. Top themes and priorities were taken forward to the Prioritisation Event on 11 June 2016 where they were discussed by the public and the relevant Moray Community Planning Partners and relevant agencies, including:

- Moray Council (various departments)
- NHS Grampian
- Police Scotland
- Rural Environmental Action Project (REAP)
- BEAR Scotland
- Alice Littler Trust
- (But, notably, **not** Aberlour Community Association, which had pulled out of the project at this point.)

Moray Council staff converted this data into the **Aberlour Community Action Plan** (attached) which summarised and indicated the priorities of the top wishes, with most of the recreation and park-related issues rated as "high" priority.

Out of 22 issues identified as "Top Priorities", 8 specifically mention Alice Littler Park and a 9th expresses interest in a skatepark:

- Dog poop scoop bins to be provided (Alice Littler Park)
- Dog mess problem (various locations, mainly Alice Littler Park)
- Do it UP! (Alice Littler Park play park / Park in general)
- Litterbins needed (mainly Alice Littler Park)
- Drainage / Flooding / Erosion (Alice Littler Park / Speyside Way / Riverbank)
- Skateboard / Rollerblade park (behind / adjacent to Cemetery)
- Adventure playground for age 6-12yrs (Alice Littler Park)
- Signposts to facilities and attractions (Alice Littler Park)
- Safety Fence / Rail / Barrier (mainly Alice Littler Park)

b) PlayAberlour Recreation Survey

In April 2018, PlayAberlour completed an extensive survey to confirm our analysis of the Action Plan. It was delivered through every mail slot in Aberlour and we received responses from almost 1/4 of village households—an amazing result.

Unsurprisingly, the survey results closely tracked the data that had been tabulated by Moray Council for the Action Plan. A copy of the survey, charts showing the results, and a public follow-up letter are attached. These results and reactions were used to develop the plan for the park and playpark described in this document and our CAT application.

c) Aberlour & Speyside Rotary

PlayAberlour has a close relationship with the Aberlour & Speyside Rotary Club (██████████ President; ██████████ Member), which strongly supports our plan and has agreed to help us in three important ways.

- i) As a long-established organisation with clubs across Scotland and around the world, Rotary has a vast network of expertise in community organizing, volunteerism, charity governance and many other areas essential to proper and efficient operation. We will be able to access these resources via local and regional connections.
- ii) The local club has an impressive track record of fundraising and community engagement. They have agreed to both joint-sponsor and help us put together our own events.
- iii) Respecting their many years of experience in charity operations, we have asked Rotary if they would consider providing a backup or shadow administrative function for PlayAberlour as we build our capabilities. We are very grateful they have agreed to do so.

d) Letters of support / patronage

- i) Commitment of patronage from a prominent local figure.
- ii) Commitments of support from political figures.
- iii) Letters of support from national charitable organisations and bodies in the areas of play and recreation.
- iv) Letters of support from many local businesses.

5) CAPACITY TO DELIVER

a) History and goals

PlayAberlour is a new organisation, purposely formed for the task of accepting responsibility for Alice Littler Park, including the redevelopment of its playpark, and the improvement and maintenance of its grounds, trees, paths and other assets.

The project is large, but manageable, and we have already taken several steps along the way. Generally, the process is as follows:

- Review input gained through the Planning for Real Process.
- Solicit further inputs and refinements from Members of PlayAberlour.
- Confirm the elements of the plan with the community.
- Develop the preliminary general plan, subject to ongoing refinement through consultation with the community.
- Apply for and obtain the park through Community Asset Transfer.
- Work with Moray Council Land and Parks Department to select an array of options for equipment, landscaping, etc.
- Consider additional equipment and amenities that may need to be obtained outwith Moray Council support.
- Determine final specific financial requirements.
- Undertake fundraising to meet the goals.
- Apply for permits and schedule construction.

PlayAberlour's outreach to the community has resulted in a great deal of interest. Our members are patiently waiting for the CAT awarding and their opportunity to help us get the real project underway. The PlayAberlour trustees have felt it unreasonable to ask people to put in substantial time and efforts whilst the park's status remains uncertain, and so we have limited our "ask" through this extended paperwork phase.

Even so, our Facebook page is very active, has over 200 friends, and our posts receive lively discussion and many likes. Readers may wish to have a look:
facebook.com/aberlourplayskate

Our leaders are highly qualified and experienced, and have demonstrated ability to conceive, execute and manage projects of this size and complexity.

b) The team – Our stories:

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6) FUNDING AND FINANCING

It is the intention of PlayAberlour to raise approximately £300,000 from major funders for the re-development of the playground in Aberlour plus other upgrades throughout Alice Littler Park, which includes certain long term sustainability costs.

PlayAberlour proposes the following in our initial plan:

- rebuild the children's and toddler play area;
- agility area for older kids;
- outdoor community gym;
- picnic gazebo, tables, and BBQs;
- upgraded paths, bins and benches;
- professional grass cutting;
- professional gardener and/or community volunteers regularly maintaining hedges, flower beds, sensory and sporting areas;
- insurance, inspections and minor routine maintenance on the playpark, park and bridge.

Future wider fundraising achievements identified as of interest to the community but NOT in the scope of this application include:

- skatepark;
- Changing Places inclusive accessible toilet and changing room;
- maintenance and possible modifications in the carpark, particularly with regard to community wishes around improving and/or limiting accommodation for visitors with caravans;
- non-routine maintenance of the play areas, equipment, park and bridge; and
- other benefits and amenities in accordance with the wishes and priorities of the community as indicated in the Aberlour Action Plan, PlayAberlour surveys, or other methods consistent with the principles of the National Standards for Community Engagement. .

PlayAberlour has obtained initial costs in order to facilitate the compilation of financial projection (see table attached). Most of these estimates were sourced from Scotland. During the next phase, quotes will be necessary and PlayAberlour will focus on quality and durability as well as location and cost.

It is proposed to raise the bulk of the money (over 50%) from a main grant from a major donor such as the Heritage Lottery Community Fund and meet the rest of the required costs with donations sourced from corporates, trusts and foundations, community fundraising and events. Statutory and third sector involvement may offer access to specific funds that will cover individual specialist costs.

Major donors and grant-making bodies

The main funding must come from a major donor or grant-making agency. Once this funder is on board, it will be much easier to secure support from other donors. PlayAberlour will approach Heritage Lottery or Big Lottery immediately upon awarding of the CAT.

Corporates

It is crucial to involve local businesses in the fundraising process. This can be accomplished by a mixture of corporate sponsorship and match funding, joint events and employee volunteering.

Corporates enjoy profile-raising, and such a prominent and visually compelling site as Alice Littler Park provides extensive opportunities for highly positive public relations materials. For a semi-rural area, Speyside has a rare abundance of high-visibility Corporates, all of which are ideal partners for PlayAberlour. Among the distilleries, Aberlour (Pernod Ricard) and Macallan (Edrington) are within sight of the park, while several more would benefit from improvements to the local recreational infrastructure, both for visitors and employees.

Any larger companies in the immediate area would have a similar interest in improvements at the park, including: Speyside Cooperage, Glenfiddich, Walkers, McPhersons and others. Grocery and other big-box chains are known for contributing to local environmental and social benefit projects, as Co-op and Tesco have done in Aberlour. Regional companies large and small that benefit from tourist visits will be given opportunities to become involved, whether they are as widely known as Johnston's of Elgin, involved with tourism directly such as hotels and restaurants in the area, or the businesses on Aberlour's high street. Many local businesses have already pledged support and some have offered to quote work at a reduced rate or as a donation.

Trusts and foundations

Significant amounts of funding can be secured from local and national trusts or foundations. These resources are usually identified through a search of their funding criteria and priorities and then an application process. From our research, it is plain that funders are very interested in supporting parks and outdoor recreation.

Among the many we have found with specifically complementary goals, our highest priority to approach include: The Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation, SITA Trust, FCC Scottish Action Fund, Co-op Membership Community Fund, Hunter Foundation, Bond, Chrysalis Trust, Wood Foundation, Money for Moray, Robertson Trust, Gannochy Trust, Carnegie Trust, Esme Fairburn Trust, Albert Hunt Trust, Foundation Scotland, Clothworkers Foundation, Canni wi'Cash, WM Mann Foundation, Whirlwind Charitable Trust, STV, Anton Jurgens, Henry Smith, Children in Need, Weir Charitable Trust (potential funder for accessible toilets), Berry Burn Wind Farm Community Fund, Paul's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund, SSE Community Funds, Cattanach Charitable Trust, etc.

Community events and involvement

Direct support by and from the users of the park will be sought for things like seasonal cleanups, unforeseen costs, or items that are essential but not likely to be of interest to outside sponsors (dog waste bins, for example). It is a primary way of ensuring community engagement and awareness, and PlayAberlour will depend on community support throughout the project.

Moray Council has already made an invaluable contribution by inspiring the people of Aberlour with the Planning for Real process. Our local Aberlour Primary School and Speyside High School will be welcome to hold events in the park, and we will work with them to find creative ways for those events to be able to help raise funds and awareness. We would encourage students, seniors, or any other interested group to carry out projects such as clearing litter, gardening, educational, or other environmental activities and duties, and we would nominate outstanding efforts for Duke of Edinburgh or John Muir awards.

Other SCIOs and charitable organisations

We will reach out and build bridges to garner support, advice and, where appropriate, funds from other charitable organisations regionally and/or close to our interests. Locally, the Aberlour Strathspey Highland Games, Aberlour & Speyside Rotary and Friends of Craigellachie Bridge are natural connections, as are all the seniors, church, sports and others community groups who will benefit from the improved park and play area. The knowledge of specialised SCIOs such as

Changing Places will be key to providing advice and contacts for future accessible toilets/changing room design and funding. We have had contact with charitable organisations similar to PlayAberlour who have re-developed their own parks successfully. Despite their current curious opposition to PlayAberlour and the community's plainly expressed wishes in the Aberlour Action Plan, we have not given up on the Aberlour Community Association, who nonetheless remain a possible future partner.

Crowdfunding, pledges and legacy

These other sources of funding usually provide smaller amounts but can add up significantly. We can encourage the community to form a "Friends of Alice Littler Park" membership club, which generates income through fees or subscriptions, and offer naming rights for a bench, tree or other amenity. Legacy funding or inheritance pledges are a more sensitive topic to be approached with thought and care, but local inhabitants may want to leave some money for the benefit of Alice Littler Park. Residents of Aberlour and users of the park should be given the opportunity to be involved in a variety of different ways and at all stages of the project.

Persons interested in securing the future of Aberlour's Victoria Bridge have pledged several years of support for its insurance and maintenance. Two donors have each offered to cover half of the cost of several years of grass cutting in the park. A professional landscape architect has pledged to assist with evaluating condition of the greens, plantings and trees, and advise on low-maintenance grounds-keeping. These donors wish to remain anonymous at this time.

User fees

People have suggested looking into some kind of fee for certain uses of the parking area. Caravan usage in particular has been pointed out as potentially being appropriate for consideration of a fee. We will also look into the possibility of a fee for certain private uses of park areas, such as parties, weddings or other events. These would require consultation with the community to see if there are options people find acceptable.

Patronage / significant support

We have received a commitment for patronage from a significant local figurehead, pending our obtaining the park. Going forward, this person's letters of support and the presence of their name on applications will add visibility to our cause. Our patron could host events such as charity dinner parties and invite important contacts, who could become donors. We will seek and welcome the support of other high-profile individuals who can champion our cause, donate time, grace marketing materials and make our events more widely known, encouraging community participation and the attention of the press.

Summary

PlayAberlour will be approaching the organisations and people mentioned above, and more, to fund our re-development of the playpark and an overall upgrade of Alice Littler Park. We would like to secure the majority of the funding in 2020-21 to be able to commence work in 2021-22. A team of volunteers and professionals will form a fundraising subcommittee led by the Treasurer of PlayAberlour who has professional experience in fundraising. The subcommittee will include all Trustees and form a core of members with the interest and proven capability for success.

7) OPERATIONS, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Principles

PlayAberlour is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and must operate under the strict rules of that status. It is run by its volunteer officers, listed above. We will draw on our own extensive, wide-ranging experience and that of our contacts, members, and the surrounding community to choose sustainable management policies.

Where practical, PlayAberlour will utilize the National Standards for Community Engagement to determine the true wishes of the entire community. While it is impossible to consult in detail on every aspect, and as a matter of efficiency or timing we will need to make ongoing decisions at both small and large scales, we pledge to remain vigilant against presuming that "we know better", and will take great care to avoid considering ourselves to possess any kind of privileged or elite status.

We will never forget that Alice Littler Park does not belong to PlayAberlour. It is the community's park which we will hold in the community's trust, and the funds that will go to its renovation and operation are the community's resources.

Procurement and financial management

Preferentially, goods and services will be sourced as close to Aberlour as possible, in an expanding circle within Speyside, Moray, the North East, and Scotland. We will follow best procurement and financial practices as recommended by relevant sources, and particularly wish to emphasize we will strictly adhere to rules regarding trustee conflict of financial interest.

Health and safety

Reasonable effort will be made to assure all projects and activities comply with applicable health and safety rules.

Equality and diversity

PlayAberlour is 100% committed to equality of access to recreation, opportunity and benefit for all. We will make every reasonable effort to create an environment—both in the park and throughout our organisation—respectful and supportive of the diversity and equality of the users of Alice Littler Park and Victoria Bridge, the staff, members and supporters of PlayAberlour, and our partners, colleagues, suppliers and others. When appropriate, a separate equality and diversity plan will be prepared.

Sustainability

A healthy natural environment is central to the enjoyment of outdoor recreation. PlayAberlour will always consider the protection and preservation of Alice Littler Park's plants, animals and landscapes, with special care for the adjacent River Spey. Extra attention will be given to the immediate environment during active construction phases.

Risk

A project and asset of this size and complexity carries many accompanying risks. Mitigation and control measures are always dependent on thoughtful planning and sound execution. We have reviewed risk assessments done by similar projects and we are aware detailed plans will need to be drawn in many of these areas. In brief, the following risk situations will be kept firmly in mind:

Financial – unexpected expenses; insufficient fundraising or income

Governance – organizational breakdown or inadequacy; insufficient community support

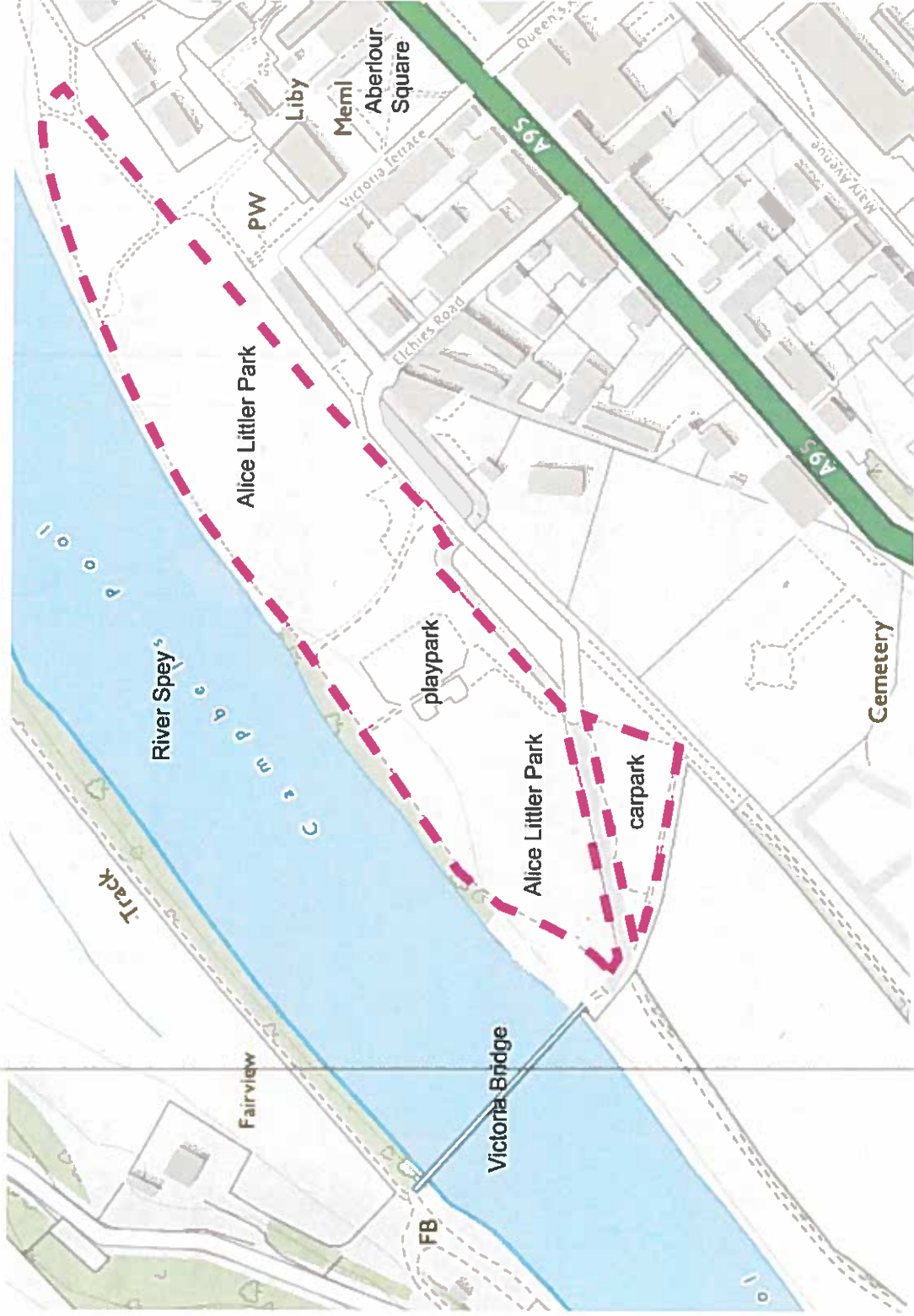
Operations – lack of skills; loss of institutional knowledge; loss of key individuals

Timeframes – delayed funding; delayed permissions; availability of tradespeople
Health and safety – physical injury on play equipment; other physical injury; infection
Damage – flood or other natural impact; wear and tear; vandalism

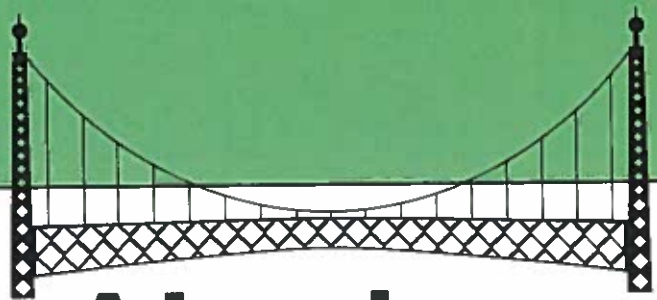
8) ATTACHMENTS

- a) Map
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Alice Littler Park, Aberlour



— Approximate park boundary



Aberlour

community action plan



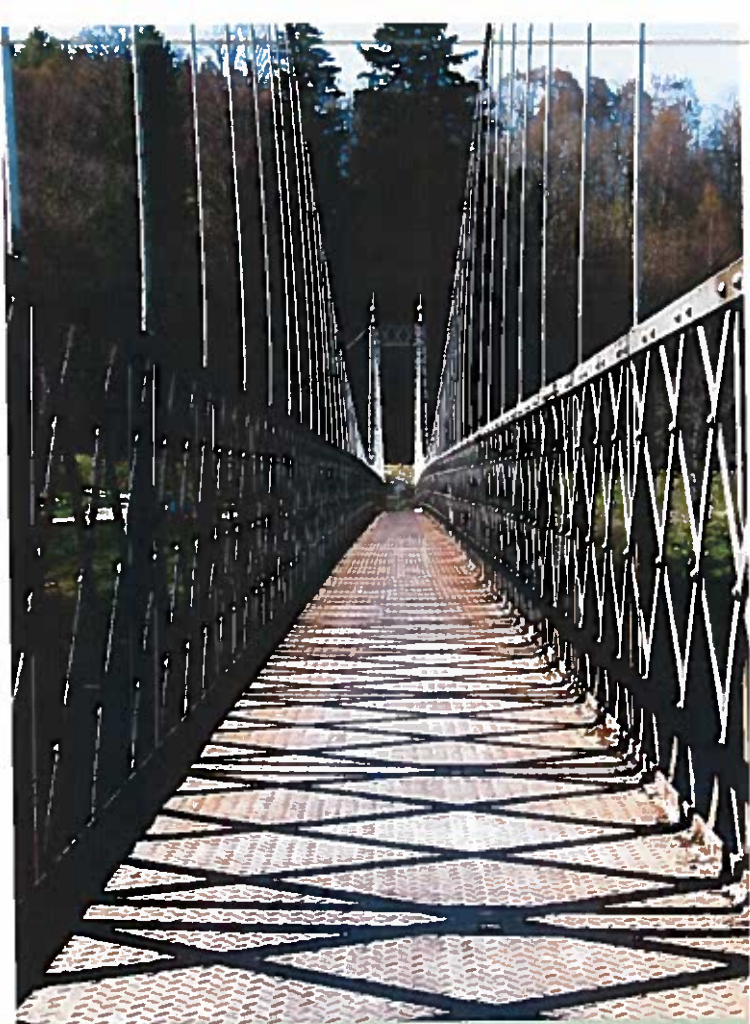
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Introduction

This Community Action Plan has been produced by and for the community of Aberlour with the assistance of The Moray Council, Community Support Unit, Moray Health & Social Care Partnership, numerous local individuals and organisations, using the Planning for Real® methodology (www.planningforreal.org.uk/what-is-pfr/).



Why we got involved

feedback from the Planning for Real Working Group who are ALL local residents of Aberlour

I wanted to ensure Aberlour grows in the right direction and continues to improve and enhance its fabulous assets and is a place our family, friends and neighbours as well as visitors are proud of.

I went to the first meeting to see if Aberlour Planning for Real was a publicity stunt or something good for Aberlour.

Planning For Real offered a great chance for me to work closely with people from Aberlour and see first-hand their amazing local knowledge and talent. The process has given me new enthusiasm for my role and I'm confident that other communities in Moray could learn so much from Aberlour.

I joined the planning for REAL as I enjoy working with the community and wanted to enhance the facilities that we have in the village

Planning for Real is a unique opportunity for everyone in a community to get together and discuss their hopes and aspirations for the community.

I think that Planning for Real in Aberlour will deliver great results in the months and years to come. I'm looking forward to reviewing how much we have achieved and perhaps repeating the process.

Planning for Real is so much more than "where should we build some houses". It is about building bridges between old and young, and all parts of the community, and getting us all working together on practical projects that benefit us all now and hopefully for generations to come.

I got involved with planning for real as I thought it would be a good opportunity to speak to people I hadn't spoken to much before. I also got involved as it sounded like an enjoyable project that would help me to improve on and learn new skills.

How we did it!

A working group of 7 community members took forward the Planning for Real® process in Aberlour. We spent 14 weeks creating a 3D map of their community along with many volunteers who dropped in during the map making bi-weekly sessions. The sessions were held on a Wednesday evening and Thursday morning and included a visit from Aberlour Nursery.

The working group also carried out a buildings survey, designed, delivered leaflets and posters, undertook a services audit, promoted the process locally through newspaper articles and Facebook. The peak of the activity took place at the launch event and with the map visits – all 11 of them before culminating in the Prioritisation Event in mid-June.



Who we consulted with the map and flags:

- Launch Event which was open to the general public which over 150 local residents attended
- BALL group (Be Active Life Long) older residents of Aberlour invited to contribute their views
- Speyside High School pupils came along to a map visit during a lunchtime session
- Messy Church had their say
- Aberlour Parent & Toddler Group took the opportunity to have their say
- Walkers of Aberlour took up the offer of a map visit in one of the staff break out areas
- Parents of Aberlour Primary School pupils had their say on parents evening
- The members of Aberlour Rotary Club came along for a viewing and gave their views
- Visitors to Aberlour had the opportunity to comment during a 4 day visit to the Speyside Visitor Centre during the Whisky Festival
- Members of Aberlour Parish Church had their say during a visit by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland
- The map was visited a meeting of About Aberlour for comments from local business

How Aberlour got to this point – A brief history

The full name of the town is Charlestown of Aberlour. It is situated 15 miles south of Elgin on the A95. Aberlour takes its name from the Lour burn which is bridged by the main street at the south end of the town next to the Aberlour Distillery. Aberlour is in the Speyside Glenlivet Ward for local government, the Moray constituency for the Scottish Parliament, and the Moray constituency for the UK Parliament.

The local history of the area is potted with historical references of note including the first mention of "Aberlaure" being made in 618AD.

The first mention of the Church of Aberlour which was gifted to the Cathedral of Moray by the family of De Moravia – in a deed of concession by the Bishop of Andrew in 1226

Bonnie Prince Charlie crosses the River Spey at Milford on his way to Culloden – he camps for the night at Tom-na-Brack (Tombreck) in 1745. During the Industrial Revolution Charlestown of Aberlour is created with 100 x 2 acre feus in 1812, the land donated by Charles Grant of Wester Elchies. The Parish Church is also built with the road bridge over Lour Burn following in

1815. The railway arrives from the East in 1863 and a new school and orphanage follow. The founding of the Aberlour Distillery in 1879 is followed by the Fleming Hall in 1889. Aberlour soon has a basic sewage system, a public water supply and Joseph Walker relocates the business from Torphins in 1912.

Aberlour has a long history of community involvement in the development of recreational and leisure activities with the formation of Aberlour Villa Football Club in 1923.

Within living memory Aberlour continued to mark its place in both industrial and community involvement with Walkers Shortbread Ltd opening the first factory at Fisherton for shortbread production in 1978 and the opening of The Alice Littler followed by the construction of the Suspension Bridge over the burn, replacing the former railway bridge a few years later.

Industry again progresses when Aberlour Distillery start bottling its own Single Malt in 1986 and the Aberlour Community Association take on management of the Fleming Hall with 25 year Lease from The Moray Council in 2001.



What did you say about Aberlour? – The themes and priorities identified by you

As a result of the map visits and the Launch event a total of 2272 flags were used by the public to indicate their issues and priorities. Every flag and comment made was entered onto a database. The database was then analysed for themes and priorities. The top five themes and priorities for Aberlour are listed below.

For each theme identified, the top four or five priorities were taken forward to the prioritisation event on the 11th June 2016 where they were then discussed by the public and the relevant Moray Community Planning Partners and relevant agencies.

The 5 main themes (and top priorities) identified were:

Theme 1: Traffic, Transport & Access

Total 664 flags

Light controlled / zebra crossing / Pelican crossing

Location High Street

Traffic to be slowed down / One way system introduced

Location Mary Avenue

Road surface to be improved / Grit box / Ice hazards

Location Mary Avenue

Bus service to be improved

Additional parking required

Location off High Street

Theme 2: Environment & Sustainability

Total 514 flags

Dog poop scoop bins to be provided

Location Alice Littler Park

Dog mess problem

Location Various locations, mainly Alice Littler Park

Do it up

Location Alice Littler Park play park / Park in general

Litterbins needed

Location Mainly Alice Littler Park

Drainage / Flooding / Erosion

Location Alice Littler Park / Speyside Way / Riverbank

Theme 3: Leisure & Tourism

Total 449 flags

Opening Hours at Swimming Pool, Community Centre, Gym

Location Speyside Community Centre

Skateboard / Rollerblade park

Location behind / adjacent to Cemetery

Adventure playground for age 6-12yrs

Location Alice Littler Park

Signposts to facilities and attractions

Location Alice Littler Park

School clubs (after hours)

Location Primary School / Fleming Hall



Theme 4: Facilities & Services

Total 278 flags

Youth club

Shops / Restaurants – local

Location High Street

Farmers market

Location Christmas Market/Farmers The Square

Disabled Access / Toilets /Facilities

Location Scout Hall

Community notice board

Location Local info visitors and locals various locations

NHS dentist

Location Aberlour/Stephen Hospital

Theme 5: Crime & Safety

Total 187 flags

Safety Fence / Rail / Barrier

Location mainly Alice Littler Park

Speeding/Dangerous driving

Location High Street / A95

Police – more foot patrols needed / station

Location Aberlour

On the 11th June at the Prioritisation Event held in the Fleming Hall these themes with their priorities were discussed by the public and the relevant Moray Community Planning Partners and other agencies.

Attending Moray Community Planning Partners:

- Moray Council (various departments)
- NHS Grampian
- Police Scotland

Other agencies:

- Rural Environmental Action Project (REAP)
- BEAR Scotland
- Alice Littler Trust



Prioritisation Event Results

Issue	Priority	Timescale	What needs to happen?	Who takes this forward?	Potential Partners
Traffic, Transport & Access – Priority 1					
Controlled road crossing on High Street	High	Long (36 month plus)	Road Crossing be installed Lobby MP/MSPs Transport Scotland identify budget Lobby Government Ministers Request road survey (every 15 mins over 24 hours) Share P4R results with Transport Scotland Raise Profile Involve local/ national media	Research and evidence Working in Partnership Help and advice Creating a short life working group	Aberlour Community Association Local Parent Councils BEAR Scotland The Moray Council NHS Police Scotland Senior Citizen Group Transport Scotland
Traffic, Transport & Access – Priority 2					
Slow down traffic / one way on Mary Ave	High	Medium (24 months)	Speed surveys Dialogue with Community Safety Partnership (Budget) Road Traffic Order (?)	Working in Partnership	Safety Camera Partnership Haulage Association Under remit of short life working group (Priority 1)
Traffic, Transport & Access – Priority 3					
Road surface to be improved (pot holes)	Medium	Ongoing	Establish the level of TMC priorities Education regarding reporting Poster campaign	A bit of training and advice	Roads Department (TMC) Aberlour Community Association
Traffic, Transport & Access – Priority 4					
Grit bins to be provided	High	Short (4 months)	Request grit bins Establish ownership Lobby owners	Land owners	Aberlour Community Association
Improved road surface (Bank / Co-op)	Medium	Unknown	Identify local sites suitable		
Traffic, Transport & Access – Priority 5					
Improve bus service					
Timed out					

Issue	Priority	Timescale	What needs to happen?	Who takes this forward?	Potential Partners
Environment & Sustainability – Priority 1, 2 & 4					
Lack of dog bins Dog mess Lack of litter bins	High	Short (periodically)	Public awareness (any bin, bye laws, how to report, £ fine) Better signage Identify relevant areas for siting bins Enforcement required Education of owners Right locations	A bit of advice and guidance In partnership	Aberlour Primary School Community wardens Animal Welfare Team (TMC) Local business (Vet Practices)
Environment & Sustainability – Priority 3					
Do it UPI – Alice Littler Park / Play Park	High	Medium – Long	Drainage issues fixed Park redesigned New play surfaces A park for everyone	A lot of funding Help/advice Permission Maintenance Community support	Alice Littler Trust Community Association Parent/Toddlers group Pensioners Club Disability Forum
Environment & Sustainability – Priority 5					
Drainage / Flooding / Erosion	Medium	Medium – Long	BEAR Scotland & Scottish Water take responsibility for issues with drainage / flooding Redesign of Park Removal of bark from Play Park Research/ Evidence gathering	Help & Advice A lot of funding	BEAR Scotland Scottish Water Land & Parks (TMC) Alice Littler Trust



Issue	Priority	Timescale	What needs to happen?	Who takes this forward?	Potential Partners
Leisure & Tourism – Priority 1					
Swimming Pool and Community Centre Sunday Opening	High	Short (Jan – March 17)	Research/evidence from community Report to Cllrs with community request Trial period of 3 months (if approved) Report back to Cllrs with findings	Help and advice on evidence gathering Working in partnership Creating a short life working group	Community Schools NHS Local organisations
Leisure & Tourism – Priority 2					
Sign posts to facilities / attractions	Medium	Medium	Visitor research Identify relevant attractions Identify relevant sites Legislation/permission Funding	Advice and help Permissions from land owners A bit of funding and good will	Speyside Visitor Centre Community support Unit (TMC) About Aberlour
Leisure & Tourism – Priority 3					
Skate board and Roller blade Park	Low	Long	Identify interested parties Identify suitable site A lot of funding	A lot of funding In partnership Help and advice	Dirt Track Group Individuals Landowners
Leisure & Tourism – Priority 4					
6-12 Adventure Playground	High	Medium – Long	Discuss concept Permission Funding Research and design	Funding/sponsors Help and advice Partnership project Sponsorship	Alice Littler Trust Community Aberlour Primary School Businesses



Issue	Priority	Timescale	What needs to happen?	Who takes this forward?	Potential Partners
Facilities & Services – Priority 1					
Youth Club and specialist businesses	Low	Short (6 months)	Identify relevant premises Attract businesses Establish relevant help and support available	Help and advice	About Aberlour
	Medium	Short (6 months)	Identify, train and support volunteers	Help and advice	Rotary Club Early Intervention Team (TMC) Speyside Youth Ltd
Facilities & Services – Priority 2					
Markets: Christmas Farmers	Medium	Medium (18 months)	Various research to be undertaken Licences and permissions Identify suitable location	Testing the water Combine as part of other activities i.e. Whisky Festival	About Aberlour REAP Fairtrade Group
Facilities & Services – Priority 3					
Scout Hall	Medium	Short – Long	Upgrade of the facility Active committee Additional use to be identified	Contact other scouting groups	Aberlour Scout Group Community
Facilities & Services – Priority 4					
Community Noticeboard for visitors and locals	Medium – High	Short (12 months)	Aberlour Community Association looking at short term fix Use alternative media	No additional help or support	About Aberlour Aberlour Community Association Transport Scotland 3rd Sector St. Margaret's Church
Facilities & Services – Priority 5					
NHS Dentist	High	Short (3 months)	National Change Identify premises/ commission Lobby MP/MSPs Approach current dental providers Expansion of service	Establish Speyside need	About Aberlour

Issue	Priority	Timescale	What needs to happen?	Who takes this forward?	Potential Partners
Crime & Safety – Priority 1					
Safety fence, rail or barrier	High	Medium (18 months plus)	Consent Permission Research Planning? Design/consultation Funding Installation Maintenance	Help and advice A bit of funding	Environmental Services (TMC) Aberlour Community Association Alice Littler Trust Community
Crime & Safety – Priority 2					
Police Foot patrols	Low	Ongoing	Focussed presence at appropriate times Education regarding reporting	Partners need to take this forward	Community Wardens (TMC) Speyside High (litter issue)



What services are currently available in Aberlour?

Below is a list of the community amenities available in Aberlour at the time the public were posting their flags in the map of Aberlour. They have been listed so that if a need for a service has been raised, but it is already available, the volunteers taking “Planning for Real” forward know that more publicity and awareness is needed.

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Location	Services available	Times
Aberlour Medical Centre	General Practitioner Services Community Nursing Primary Care Services	Monday – Friday 08.00 – 18.00 Consulting times 08.40 – 12.40 14.00 – 17.20
Aberlour Primary School	Eco School Active School Parent Council 2-3 Group Nursery Aberlour & Craigellachie Preschool Nursery	School Teaching Day: 8.55am – 3.05pm Monday to Thursday 12.45-14.45 Monday to Friday 8.50-12.00 Monday to Friday 07.30-08.45 14.50 – 18.00 3-5 yrs: Weekdays 9-11.30am 2-3 yrs: Tues/Wed/Thurs 1pm – 2.45pm
Speyside High School	Active School Eco School	School Teaching Day 8.40 – 3.20pm
Speyside Community Centre (shared site with Speyside High School)	Swimming Pool Fitness Suite (Gym) Climbing wall Junior Football Sports Hall Astro turf Bowling Club TaekwonDo Metafit Archery Badminton Aberlour Jog Scotland Private Hires	See Community Centre leaflet or moray.gov.uk search for Speyside Community Centre Timetable
Recycling Centre, Elchies Lane, past the Mash Tun Bar, towards the foot bridge and car park.	Cans Glass Plastic Paper & Cardboard Textiles	
Aberlour Parish Church	Sunday Services Prayer & Coffee Bible Study Messy Church Church of Scotland Guild	Craigellachie Parish Church 9.45am Aberlour Parish Church 11.15am Wednesday, 10.00am
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church	Sunday Services	Sunday 10am
The Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church	Vigil	

Location	Services available	Times
The Scout Hall	Cubs Scouts Beavers Explorers	Monday 6.30 - 8pm Monday 6.30 – 8.30pm Tuesday 5.30 – 6.30pm Friday 7-9pm
Aberlour Tennis Club	Ladies Tennis Club Nights	Wednesday 10.00 – 11.30am Mondays & Fridays 6pm to dark
Aberlour Bowling Club		Daily Seasonal, end of April to end of September
Old Station Tearoom	Drinks and home-baking by local volunteers, raising funds for the Aberlour Community Association.	Seasonal, June to end of September Daily 10.00 – 12.00 & 2.00- 4.30 Sunday 2-4.30pm
Speyside Visitor Centre (adjacent to the Old Station Tea Room)	Visitor Information Centre run by local volunteers	Seasonal, April to end of September 10.00 – 5.00pm, 7 days a week
The Aberlour Hotel	The Rotary Club of Aberlour & Speyside	Tuesday 7pm
Fleming Hall	Be Active Life Long Group (BALL) Active Start (pre 5yrs) Aberlour Pipe Band Pilates Highland Dancing Senior Citizens Toddler Group Exercise Group Pilates Group	Monday 10.00 – 12.00 midday 1.30 – 2.30pm 7.00 – 9.00pm Tuesday 9.30 – 10.30am 2.45 – 5.30pm 1st Tuesday of month Wednesday 9.30 – 12 5.30 – 8.45pm Friday 9.30 – 10.30





Aberlour Now

Celebrations for the Bi-centenary took place in 2012 along with the formation of the Aberlour Community and District Pipe Band the previous year and in 2015 Moray Council agree in principle to the Community Asset Transfer for Old Station Building to Aberlour Community Association.

Overall Aberlour's population is growing and it has a higher percentage of older people in comparison with the rest of Moray with the population growing by 24% in the ten years between the 2001 and 2011 censuses.

Aberlour also has a high percentage of older people living alone. 35% of households have only members who are over 65 years old. With more older-people public expenditure to support Aberlour will increase into the future.

71% of homes in Aberlour are owner occupied which is more than Moray (66%) and which, in turn, is more than Scotland (62%). 15% of homes are social-lets which are well below Moray and National levels. 12% are private-lets which is similar to both Moray and Scotland.

A positive note for Aberlour is that there is low unemployment unfortunately many of the jobs are low-skill jobs with 36% of residents have no formal qualifications and this is shown in that many school leavers opt for employment rather than continue their education although the attainment of Aberlour pupils is much better than the Moray average but fewer continue their education and go on to university.

Health statistics for Aberlour show a high prevalence of smoking, hypertension, obesity, diabetes, hypothyroidism and cancer to be the main causes of ill health.

Planning Objectives for Aberlour

This page lists all the planning guidelines as identified in the Local development Plan for Aberlour which are also indicated in the map on the next page. Planning Objectives are reviewed every couple of years to ensure consistency with current needs and policies.

Hierarchy Status / Objectives / Issues

Aberlour is a third tier settlement* and an important centre for Speyside

Aberlour has been identified for growth given its strategic role locally (secondary school; employment; trunk road). The lie of the land restricts options for development land and a shortage of land for employment purposes.

Infrastructure

Water and Drainage

Developers are advised to contact Scottish Water to confirm that there is sufficient drainage capacity and water supply available to accommodate proposals.

Roads

A number of potential roads improvements have been identified.

Layout and Design

High quality design and layouts in any new development is an important aspect for “placemaking”, in order to achieve an attractive and interesting living environment.

Housing (see map)

5 potential housing sites have been identified at:

R1 Chivas Field for 30 houses

R2: Braes of Allachie for 40 houses

R3: Tombain for 12 houses

R4: Speyview for 100 houses

Braes of Allachie (Phase 2) 5 for 50 houses

Opportunity Sites

OPP1 (see map) Mary Avenue

Industrial

Existing Industrial Sites

1. Aberlour

The existing industrial estate which accommodates McPherson’s transport depot and Walker’s Shortbread Factory is at capacity and cannot be reasonably expanded. A detailed Flood Risk Assessment will be required for any planning application.

2. Aberlour / Glenlivet Distillery Area

Reserved for the use of the distillery and related business uses.

3. Mary Avenue

No additional capacity for development.

4. Fisherton

New developments must respect the site’s sensitive location at the entrance to Aberlour and may be required to screen or landscape the frontage to the main road

Transportation Improvements (TSP)

A number of potential road improvements have been identified in association with the development of sites. In addition to individual site requirements, these take account of the cumulative impact on the road network.

Environment

The following sites are identified as open spaces which contribute to the environment and amenity of Aberlour. The over-riding policy E5 – Open Spaces applies to each of these sites.

See map for specific location of the following environmental designations

ENV1 Public Parks and Gardens Alice Littler Park

ENV2 Private Gardens or Grounds West Lynne

ENV3 Amenity Greenspace Field at St. Margaret’s church, Mary Avenue

ENV5 Sports Areas Speyside High School, Charlestown Bridge

Wider Environmental Designations for Aberlour

ENV6 Green Corridors/Natural/Semi Natural Greenspaces:

Linn Braes; Mary Avenue; Dowans Hotel; Braes of Allachie/School; Mary Avenue; Braes of Allachie; Woodlands; Braes of Allachie TPO and Tombain

ENV7 Civic Space The Square

ENV11 Cemeteries Cemetery

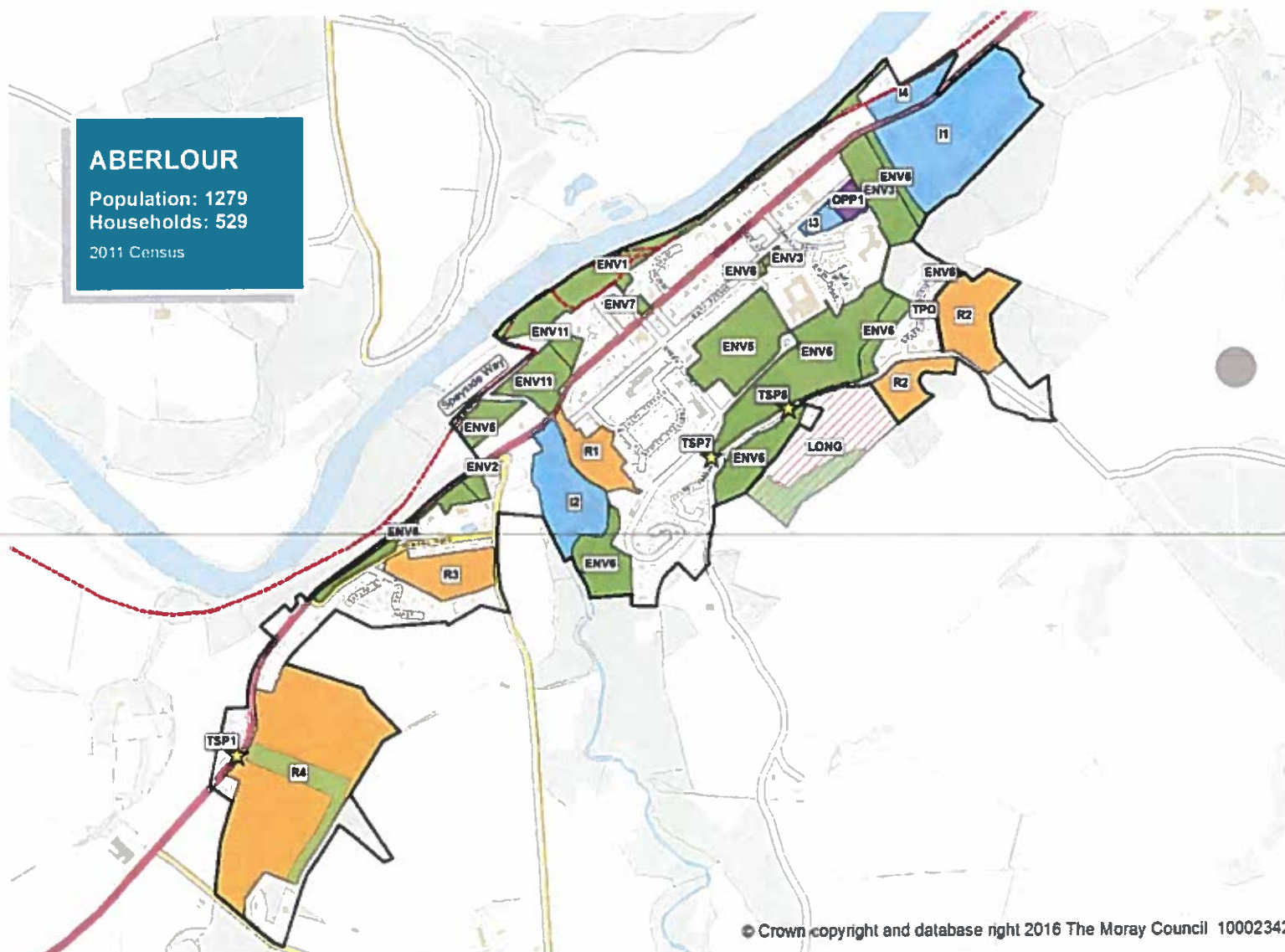
TPO Tree Preservation Order Braes of Allachie

AGLV: The whole area out with the town boundary, is designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value covering the Spey Valley

Speyside Way: The Speyside Way follows the line of the old railway through the town. New development which abuts the Speyside Way must not impair its attractiveness to walkers

SSSI: The River Spey is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest

SAC: The River Spey is a designated Special Area of Conservation



Where does the Aberlour Community Action Plan fit within Moray 2026?

What is Moray 2026?

Moray 2026 is the strategic document from The Moray Community Planning Partnership which is made up of:

- HIE Moray
- HITRANS
- Moray College UHI
- Moray Integration Joint Board
- NHS Grampian
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue
- Scottish Government
- Skills Development Scotland
- The Moray Council
- tsiMORAY

The community of Aberlour have identified priorities based on themes which align with Moray 2026.

The Partnership has identified 5 priorities which are:

Aberlour Community Action Plan

1. A growing, diverse and sustainable economy

1. Traffic, Transport access

2. Healthier Citizens

2. Environment & sustainability

3. Ambitious and confident young people

3. Leisure & Tourism

4. Adults living healthier, sustainable independent lives safe from harm

4. Facilities & Services

5. Safer communities

5. Crime & Safety



What happens next with Planning for Real?

The members of the Aberlour Planning for Real Working Group have agreed to facilitate the next stage of the process which is to bring together the potential partners identified by the community to take forward the issues identified. This will include keeping the public up to date with developments as projects progress particularly through Facebook (check out Aberlour Planning for Real fb page). Local groups, possibly new groups and Aberlour Community Association are likely to be looking for new members to help develop and deliver projects, this won't mean you have to become a trustee to get involved though.

The Working Group have also agreed to come together periodically to review the Community Action Plan and get the map back out in the future to identify further themes and priorities.

Members of the Working Group also facilitated a shared learning event with representatives from the communities of Lhanbryde and Portgordon who are looking to take forward Planning for Real in their communities.

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- Aberlour Primary – Lunchtime group
- Aberlour Scouts and Cubs



Your Notes







PlayAberlour



Aberlour Recreation Survey March 2018

PlayAberlour is a new local charity formed directly from last year's very successful Planning for Real process. The people of Aberlour clearly wished for Alice Littler Park to be improved and made accessible for all, and for places to be found for other kinds of recreational and social activities.

Members of the community have volunteered to help make these wishes come true, and now we're ready for more input from you on exactly how you want it. This survey is the first step as we work to re-design and re-create our community recreation facilities.

We are keen to hear from locals (and visitors too) about your highest hopes and dreams for play and fun in our village. Please pass this message along to your friends and family.

Survey online at **playaberlour.org**

If you would prefer to use a paper version, it is on the reverse of this flyer. Please return it to the Aberlour Library, **deadline March 15th**. For a large-print version, ask at the library.

Please consider joining PlayAberlour to receive regular updates on our progress.

Thank you for your participation!

PlayAberlour PlayAberlour SCIO SC047670

Our playpark needs help...



**Working together, we can
make our playpark great again!**

... barriers removed, a fence for safety, and more.



1. Email address

About yourself and how you use the park...

2. Age group (tick one)

- ☐ 0 to 5
- ☐ 6 to 12
- ☐ 13 to 18
- ☐ 19 to 24
- ☐ 25 to 44
- ☐ 45 to 64
- ☐ 65 +

3. Location (tick one)

- ☐ Aberlour
- ☐ Speyside (outwith Aberlour)
- ☐ Moray (outwith Speyside)
- ☐ Scotland (outwith Moray)
- ☐ UK (outwith Scotland)
- ☐ Europe (outwith UK)
- ☐ Earth (outwith Europe)

4. How often do you use Alice Littler Park (weather permitting)? (tick one)

- ☐ Almost every day
- ☐ A few times a week
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Rarely or never

5. If you answered "rarely or never" to the previous question and are willing to share the reason, please do:

6. Who do you go with? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Infant(s)
- ☐ Young child / children
- ☐ Teen or adult family / friends / visitors
- ☐ Dog(s) or other animals (cat? cockatoo? lizard? llama?)
- ☐ Alone
- ☐ Other:

7. What times of day do you go?

- (tick all that apply)
- ☐ Morning
 - ☐ Afternoon
 - ☐ Evening
 - ☐ Middle of the night

8. What seasons? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Spring
- ☐ Summer
- ☐ Autumn
- ☐ Winter

What you would like in the park...

The Planning for Real process identified a long list of things people were interested in. Please confirm the things you would like.

9. Play (tick all you'd like)

- ☐ Fenced play area with equipment for young children
- ☐ Play area and equipment for kids 6 to 12
- ☐ Equipment and furniture oriented to teens

☐ Sensory and musical features for all ages

- ☐ Sand and/or water play area
- ☐ Fix up the putting green
- ☐ Areas for boules / petanque / bocce and/or other sand / lawn games
- ☐ Other:

10. Fitness (tick all you'd like)

- ☐ Exercise equipment
- ☐ Exercise equipment specially designed for seniors
- ☐ Improved pathways
- ☐ Other:

11. Seating / shelter / amenities (tick all you'd like)

- ☐ Seating in play areas
- ☐ Seating outwith play areas
- ☐ Covered seating areas - a few, separated
- ☐ Picnic tables
- ☐ Larger covered seating area with picnic tables
- ☐ Game tables
- ☐ Bandstand
- ☐ Barbeques
- ☐ Drinking water
- ☐ Other:

12. Wheels (tick all you'd like)

- ☐ Skateboard
- ☐ Roller skating
- ☐ Scooter
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ Beginner zone
- ☐ Other:

13. Dogs (tick all you'd like)

- ☐ Fenced dog zone
- ☐ Bin and bags
- ☐ Seating in dog area (for humans)
- ☐ Drinking water (for dogs)
- ☐ Other:

14. Anything else? Be specific. Don't be shy, now's your chance!

If the park were upgraded with all the things you've ticked...

15. How often WOULD you use Alice Littler Park + possible other new recreation areas (weather permitting)? (tick one)

- ☐ Almost every day
- ☐ A few times a week
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Rarely or never

16. If you still answered "rarely or never" and are willing to share the reason, please do. Is there something that WOULD get you out to the park?

17. Who WOULD you go with? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Infant(s)
- ☐ Young child / children
- ☐ Teen or adult family / friends

☐ Dog(s) or other animals (cat? cockatoo? lizard? llama?)

- ☐ Alone
- ☐ Other:

18. What times of day WOULD you go? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Morning
- ☐ Afternoon
- ☐ Evening
- ☐ Middle of the night

19. What seasons WOULD you go? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Spring
- ☐ Summer
- ☐ Autumn
- ☐ Winter

That's it! Thank you!

20. Have we left anything out? One more chance!

21. What are you most excited about?

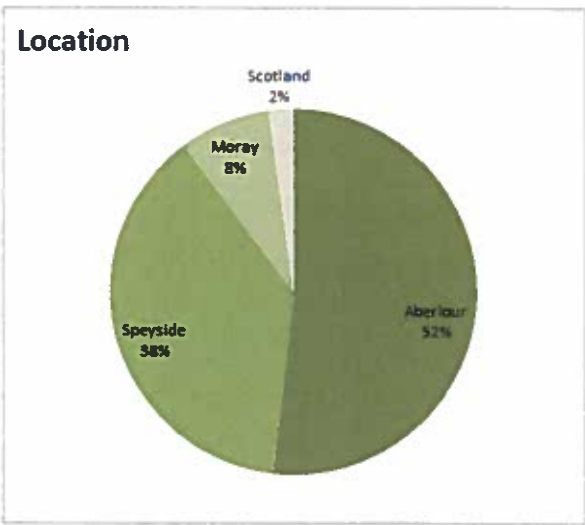
22. Any other comments?

23. Would you like to become a member of PlayAberlour? If yes, tell us your name and we'll contact you at the email address you gave above. If you'd rather we mailed you a paper form, give us your name / address here.

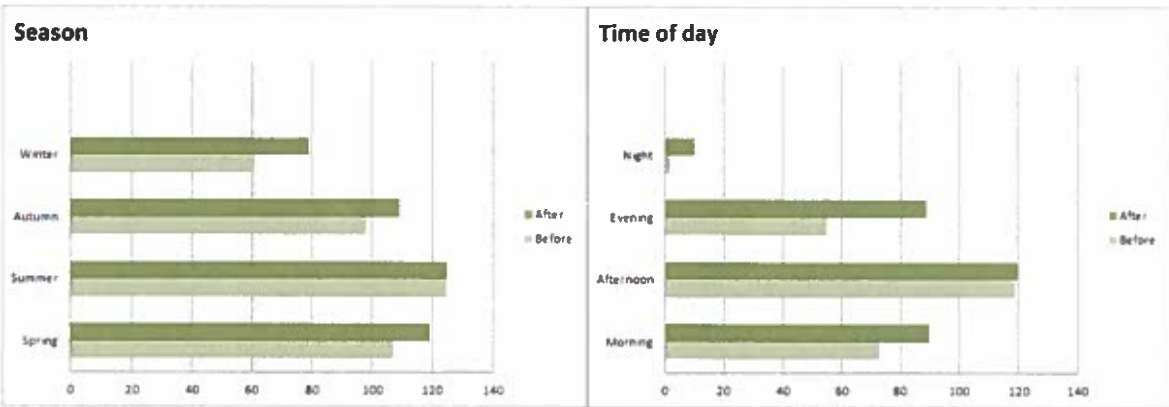
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March 2018



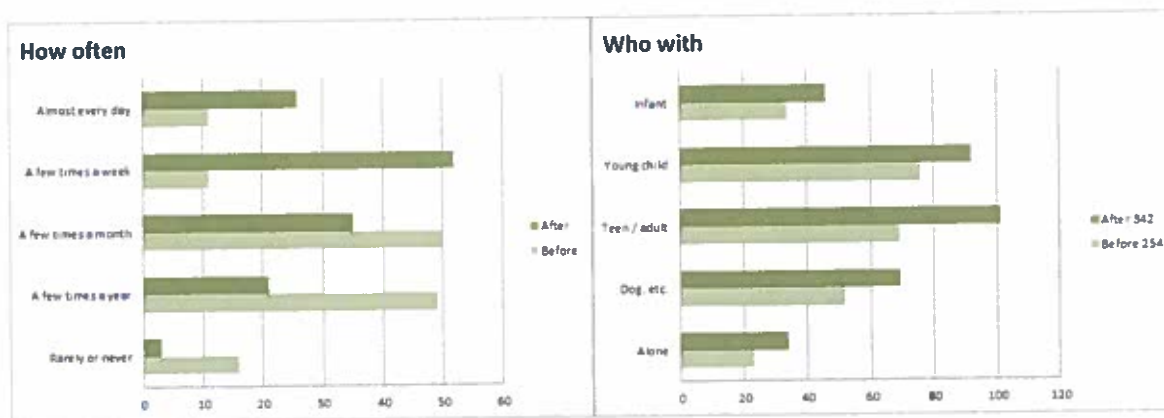
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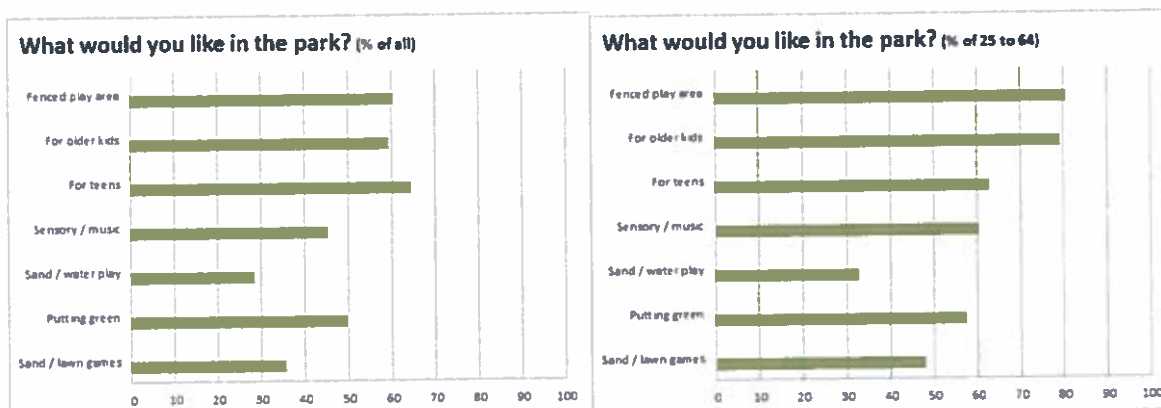
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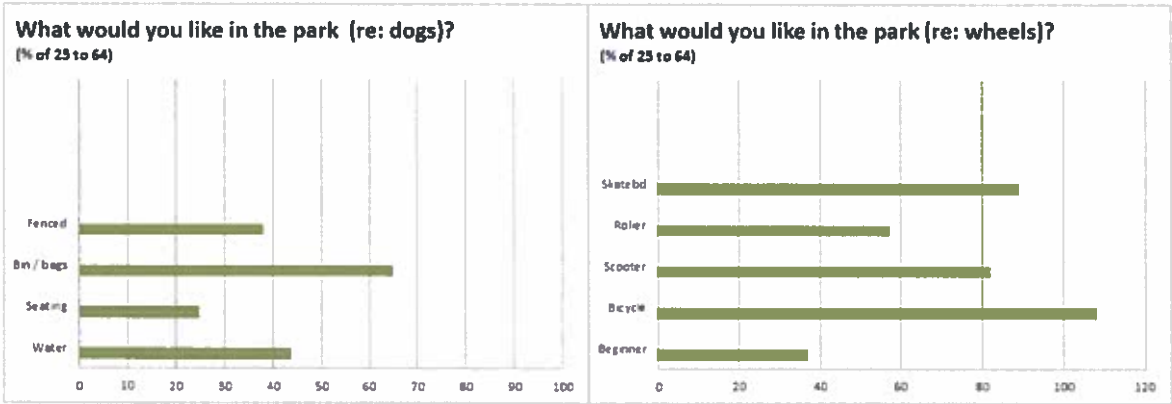
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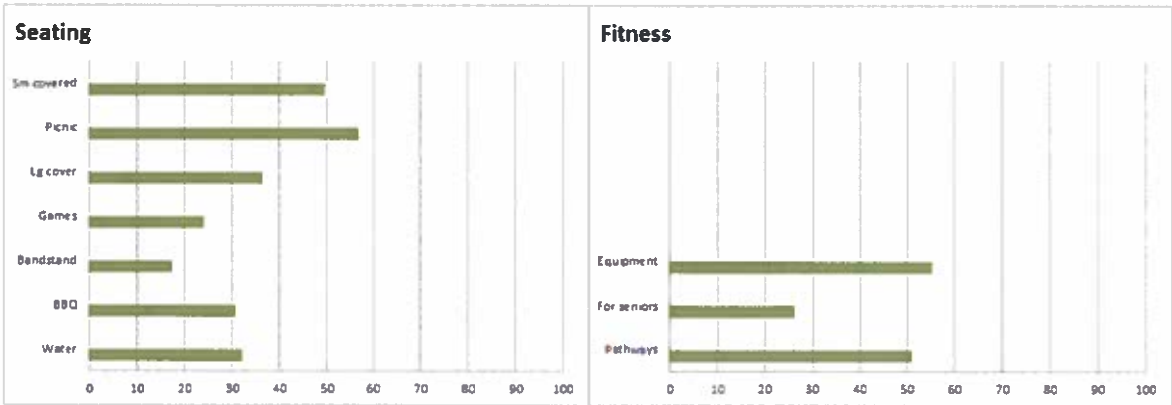
Percentages of all people looking for particular items in the park,
and percentages of those generally of parenting age.

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Percentages of adults supporting features for dogs and wheeled activities.



Percentages of all people supporting particular rest and fitness options.

Your Vision for Alice Littler Park November 2018

This is a follow-up to the PlayAberlour Recreation Survey of a few months ago, and is our next step towards renewing Aberlour's beautiful Alice Littler Park. Huge thanks to all who responded—almost 1/4 of village households—amazing!

Unsurprisingly, the survey results closely tracked the data from Aberlour's Planning for Real process. **Remember the huge map?** All those flags were tabulated by Moray Council staff and turned into the Aberlour Community Action Plan, and it is precisely these park and recreation wishes from the Action Plan that PlayAberlour was formed to promote. **Our sole purpose is to make these priorities happen,** and we will continue to engage with the entire community to be sure we are on track.

Thanks, also, for your patience. A Community Asset Transfer through Moray Council takes time, and while it may not always seem like much is happening, we have been diligent, making steady progress.

On behalf of all the members of PlayAberlour, and for the benefit of everyone who lives in or visits Aberlour, **we are delighted to present this outline plan for Alice Littler Park.**

Say goodbye to our old playpark

Our playpark is in its last days. Equipment that has already been removed by the Council will not be replaced. Everything remaining in the toddler area and most of what's in the older kids area is at its end-of-life and fit to be removed, although the long slide, climbing rope structure, and rock climbing arch can possibly be refurbished. The crumbling log borders and obsolete wood chip surfaces are a barrier to people with impaired mobility and unpleasant for everyone.



Say hello to our new playpark

PlayAberlour has made preliminary contact with equipment providers, and we have seen an amazing array of ideas that will bring **fun and fitness for all**. Our new playpark will be a thrill for toddlers and older kids, and as inclusive as possible for people of all physical abilities. It will have a mix of replacements for the existing equipment, other traditional items, and brilliant new attractions.

- A major priority will be an attractive, appropriate **fence around the play area**, high enough to keep dogs out and small children in and away from the water.
- **Zipline!** This is also a high priority addition, and there might even be room for a double.
- **Teens** have not been well served at the park in the past, and equipment that is known to be of interest for this age group will be in the plan, as requested.
- **Fitness equipment** for adults, including some designed especially for our many seniors.
- Musical, sensory and other **creative** items to encourage imagination and discovery.
- Many respondents asked for places to skateboard, roller skate, scooter and cycle. Space and surfaces for these will take further thought and discussion, likely as a separate initiative or phase of the project. If these activities are especially important to you, contact us to discuss creating a subgroup. With focused energy, you can make it happen.

(there's more, please turn over)

Not just the playpark, the entire park

The playpark needs the most work, but that's not the whole park. Paths, benches, signs, fences, landscaping and more, all need attention. Overall, people clearly expressed they want Alice Littler Park to be cleaned, tidied and made as inclusive as possible, while **preserving the things everyone loves**.

To keep it all **visually harmonious**, the materials, colours, finishes, details and other visible aspects will be kept calm and modest in respect of the spectacular setting. For play equipment and other structures, wood is perfect, where possible, whether in its natural tones or a gentle brown or green varnish, but we have to accept the realities of weather and heavy usage. Stainless steel seems to be an obvious choice for certain structural elements, and would look fine with wood. Powder-coated steel in compatible muted hues is less preferred but could work. Some plastic parts and bright colours may be suitable if used sparingly.

Our magnificent **trees** will be inspected and attended to, making sure they stay healthy and green for decades to come. PlayAberlour members who are already involved with the village **flowers** are ready to sow lively seasonal colour. We will repair or replace any **memorial benches** needing attention at the preference of the donors, and maybe we can add a few more. Our magnificent **Highland games** ground will be preserved and protected, and we will work hard to turn our **putting green** back into the fun and photogenic showpiece we all remember.



Celebrating our history and connections

We have a unique opportunity to add a further historical overlay to Alice Littler Park, something that will surely be of great interest to locals and visitors alike—a tribute to the **Strathspey Railway** line, which operated through the park until 1965. This rich theme offers a family-friendly connection to a fascinating part of our heritage, complementing the familiar Speyside "whisky and fishing" story. Working closely with our local historians and naturalists, we can create displays to show how all these themes come together in Aberlour, plus ask equipment providers to include thoughtful rail-related elements into the play areas, and look for more good opportunities to embellish the story. It all ties in perfectly with the educational exhibits in our award-winning Speyside Visitor Centre, and will bring friendly faces—both familiar and new—into the Old Station Tearoom and throughout the village.



Next steps

PlayAberlour is in the process of completing our business case for submittal to Moray Council, and then we will await their decision on awarding the Community Asset Transfer. It's been a long process, with a few delays along the way, and we are eagerly pressing forward as this milestone comes into view.

Thank you to everyone who has given us the input to make sure we stay on the right track. We'll keep you posted!

PlayAberlour SC10 SC047672

Co-Chairs

Join us at playaberlour.org

Playparks visited and evaluated

Some of the more notable play facilities we have visited, tested and evaluated as part of our research into suitable play and park equipment for Alice Littler Park. This list is not exhaustive but represents a wide variety of equipment and park concepts that could have immediate relevance. Equipment was considered and evaluated by our own children as well as adults visiting the facility.

Things we looked for:

- Inclusivity
- User engagement and appeal
- Excitement
- Visual qualities and fitness for setting
- Safety
- Sturdiness

Facility	Location	Equipment
De La Warr Pavilion	Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex	Water spouts
Battersea Park	Battersea, London	Multiple, seesaw, nest swing, music, high equipment, consult with park designer
Princess Diana Memorial Playground	Kensington Gardens, London	Multiple, music, giant sand, water play. Gardens.
Hurst Park	West Molesey, Surrey	Fitness equipment (TGO multiple units perfect match)
Bishops Park	Fulham, London	Climbing net, safe water jets, giant sand, basket swing, skate area
Valley Road	Newhaven, East Sussex	Dedicated original parkour playground
Richmond Park	Richmond, London	Open space, timber play equipment, paths
Kensington Memorial Park	Kensington Gardens, London	Free aqua park with water squirters.
Brook Green	Hammersmith, London	Fenced dog exercise area. Kids tunnels and mounds with slides.
Hopeman Park	Hopeman	Skate/BMX Park
Magic Garden	Hampton Court Palace, Molesey	Natural sand and water play, water play equipment, wicker tree play pods, large open space 'theatre stage', play sculpture and seating, specialised play equipment. Gardens.
Bitts Park	Carlisle, Cumbria	Multiple high ropes course, sports area, exercise, music, gardens. Kompan designed.
Balmedie Country Park	Balmedie, Aberdeen	Open space, sand, beach
Banff Links Caravan Park	Banff, Inverboyndie	Sand play diggers
Wellington Rocks	Tunbridge Wells, Kent	Natural rocky wild play
Lower Leas	Sandgate, Folkestone	Wooden adventure style playground, wooden sandplay equipment units, landscaping
Le lac de Reves	Languedoc, France	Pétanque
Hastings Adventure Golf	Hastings, East Sussex	Fun styled crazy golf
Nairn Beach Playpark	Nairn	Armchair swing
Ballindalloch Castle	Ballindalloch, Banffshire	Wheeled play, stand-alone toilets
Christie's	Fochabers, Moray	Bouncing pillow, wheeled play, play unit

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Playpark and picnic area equipment and renovation sample costs

Toddler area	
Climb and slide tower	15,000
Double toddler swing	1,900
Junior basket swing	1,200
Rocking horse springers (2)	1,600
4-person see-saw	1,000
Inclusive wheelchair swing	5,600
Log train playset	1,000
Subtotal	27,300
Older kids area	
Double inclusive zipline	25,000
Standard 4-person swings	2,500
Basket swing	1,500
In-ground accessible trampoline	4,900
Accessible roundabout 2.2m	6,000
Rope net pyramid, 6-rope	11,000
Long and wide inclusive embankment slide	12,000
Agility trail	4,000
Subtotal	66,900
Fitness area	
Chest press, double	1,400
Exercise bars	550
Pull down, double	1,300
Leg press, double	900
Rower	700
Rotator	650
Ski walker, double	1,250
Other equipment, seating, etc.	4,000
Subtotal	10,750
Subtotal - Playpark equipment	104,950
Playpark installation and site work	
Equipment installation (estimated 40% of equipment cost)	41,980
Shipping (estimated 15% of equipment cost)	15,743
Fencing, 200m (estimated £50/m, installed)	10,000
Stair to top of slide	2,500
Rubber surfacing, 1000m ² (estimated £70/m ² , installed)	70,000
Kerbs	3,000
Machinery rental and site security	1,200
Removal and carriage	3,000
Permit and fees	2,000
Subtotal	149,423
Picnic area and playpark seating and other fixtures	
Picnic tables, accessible (2 covered, 6 total)	8,400
Benches (6)	3,600
Covered seating area	2,500
BBQs, planters, signage	2,500
Rubbish, recycling and dog waste bins	1,000
Bike shelter	2,000
Installation	2,000
Subtotal	22,000
Subtotal - Installation, site work, picnic area and other	171,423
Miscellaneous, overhead, maintenance, etc.	20,000
Total	296,373

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Alice Littler Park proposed expenses and income 2020-22

	Expenses	Income	2020	2021	2022
Renovations					
	Playpark and picnic area		(296,000)	0	0
	Park paths, repairs, etc.		(5,000)	0	0
Total funds needed			(301,000)	0	0
	Volunteer renovation work		2,500	0	0
Pledges and resources			2,500	0	0
Funds to raise			(298,500)		
	Major fundraising		300,000	0	0
	In-kind donation and/or community fundraising		2,500	0	0
Alice Littler Park					
	Insurance		(750)	(750)	(750)
	Grass maintenance		(4,000)	(4,000)	(4,000)
	Other gardening		(500)	(500)	(500)
Funds needed			(5,250)	(5,250)	(5,250)
	In-kind donation pledged		2,000	2,000	2,000
	Matching funds pledged		2,000	2,000	2,000
	Volunteer gardening		250	250	250
Pledges and resources			4,250	4,250	4,250
Funds to raise			(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
	In-kind donation and/or community fundraising		1,000	1,000	1,000
Victoria Bridge					
	Insurance		(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
	Inspection		(250)	(250)	(250)
	Regular maintenance		(250)	(250)	(250)
Total funds needed			(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
	Private donation pledged		1,500	1,500	1,500
Pledges and resources			1,500	1,500	1,500
Funds to raise			0	0	0



FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER APPLICATION

Alice Littler Park, Aberlour

23 December 2019

PlayAberlour SCIO SC047670

No organisation funds have been raised or spent since the founding of the organisation.

Our work so far—research, writing, phone, email, meetings—has not required substantive expenditure.

Declaration Signed on behalf of the charity trustees

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Name A small black rectangular box redacting the name of the charity trustee.

Title Treasurer

Date 23 December 2019



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ATR Ref	064

ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST

NOTICE OF ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST Representation Submissions / CTB Feedback

Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 sets out that people are to be made aware that an asset transfer request has been submitted. Notification has been published via the [Moray Council website](#), advertised via Moray Council social media sites, notification to any tenant/owner/occupier of said asset and notification at the site of the asset. These notifications explain how representation can be submitted.

When representation is received in response to these notices, the Moray Council must send copies to the community transfer body for comment/feedback. Details of which can be found below. In order to comply with data protection requirements, any personal information will be 'blacked out' from these documents before submission to you.

Date of Representation period (20 working days):	13/01/20 – 07/02/20
Number of Representation(s) received:	48

Date collated Representation sent to CTB:	13/02/20
Date of CTB Feedback to representation (20 working days)	14/02/20 – 13/03/20
Deadline date of feedback submission to CAT	16/03/2020

All comments/feedback received will be published via the Moray Council website for public information.

If the CTB feel they are unable to meet the comment/feedback deadline; they should contact the CAT team to discuss.

1	16/01	Just wanted to show my support for play Aberlour. XXXX, I think the proposal is a well thought out practical proposal of what the community want. They've listened and put a fantastic vision together. Aberlour play Park at the moment is a sorry looking area for residents visitors and children alike. I can't wait to see the progression of this for all to enjoy.
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>
2	22/01	I'm writing to add my support to the Play Aberlour application for a community asset transfer. XXXX I've been appalled the removal and lack of replacement equipment and of the state of the play park is now left in, indeed the only things left that XXXX enjoy using are the brilliant slide and climbing rope frame. I therefore fully support Play Aberlour's application and would love to see their vision of the park become a reality.
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>
3	22/01	XXXX Planning for Real project in Aberlour in 2016. XXXX the 3D map and attended the public sessions. I saw the wide range of people from Aberlour and Speyside putting their hopes and dreams for the community onto the map, written on small flags. It was an inspiring process, to see democracy in action. The lack of progress since 2016 has been disappointing. I don't want to waste time and energy on what could have been, the why's and the who's, I want to focus on moving forward. The business case put forward by PlayAberlour is grounded firmly in the Planning for Real process. I therefore feel that the local councillors should support the project, as it clearly is the will of the local people. XXXX The PlayAberlour proposal supports the health of local people, giving old and young, fit and less-able people an opportunity to exercise free of charge, without transport worries. XXXX. A park with a Changing Place toilet, with great play equipment, with a putting green and other facilities will draw a large number of visitors - both local residents and holiday makers. XXXX from Manchester mentioned the "great play park at Craigellachie" when planning what they wanted to do when they visited me, they had remembered it from the previous year. Families with children will plan their day out around a good park and toilet facilities. This will increase sales in local shops, cafes, etc., and in turn increase employment and the commercial viability of these essential local businesses. In conclusion I would like to strongly express my support for PlayAberlour and politely request that my elected representatives support this project.
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>

4	23/01	<p>We are writing in support of AberlourPlay and their aspirations to obtain a successful Community Asset Transfer of the Alice Litter Park on behalf of the community of Aberlour.</p> <p>XXXX to pledge our support and stress the need for the facility to be brought into community control and care.</p> <p>It our belief that AberlourPlay SCIO has the capacity and professionalism to manage a CAT for the community and transform a tired facility into an accessible and most enjoyable leisure facility for community benefit.</p> <p>A play park has innumerable benefits, especially with regard to individuals physical and mental health and wellbeing. It is a space that enhances community cohesion with the opportunity for people of all ages to come together, in a place of great natural beauty, reducing social isolation and encouraging exercise in a gentle and fun manner. With an ageing population, the fitness gym would become a valuable community resource for Aberlour and accessible play equipment should be standard in each and every play park, not an exception!</p> <p>The benefits of a creative play park are too many to list and we fully trust that the CAT team are more than aware of what they are. With such a play park in existence, social value could be easily measured in less visits to the local GP, less hospital admissions, a reduction in cases of social isolation, an increase in voluntary group membership to name but a few.</p> <p>XXXX it is also our belief that such a facility will encourage more families to visit and stay longer in Aberlour and accordingly spend more money locally. We believe that it will enhance Aberlour's attraction to visitors considerably and benefit Moray as a fast growing tourist destination.</p> <p>Following the recent TBID success of Moray Speyside Tourism, AberlourPlay has much to gain from Moray Council's support. Empowering communities is becoming the norm and a successful means to manage local facilities across the UK. It is recognised to the extent of being backed by local and national government incentives and policies.</p> <p>Moray Council has show that it is very much part of this movement with its commitment to supporting its communities through its facilitation of Planning for Real sessions (PfR). It is testimony to the PfR success that groups such as AberlourPlay have formed, gone the extra distance to become a registered charity (SCIO) and spent valuable time developing a proposal for a CAT.</p> <p>We hope and trust that Moray Council will recognise and encourage AberlourPlay through supporting the CAT with all its necessary stages to its successful completion.</p> <p><i>CTB Response Here</i></p>
5	23/01	<p>I am writing to you in regards to the play park appeal in aberlour. XXXX over the summer months of 2019 XXXX way to ballindalloch castle to pay to play or XXXX craigellachie park to play safely. The state of aberlours play park is disgusting its run down water logged and unsafe! XXXX to look after I just do not feel safe being so close to such a fast running river with no fencing or safety precautions. One of the times I did have help to go to park we met a family from quite far a field and they also were disgusted at the state of the park they had travelled some distance as they thought we still had a nice park.</p> <p>XXXX and in summer months have taken our group to the park to play out rather than being "stuck" in the hall. However last year we were unable to do this as the current park is not fit for purpose.</p> <p>The plans the people for play about have sound absolutely fantastic!! I am so excited by many of the plans! To walk my dogs as a family at</p>

		<p>the park once again and safely stop to play or to take toddlers to the park I feel the play aberlour plans will bring so much more than a place to play to our community but will bring people from far and wide once again it will bring custom to our shops and restaurants once again it will bring people into the village and get them visiting our small shops. I feel the park project will bring so much more than just a park, as someone who has XXXX this all inclusive park and changing facilities would be a game changer! So often we looked for places to take the children out to but ended up having to go separately as not all children could be included in park play this development just opens to many doors for so many people.</p> <p>A Community Asset Tranfer is an absolute must for our community! This project is so much more than just a park.</p>
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>
6	23/01	<p>I have just read the extensive 51 page Play Aberlour document relating to the transfer of ownership of the Alice Littler Park in Aberlour. Myself and my family would fully endorse the changes that they have recommended especially the inclusion of a zip line, skateboarding area and fitness equipment. We have used these facilities in the past in other playparks and think they would be very popular. At the moment my kids are reluctant to use the park as often as they would like as it often very wet underfoot.</p> <p>I think it would be extremely beneficial to the town of Aberlour and would bring in more visitors to the town.</p> <p>I hope you will consider my thoughts and if you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>
7	23/01	<p>I want to express my support for PlayAberlour's bid to take on the Alice Littler Park in upcoming Community Asset Transfer. I feel that their published plans are exactly what Aberlour needs. Their plans for the park will respect the surroundings while bringing it up to modern standards.</p> <p>I used to enjoy taking XXXX to the village playpark; however in the past few years i have had to take my youngest (XXXX) to other play areas. I am very fortunate that I drive and have the means to visit other play areas, however many families do not, so it is hugely important that there is a well-equipped and well maintained play area in the village.</p> <p>I feel that the current provisions at the park for the disabled access area unacceptable, especially as both the Primary and High School in the village have excellent support for learning provisions and are fully inclusive. There needs to be access and equipment that is suitable for wheelchair users etc. to ensure that everyone can equally enjoy the park and the beautiful surroundings.</p> <p>A park that is modern and well used by both locals and visitors would undoubtedly be of benefit to local shops and eating places in Aberlour and hopefully other areas in Moray as well.</p>
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>

8	23/01	<p>I am writing to you in regards of aberlour play park. XXXX and so often walk my dog down by the river; as I walk by I feel saddened by the sorry state of the park and how neglected it has become. XXXX I'd love to take to the park but play equipment is so ran down I cant. The play aberlour team appear to have a real grasp on what the community need and I feel a community asset tranfer is a must! Not only for the park but the trade it would bring to all the local businesses.</p>
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>
9	23/01	<p>Hello , I am asking for your help to upgrade Aberlour play park . I walk my dog in that area often and I am constantly surprised at the distance people come to enjoy Alice Littler park . If you could help to upgrade the play park I think this would enhance our park and encourage more visitors to Aberlour</p>
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>
10	23/01	<p>XXXX I would like to offer my full support to Play Aberlour in their request to gain ownership of the Alice Littler Park. Their plans are forward thinking, modern and fully inclusive. This is just what is needed in Aberlour. The current play area is outdated and dangerous. The fact that this has been allowed to happen under the care of our Community Association is embarrassing. The Alice Littler park needs Play Aberlour and I truly hope The Moray Council makes the right decision for my community.</p>
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>
11	25/01	<p>I am writing to advise that I give my whole hearted support to Play Aberlour to take on and transform Alice Littler Park and to take responsibility for the Bridge. For too long the park has been left to go to ruin the only thing worth saving there is the slide. There has been no change, nothing positive has been progressed under its current ownership and it is a disgrace to Aberlour. Those who have been responsible obviously have no concern for the enjoyment that a park brings for children and adults alike. If you want to keep tourists coming back then it should appeal to all. There is a park side and a large grassy area side so those without children can still have peace and quiet and the grass area can still be used to hold events. I am disappointed that it has taken this long before a decision has been made as during that time the park has deteriorated in to the eye sore it is. Doing nothing is not acceptable and there are those ready to put their heart and sole in to bringing change and I will roll my sleeves up too for this worthwhile cause. For once show progression and allow this park to become some where people want to go instead of avoid. As for the bridge others have washed their hands of responsibility for it and here you have a group willing to take it on , maintain it and have the funds to do so. The bridge is a link to Aberlour XXXX. Please don't forget the children who use this bridge to bike to and from school without it they wouldn't be able to do that and you promote fitness, well being and supposedly listen to children. Have you asked any of them what it would mean to remove the bridge or have a new park? They are our future and not one school has had a survey done amongst</p>

		the children. So as a parent and member of this community I support the development of Alice Littler Park and giving the group the responsibility for the Penny Bridge.
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>
12	26/01	<p>I would like to express my views regarding the proposals put forward for the community Asset Transfer of the Alice Littler Park in Aberlour. XXXX. Years ago - the park was a fine place to go with the kids but it has been in steady decline over a number of years now. Sadly, we no longer go there and often opt to travel somewhere else for a nice visit to a park.</p> <p>Having read the proposals put forward by Play Aberlour - I would very much like to see them take charge of the park and make it a park that we can be proud of and use again. Surely, having a state of the art park, play area and beauty spot will then in turn boost the many local businesses in Aberlour too.</p> <p>I think it's sad that certain members of our local community association seem to be trying to block any efforts by group members of Play Aberlour to make our village a better place. Surely it should be the voices from a community that should be listened to and through the planning for real process - the message that came through loud and clear was that our community want a new park inclusive for all regardless of age or whether someone has a disability</p> <p>I would like Play Aberlour to be given the chance to put their plans in place and once again have a park and area to be proud of.</p>
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>

13	26/01	<p>I am writing to you to express my views with the community asset transfer of the Alice Littler Park in Aberlour.</p> <p>I have read the proposed business plans from both the Aberlour Commuity Association as well as Play Aberlour and would very much like Play Aberlour to be given the opportunity to put their plans into practice.</p> <p>Play Aberlour's proposal is extensive, professional and very exciting. Our park in Aberlour at the moment is dire. We no longer go there as a family as over the years various pieces of play equipment have been removed by Moray Council as it was deemed unsafe the equipment that remains is limited. XXXX. They no longer ask to go to the local park, which is very sad - instead they would ask to go somewhere else for a day out.</p> <p>Play Aberlour have obviously done extensive research and asked lots of groups within the local community - what it is that they would like to see in the park. The prospect of exciting new equipment - inclusive for all ages and abilities, new spaces within the park, rejuvenation of the pathways, safety fencing etc. is all very exciting but also essential if we want a playpark and area to be proud of.</p> <p>If Play Aberlour were given the chance and support from locals to put their plans into action - not only would this benefit our children for years to come but it would also benefit the whole community - local businesses too as people would travel to our beautiful village for a day out with their families, instead of us currently leaving the village for a day out somewhere else.</p> <p>With the two schools in the village - Aberlour Primary School and Speyside High both having an enhanced provision space within them, catering for children with emotional and physical disabilities - it is so exciting to read of Play Aberlour's plans to ensure that the amendments to the park will be inclusive - surely in this day and age this a MUST!</p> <p>I very much hope that Play Aberlour are given he opportunity to put their plans into action. My family and I will certainly support with any fundraising events etc. that are planned for the future.</p> <p><i>CTB Response Here</i></p>
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14	27/01	<p>I am writing to express my support for PlayAberlour's CAT request of the Alice Littler Park in Aberlour. Currently, the play park area is held on a lease by Aberlour Community Association (ACA) and, in fact, has been for over 20 years. The limited amount of play equipment that still remains in situ is poorly maintained and certainly not conducive to exciting play activities. Disappointingly, the play park has become a dog exercising area and not an area that entices children to play. This application by PlayAberlour encompasses the aspirations that were expressed in the Planning for Real process and confirmed by surveys conducted by PlayAberlour together with other feedback.</p> <p>PlayAberlour's proposal for the whole park, including the play park, are imaginative, innovative and, above all, inclusive. People of all ages and abilities will be able to exercise, play and socialise in this revitalised space. However, the traditional putting green and games field will remain but will be well maintained and facilities enhanced to a higher standard than is currently evident. PlayAberlour's successful application will bring the Alice Littler Park into the 21st century rather than leave it firmly set in the 20th if ACA were to be successful with its own bid. PlayAberlour's park will be an amazing addition to the facilities in Aberlour for both residents and visitors alike. Tourism is well served by the food and drinks industries. However, the target audience is the adult population. There is little to attract families with young children to visit Aberlour. PlayAberlour's investment in the Park will remedy that deficit. This will be good for the whole of Speyside not just Aberlour. PlayAberlour's intention to assume responsibility for the upkeep, maintenance and insurance of the Penny Bridge is welcome news. This bridge is not only an iconic feature across the River Spey but comes with a wealth of history and also affords access to Moray's Core Paths. Without PlayAberlour's intervention this bridge is likely to be closed to the public in the near future. ACA have consistently refused to 'take on' the bridge. Therefore, if PlayAberlour do not get the CAT for the Alice Littler Park it is likely that the bridge will be closed in the future. A disaster! For all the reasons stated, I wholeheartedly support PlayAberlour's plans for Alice Littler Park and would urge you to do the same. Let's move away from the past and embrace the future</p> <p><i>CTB Response Here</i></p>
15	28/01	<p>I would like to register my SUPPORT for the Play Aberlour CAT application for the Alice Littler park in Aberlour.</p> <p>The current park is a disgrace and not fit for purpose. XXXX to have a new play park to enjoy and get exercise in as well as the general tidy up of the area for amenity purposes.</p> <p>Please take this email as a register of support.</p> <p><i>CTB Response Here</i></p>
16	29/01	<p>Having submitted a letter of support for Aberlour Community Association's C.A.T. application for the Alice Littler Park, it goes without saying that I do not support a rival application from a group which is open to membership and therefore influences from beyond Aberlour. There is no harm in listening to what visitors say and then acting on viable suggestions, but handing the park to such a constituted group could, in theory, result in loss of local control. The Play Aberlour vision for the Alice Littler Park is ambitious, too ambitious, as the business plan as submitted, does not match the vision, a vision not necessarily shared by the silent majority, few of whom participated in the 'Planning for Real' process. Play Aberlour admits it was given an opportunity to show its ability to fund raise, plan and execute its wish list for the play area. Instead they turned it down, and have done nothing in the interim to help those who have done volunteer work in the park, preferring instead to malign everyone else involved. I mentioned earlier the idea of listening to what visitors say. The volunteers at the Speyside Visitor</p>

		Centre and the Station Tearoom hear many comments about the park. The picture painted by Play Aberlour is greatly at odds with the comments of visitors. That is not to say there is no work to be done, far from it, but those elected to Aberlour Community Association's executive are perfectly aware of what, in the current financial climate is feasible and have a viable and funded plan to begin immediate maintenance and when funding allows, the changes most suited to a riverside park.
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17	30/01	XXXX concerning a claimed Relationship between Aberlour and Speyside Rotary Club and PlayAberlour. I refer to the CAT Application made by PlayAberlour to take over the Alice Littler Park and Suspension Bridge across the River Spey (the "Penny Brig"). Ref 064. In Section E of the Application, Moray Council asks for details of the level and nature of support for the request, from the community and, if relevant, from others. Within this Section, at item 3, the Applicants assert that: <i>PlayAberlour has a close relationship with the Aberlour & Speyside Rotary Club (XXXX), which strongly supports our plan and has agreed to help us in three important ways.</i> It also infers that Rotary at Regional and higher levels supports the Application and stands ready to help. XXXX. XXXX knowledge, members have never discussed having any relationship with PlayAberlour and have not agreed to support or help their plan. I consider PlayAberlour's statement made in this part the Application to be factually incorrect and that this fact should be taken into account when the Committee considers the PlayAberlour's Application. I do not speak for anyone other than myself, my motive here solely being to separate fact from fiction.
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>
18	30/01	I wish to object to Play Aberlour's application for a CAT transfer of the Alice Littler Park. Their tactics in trying to secure support via social media have alarmed me to such an extent that I have no faith in their ability to run any project ethically, professionally or fairly. Some of their information is blatantly false, e.g. 'Aberlour Community Association refused to discuss any sort of cooperation agreement with Play Aberlour'. One of their proposals smacks at blackmail. They offer to look after the Penny Bridge 'if and only if, it (Play Aberlour) is awarded Alice Littler Park'. I hope the transfer team can find a less aggressive and more honest applicant.
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19	02/02	XXXX. I would like Playaberlour to be able to get the park area in the village. The reason that I would like playaberlour to get the park area is because I think they will take care of the park and do lots of fun things for the kids and nice things for the adults. XXXX showed me the plans from them and the community association. And being honest I think that playaberlour's was better so that is why I am rooting for them. The community association don't seem to have much planned that is thrilling for the kids or even adults to enjoy.
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20	03/02	I wish to make observations on this Business Case. Page 4 states "our award winning Speyside Visitor Centre" which is extremely misleading. Speyside Visitor Centre forms part of the former Station Building, ownership of which was transferred to Aberlour Community Association in July 2016 under Community Asset Transfer. At no time has any member of Play Aberlour been involved in the development or running of the Visitor Centre. The claim suggests that Play Aberlour is an award winning organisation when, in fact, it is not and could mislead the wider public. On finances the document is simply a Wish List giving no detail where funding has been agreed. In fact the financial activities lack transparency in that the Organisation has no funds but yet they produced display boards and a Consultation Leaflet – how were these items

		<p>paid for? The Chair Report to August 2018 was received by OSCR on 29th May 2019 but not checked / uploaded until 23rd July. (Checking / uploading normally happens within a week of arriving at OSCR) The Financial Review states: "Deficit – None. Donated facilities and services – None". Despite the amounts involved the Report should have declared how these items were funded. The Financial Projection appears to have been filled in to balance the proposed expenditure without any real proof that funding will be forthcoming. Given the extensive list of equipment etc the Business Case should, at the very least, have included a layout Plan. There could be Planning issues which will need to be addressed. This part of the Alice Littler Park is a recognised flood risk area (the Car Park area was discounted by the Low Carbon Project as suitable for a Charging Unit for electric vehicles for that reason). It should be noted that the footprint of the Playpark, at the original construction, was raised as a protection measure against possible flooding damage. Additional drainage was installed in 2017 by The Moray Council from the chute through the Playpark into the River Spey to resolve issues following installation of the Flood Alleviation works.</p> <p><i>CTB Response Here</i></p>
21	04/02	<p>As the body originally entrusted with the responsibility for governance of the Alice Littler Park, the Alice Littler Memorial Trust would like formally to register its concern with several key points in the PlayAberlour Community Asset Transfer request and business plan submitted to the Moray Council. There are substantive errors of fact and of interpretation within the PA documents which require to be corrected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ALMT were happy to participate in the Planning for Real initiative in 2016, as a potentially useful strategic planning process. However, the PA reference to the 'sharply and disappointingly limited' response of ALMT to the emergent presentation by representatives of PA in November 2016 fails to give the full facts. ALMT had recognised the validity and suitability of some but not all of the many suggestions for change in the ALP made in the PfR initiative. As a result, the ALMT began a process of costing improvements which would have met some of the more reasonable requests, including the upgrading of paths within the park in order to allow wider wheelchair mobility. (The PA allegation that 'the Trust specifically rejected any changes designed to increase the inclusion of people from a wider range of ages, abilities, interests and backgrounds, whether local or visitors, and anything at all outwith the existing playpark area' is grossly inaccurate.) At the same time, ALMT engaged in a dialogue with XXXX the Planning for Real 'XXXX', and correspondence from this source subsequently changed to being from PlayAberlour. The ALMT did not agree with all the demands of PlayAberlour but did offer to allow them to undertake improvements within the footprint of the play area which we agreed were needed. They refused to do this, demanding access to the whole park 2. The inference that ALMT was somehow remiss in 'being caught completely unaware of a major change in Scottish land law' which resulted in transfer of ownership of ALP to the Moray Council is completely unjustified. As XXXX stated (in a letter reproduced as Appendix 4 in the ACA CAT Business Plan), the ALP was ensnared in tortuous Scottish Land Law legislation that was designed for an entirely separate purpose. As XXXX again pointed out in the abovementioned correspondence, neither party welcomed the development. Having assiduously maintained ALP for over three decades for the benefit of the community of Aberlour, throughout 2017 ALMT explored every conceivable means of preventing loss of ownership of the park, involving protracted communication with MC themselves, with the Justice Directorate of the Scottish Government, with party leaders at Holyrood, XXXX as well as seeking legal counsel.

		<p>Having decided against entering into a ruinously expensive legal challenge to the Scottish Government over the means by which ALMT lost ownership of ALP, in May of 2018 the Trust duly placed its faith in Aberlour Community Association as the foremost democratically elected body in Aberlour boasting the appropriate experience, track-record and financial probity to apply for a CAT to take ownership of ALP. The decision of PA at their very birth to submit an Expression of Interest in a CAT for ownership of the Park to MC at this juncture – subsequently only learned by ALMT from a second-hand source – without communication with ALMT themselves is reflective of the oppositional stance and the adversarial tone that has marked the conduct of PA in their dealings with the established bodies experienced in managing these affairs – in this case ALMT, which in August 1980 had been granted legal ownership of ALP by Sydney Littler. The PA CAT documentation is tangible evidence of PA's intention to promote their own cause by attempting to undermine the credibility of other groups involved in the park's history.</p> <p>The frequency and seriousness of the misinformation presented in the PlayAberlour CAT in relation to ALMT's history and achievements (relayed in their Facebook page) undermines the group's professional standing. More seriously, PA's ongoing failure to provide evidence of concrete plans and financial means completely compromises their claim that they have the wherewithal to take on responsibility for appropriate regeneration of the Alice Littler Park. ALMT would therefore like to reaffirm its formal endorsement of the ACA CAT plan, as published in Appendix 6 of their application submitted to MC in August 2019.</p>
		<i>CTB Response Here</i>
22	04/02	<p>I am writing in support of the bid by PlayAberlour to take on Alice Littler Park by community asset transfer. They have fantastic ideas for the park which will make it accessible and fun for all ages and abilities. They have a forward thinking, open attitude in keeping with what is needed for the future of our village. It is disappointing and a sad reflection on some in our community that they have been met with such negativity, and that they have had to form in the first place rather than function as a sub-committee of the current community association. Aberlour needs to move on and thrive, especially with plans underway for more housing in the area.</p> <p>The park is currently in a dreadful state. Apart from the slide and the climbing wall there is nothing that is safe or accessible for children and families. Even these are not particularly safe, the ground is churned up and sodden in the play area and often smells of sewage. There is a history of drainage problems.</p> <p>We used to visit the park regularly in the past but have not done so for some time, due to its current state. We would also often see families from other areas coming to the park to play and picnic in the beautiful surroundings. Nowadays there are hardly any visitors, particularly to the play area. It is often deserted which is incredibly sad given its potential.</p> <p>As far as I'm aware while the park was in the hands of the community association the entirety has fallen into a sadly neglected state. A fresh look at the park is desperately needed and we are very fortunate to have pro active people willing to take it on and bring into a state where it is busy with locals and visitors alike, who can then support the local shops and businesses.</p> <p>I have seen no such plans for the park from the community association, some of whom sadly seem intent in standing in the way of progress. I would also expect that any locally elected councillors would see the sense in PlayAberlour's plans and be happy to support the progress Aberlour needs. If not then in my opinion they are completely out of touch with what the majority of our community want. You only have to</p>

		look at the planning for real process to see what people clearly wish to happen. I'm hoping that common sense prevails and that PlayAberlour are successful in their bid.
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23	04/02	<p>ECHC is disappointed to see the emotive language which has been used throughout this application and the ease by which Play Aberlour allocates blame and publicly criticises the Aberlour Community Association (ACA), Alice Littler Memorial Trust (ALMT) and also Moray Council in terms of their management of the Alice Littler Park (ALP). This is not conducive to harmonious relationships within a community.</p> <p>We are also concerned that the future of the Victoria Bridge appears to have become a bargaining tool to be used within the community of Aberlour in order to gain support for Play Aberlour's (PA) application. PA states that "the "bridge should probably already be chained off, or at a minimum display signage stating "pass at your own risk" and that it is PA's intention to "Save" it. However, PA's desire to ensure the future safety of people who use the bridge and the bridge itself is solely dependent on them securing ownership of the ALP - this is in essence emotional blackmail and a completely unacceptable method by which to obtain public support for a Community Asset Transfer.</p> <p>We note that the redevelopment of the ALP along the lines proposed by PA will require substantial investment. PA acknowledges that they have been in existence for a limited period of time and that to date they have no funds available to them and only a wish list of potential funders and anonymous donors, including their Patron. More worryingly, they have not produced a plan showing how they intend to redesign the Park with regards to the location of equipment to be installed nor do they appear to have had any discussions with MC, or received any commitment from them, with regards to any associated planning related matters. ECHC would have expected these issues to have been addressed prior to any CAT application. We would also have expected a comprehensive risk assessment to have been carried out prior to submission.</p> <p>ECHC believes that the future ownership and management of the ALP must be resolved not only for the benefit of the community of Aberlour but also for Speyside as a whole. We are of the opinion that the only way this can be successfully achieved is if the Park is returned to community ownership under the auspices of the ACA – a body which is elected to represent the residents of Aberlour and an organisation which has a proven track record of managing assets on behalf of their community. As a result of an earlier CAT application, the ACA already owns the Old Station Tea Room and Speyside Visitor Centre as well as the public toilets – given that these buildings are located at the front of the ALP, we believe it is entirely appropriate that the ownership of the Park is transferred to the ACA and not a separate entity. We are encouraged by the fact that the ACA's Business Plan clearly identified their Objectives and Measures including a detailed risk assessment, provided evidence of their strong financial position and publicly stated that they would form a dedicated sub- committee which would include Play Aberlour to take forward the regeneration of the playpark area.</p>

		<p>We look forward to an early resolution of the future ownership of the Park. We believe that the Park must be managed and regenerated in a sustainable manner whilst reflecting the wishes of all users of the Park and we have concerns regarding Play Aberlour's ability to deliver on their vision for the Park.</p> <p><i>CTB Response Here</i></p>
24	04/02	<p>XXXX. I'm responding to the Play Aberlour Asset Transfer request ref 064 for the Alice littler Park Aberlour. I do not support Play Aberlour's request for ownership of the Alice Littler Park for the following reasons :</p> <p>There is various inaccuracies in Play Aberlour's Business Case. There is no evidence of funding. There is no evidence of letters of support from their listed funding organisations or mentioned corporates. In Play Aberlour's financial statement there is no funds & no funds have been raised since the founding of the organisation.</p> <p>Play Aberlour say they will take on the Victoria Bridge that crosses the Spey with the liabilities & pay to maintain the bridge. The Bridge is irrelevant to the Alice littler Park & is not on Moray Council's asset transfer list.</p> <p>Play Aberlour have used social media sites to encourage the public to write anonymous letters of support for their cause highlighting the Playpark to reference the state of the whole park. The whole Alice littler Park consists of 3 Areas : 1. The Car park 2. The recreation/ Play park 3. The main arena/ where the Highland Games are held</p> <p>The community knows the Play Park is in need of upgrading which will be taken care of in due course. The rest of the park is in good condition. The comment's made by Play Aberlour on their social media sites have mislead the community of Aberlour to think that the Play park represents the whole park.</p> <p>Play Aberlour also published on social media the XXXX and encouraged the public to write anonymous letters of support to them as well.</p> <p>The Patronage Support is Anonymous with no letter of support submitted.</p> <p>Finally Play Aberlour has no track record, therefore I cannot support this organisation to take ownership of the Alice Littler Park through a Community Asset Transfer . Play Aberlour Have not proven their ability to be a competent organisation that could deliver a sustainable Alice littler Park to benefit the community of Aberlour and beyond on the basis of their business case. This is no more than a wish list.</p> <p><i>CTB Response Here</i></p>
25	04/02	<p>The Moray Federation of Community Halls & Associations' membership comprises over 55 halls and community associations across Moray. Our role is to provide advice on governance, charitable duties and responsibilities as well as the legislative requirements associated with the day to day running of halls and associations. Aberlour Community Association (ACA) is a member of the MFCHA.</p>

	<p>The MFCHA would like to take this opportunity to comment on constitutional matters and in particular with regards to managing conflicts of interest.</p> <p>Clause 73 of the ACA constitution states that each charity trustee (Executive committee member) has a duty, in exercising functions as a charity trustee, to act in the interests of the organisation; and, in particular, must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 73.3 In circumstances giving rise to the possibility of a conflict of interest between the organisation (ACA) and any other party (in this case Play Aberlour - PA): • 73.3.1 put the interests of the organisation before that of the other party • 73.3.2 where any other duty prevents him/her from doing so, disclose the conflicting interest to the organisation and refrain from participating in any deliberation or decision of the other charity trustees with regard to the matter in question (in this case the Alice Littler Park). <p>Clauses of this nature are standard in constitutions and are in fact replicated in Play Aberlour's constitution – clause 36.</p> <p>XXXX ACA Executive Board/Trustees' meetings in order to provide clarification on specific constitutional matters and XXXX the PA presentation to ACA and subsequent follow up ACA meetings.</p> <p>Following the PA presentation given to ACA trustees in April 2019, the ACA held an Executive Board/Trustees' meeting on 22 May 2019 which was attended by ACA trustees XXXX. One of the Agenda items included the Alice Littler Park.</p> <p>However, as two of the XXXX were also XXXX for Play Aberlour (XXXX) and both had been involved in the delivery of the PA presentation to ACA, then clearly under the ACA constitution (clause 73.3.2) neither could "participate in any deliberation or decision of the other charity trustees with regard to the matter in question" – the matter in question related to a discussion amongst ACA trustees about the presentation given to them by PA and ACA's future co-operation with other interested parties including PA.</p> <p>As the conflict of interest was clearly identifiable, the two people concerned therefore had to withdraw from the meeting whilst the agenda item was discussed. It is therefore incorrect and misleading for Play Aberlour to state in their Business Plan that they (PA) "were nonsensically asked to leave a meeting that had been specifically arranged for the purpose of discussing cooperation"</p> <p>At that meeting, the remaining "non-conflicted" ACA trustees then discussed these issues and unanimously agreed to the following motion:</p> <p>"the ACA will progress a CAT for ownership of the whole park, comprising the arena area, the play park area and the car park. Following that, and, under the auspices of the ACA, a sub-committee will be formed with all parties who have a stake in the future of the play park including</p>
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26	04/02	<p>We note that a second asset transfer request has been made in respect of the Alice Littler Park in Aberlour, this time by a group called Play Aberlour. We note that their Business Plan states that they were "purposely formed for the task of accepting responsibility for Alice Littler Park", however no specific reference is made to this Park in their constitution and the organisation now appears to be prepared to expand its remit to include responsibility for "saving Victoria Bridge".</p> <p>XXXX acknowledges that "sample costs" for Playpark and picnic area equipment have been provided as part of this Asset Transfer Request but it is unclear from the documentation supplied where this equipment will be situated in the Park. We believe that an outline Plan of what the Park would look like should have been included as part of this application as this would have enabled a properly informed CAT consultation process to take place</p> <p>Our understanding of the CAT process is that a very strong application should demonstrate strong and sustainable governance as well as financial arrangements. Play Aberlour has only been a registered charity since August 2017 and their application states that at present they have no funds available to the organisation. Given that they estimate that they will need to raise approximately £300,000 in order to deliver this project and that no funding – or promise of major funding - has been secured to date, it would appear that there is a high risk of project failure should Play Aberlour be successful in their transfer request. Failure of such a project would be hugely detrimental to the whole of Speyside.</p> <p>CTB Response Here</p>
27	04/02	<p>XXXX</p> <p>I strongly believe there would be many negatives come out of this organisation being awarded the CAT. I also see numerous issues with the application. There are numerous false accounts that XXXX. My response will highlight the issues I have noted and the concerns I hold.</p> <p>Overall the application is very unprofessional and has several personal grievances with organisations which should be left out of the application and resolved privately. The use of this application to publicly name an organisation and highlight decisions that haven't gone in favour of Play Aberlour is utterly ridiculous and extremely unprofessional. These grievances, through witnessing them first-hand, are personal attacks and have nothing to do with the way in which this application should be framed. The application belittles the work that Aberlour Community Association has done over the last 40+ years which is dishonourable and should be left out of the application.</p>

	<p>Although I agree that the park should be better in a better state and would benefit from some work being carried out on it, I disagree with the way in which Play Aberlour has framed this. XXXX Planning for Real process, XXXX what the people of the community said and Play Aberlour has majorly blown this out of proportion. Many flags were placed around the park area, but this was more to do with dog mess and the dog bin not being emptied, therefore the statement made in the application about thousands of pins during the Planning for Real process being in support of redeveloping the whole park is inaccurate and not in fact what the community highlighted. There was support of the park being done up but to my knowledge not to the extent portrayed through this application- since the process, what the community actually said has grown arms and legs and lost its real focus. Play Aberlour have not listened to the community and what they want, they have spun it in a way in which suits them.</p> <p>Another issue that I find very problematic is the validity of the organisation. The group was only established three years ago, arguably making them a new group and I have reservations about whether the group is sustainable. From my knowledge the group have not been successfully running. As they say in their application, they have not asked their members to be actively involved during the paperwork process which XXXX is unjust and reflects negatively on the way that Play Aberlour works. They claim to be inclusive and listen to the community however have made the CAT application process discrete from their members and has been done by a select few, this to me signals that the group is predominantly run by just a few members. I would argue that this weakens the group and the idea of everyone's voices being heard. The group claims they will work with the community but fail to work with each other when producing this application which is not the way that a community organisation should be run.</p> <p>There are conflicts of interest of members of the group. XXXX of Play Aberlour also sit on the committee of other organisations, which I comprehend in small areas is very common and often not problematic. However, in this instance I would maintain that the relationships between these organisations is negatively affected by these conflicts of interest. XXXX Aberlour the effects of this are very clear. Play Aberlour uses this application to undermine the work of other individuals and groups and these conflicts of interest make it increasingly more difficult for the groups to work successfully together.</p> <p>I also wish to highlight that the question surrounding any possible negative consequences has been entirely avoided (page 12). This to me is concerning as it suggests that the group is not considering any obstacles that may arise. I believe the group thinks this will be a 'walk in the park' so to speak but this will not be the case. The way to combat negatives is through finding a solution, not turning a blind eye which is what Play Aberlour have done in their application. From my experience this response is insufficient.</p> <p>I also take issue with the funding aspect of this whole redevelopment of the entire park, and I am very confident in saying that Play Aberlour do not have enough funds to carryout and maintain all that they propose. The initial redevelopment will be very costly which has only been partly considered. There are no quotes or evidence to back up any costing related to this redevelopment. I also would like to point out that</p>
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	<p>there are no figures even mentioned about maintaining the upkeep of the park once redevelopments have happened. XXXX I fully understand the lack of funding available to organisations, I do not feel that Play Aberlour comprehend this. Throughout their application they claim that they will get a vast amount of funding amounting to £300,000. They openly say they have not started the process to receive any funding yet which is problematic. Funding applications are a long process and require a lot of time and expertise. There is a vast presumption dominant through the application that they will easily achieve this funding which I recognise XXXX is almost impossible. Gaining funding requires evidence and backing and I believe Play Aberlour are not a group that holds this. They have little to no evidence backing up what they will achieve through funding. I would argue that without being able to evidence a significant change they will not be awarded funding and therefore the application and what Play Aberlour claims they will do is full of empty promises.</p> <p>XXXX a huge divide between Play Aberlour and the rest of the community. The group in their application state they will 'bring Aberlour together' however all they have done in the three years since they started is cause rifts between people and the community. Through their application there is a small mention of other groups they claim to work with, however, in my opinion miss out some vital groups and organisations in the village. The group only mentions the Moray Council and Transport Scotland in their 'Bringing Aberlour Together' section and I would strongly disagree that this has anything to do with bringing the community together.</p> <p>I also take very strong issue with the constant mention of the Aberlour Rotary Club. I feel that Play Aberlour only have the support of the Rotary due to XXXX. It is also problematic as it is my understanding through reading the Rotary constitution that the group should not favour one community group over another which has been clearly done here. The Rotary have been mentioned many times through this application showing their support of Play Aberlour. The Rotary constitution also states on page 10, section 1, that "this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure" (Standard Rotary Club Constitution). Therefore both groups have gone against this and this is extremely problematic. Members of both groups should be aware of this and acted in a different way. Support from the Rotary should therefore become invalid due to directly going against the Rotary constitution.</p> <p>The mention of the Victoria Bridge is completely irrelevant to the application and should not be considered as part of the application.</p> <p>The Facebook page was initially set up for the skatepark and therefore many of the likes on the page which they claim shows support for the redevelopment of the park are not actually for this. The number of likes on the page is not a true representation of the support they claim to have. The Facebook page has also been used to publicly humiliate the ACA which is completely unprofessional and out of order.</p> <p>The survey they carried out is very inaccurate and does not voice the opinion of everyone in the community. They claim in the application the survey was sent out to EVERY household; however, XXXX not receive one, and, on their Facebook page on 29th January 2020 they posted a status saying that the survey "went through NEARLY" all letterboxes in the village. The information given in the application is very different to what they are saying now. The survey also does not give a true representation of a whole community view as only a quarter of</p>
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28	05/02	<p>I was very disappointed to note that a 2nd CAT request form had been submitted for Alice Littler Park and having read Play Aberlour's Business Plan and associated documents, I consider this to be an extremely weak submission compared to the one submitted by Aberlour Community Association. It is clear from the Request form that Play Aberlour, despite being a SCIO since 2017, has secured no funding to date and has produced no evidence that their wish list of proposed funders/financial backers are able to provide financial support to this project.</p> <p>Play Aberlour has not supplied a plan of what the Park would look like should it be possible to obtain the level of funding required and, in addition, they have stated that under "Section 5 Capacity to Deliver" that the process is as follows:</p> <p>Undertake fundraising to meet the goals. Liaise with relevant departments at Moray Council, including Land and Parks, Planning, etc. Apply for permits and schedule construction</p> <p>The Application Checklist on the Heritage Fund website specifically includes a tick box requesting confirmation that "I have any permissions or licences I need" – given that Play Aberlour have clearly stated that liaising with Planning Depts. and applying for permits is the last stage of their process, then I consider their approach to fundraising to be naïve, fundamentally flawed and any application will consequently fail to meet funders' criteria.</p>

		<p>Play Aberlour has also publicly stated that Aberlour & Speyside Rotary has agreed to assist them in “three important ways”. All clubs admitted to Rotary membership must adopt the Standard Rotary Club Constitution . Article 14 Community, National, and International Affairs Section 1 states : Proper Subjects. Any public question involving the welfare of the community, the nation, and the world is a proper subject of fair and informed discussion at a club meeting. However, this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure. Given that 2 competing CAT applications have been submitted for the Alice Littler Park, I consider it inappropriate for reference to the level of support being offered to PA by Aberlour & Speyside Rotary to be included as part of PA’s CAT application.</p> <p>I also disagree with and am disappointed in the language used and criticism directed toward Aberlour Community Association in Play Aberlour’s application as well as the comments made on their facebook page by PA themselves. This is nothing short of divisive. It is also unacceptable to state that “ It is important to note that ACA has rejected the outcomes of the Planning for Real process” This is completely untrue and I would refer you to the following link https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/moray/1658861/victory-for-speyside-campaigners-after-two-year-fight-for-pedestrian-crossing</p> <p>The P&J report states “Transport Scotland has set aside money to create a crossing for residents after it was named the top priority in the Planning for Real survey run in 2016.” It continues “XXXX, said: “It’s been the main issue for us because it ensures safety for our elderly popularly as well as younger people.” XXXX quoted as saying ““This is a breakthrough in the community’s efforts with Transport Scotland giving the go-ahead for a pedestrian crossing”</p> <p>I am extremely concerned that PA appear to be using the state of the Victoria Bridge in order to gain support for their CAT – they state that “ The stages of abandonment of the bridge are troubling in the extreme”. This is an alarmist statement designed to cause maximum anxiety and concern to users of the bridge and local residents. PA state they will take “responsibility on behalf of the village” for insurance, inspection and maintenance of the bridge” if, and only if, it is awarded Alice Littler Park” “This is tantamount to holding the community of Aberlour to ransom and is a disgraceful tactic to use.</p> <p>I am totally opposed to any consideration being given by Moray Council to Play Aberlour’s CAT application</p>
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29	06/02	<p>XXXX While the PA CAT Request and the Business Case are convoluted by extensive repetition across the two documents, the comments below follow the order in which the specific statements (here italicised) originally appear.</p> <p>A PlayAberlour Asset Transfer Request:</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>‘the process [Planning for Real] revealed the overwhelming wishes of local people that our beloved Alice Littler Park be brought back from its current neglected state’</p>

	<p>The empirical evidence justifying the PA assumption of a radical mandate for ‘a complete renewal of the entire park’ is not to be found within the results of the PFR process, as represented in the Aberlour Community Action Plan. Beyond the generalist priority accorded in the strategic planning process for the park’s welfare to be attended to, the subsequent assertion that the PFR exercise and later the PA Aberlour Recreational Survey justify a radical overhaul of the whole park is not supported by the raw figures and statistics alluded to. In addition, the PA call for wholesale development of the park is directly opposed by a substantial proportion of the community of Aberlour, as set out in Appendix 2 of the ACA CAT Business Plan with the extrapolations of the 2018 and 2019 public consultations.</p> <p>‘maintenance [of ‘Alice Littler Park’] in recent years has been done to a bare minimum standard, and the general condition of the entire park has deteriorated. Memorial benches are in disrepair, weeds and molehills cover large areas, broken tree branches are left on the ground’</p> <p>The maintenance of Alice Littler Park as a whole by Moray Council ‘in recent years’ has in fact been adequate by any objective standards, as indicated by the responses of local villagers and visitors collated in 2018 and 2019, as set out in Appendices 2 and 3 in the ACA CAT Plan. Even against a backdrop of sharpening cuts in finance, last year ACA appreciated the attention that MC paid to carrying out regular maintenance of the grass in the games arena and the recreation area in particular – specifically in advance of major tourist events such as the Spirit of Speyside whisky festival and Aberlour Strathspey Highland Games. The ‘deterioration’ identified in the games arena and the car park is of a cosmetic nature.</p> <p>‘our once brilliant playpark, which has been the responsibility of the Aberlour Community Association for more than 20 years’</p> <p>Under the agreement made with MC under the lease that ACA holds with MC for the Playpark dating from July 1998, MC assumed responsibility for maintenance. The local authority deserves credit for duly discharging this duty in preserving the residual functionality of the Playpark, which still contains 9 separate installations popularly enjoyed by visitors (including swings, which have not, as reported by PA, been removed). The ‘neglect’ of the Playpark overlooks valuable work done by MC behind the scenes in this period, up to the substantial drainage works carried out in 2017 on both sides of the mound denoting the Playpark’s boundary. Due to local authority cutbacks, MC maintenance has indeed unfortunately been reduced from 2018 to health and safety monitoring.</p> <p>Sadly the protracted and repeatedly extended conversation over the ALP’s future over the last two years has deprived the playpark of the attention that it requires, as set out strategically in the ACA CAT, in terms of short-term revitalisation capped with long term planned regeneration.</p> <p>History</p> <p>‘As PlayAberlour progressed its plans, we were expressly directed by Moray Council to try again to work with ACA, and they with us. Through this period we made multiple attempts to arrange meetings, but ACA refused. In May 2018 ACA filed their own Expression of Interest to</p>
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	<p>acquire part of the park, vastly complicating the CAT process. Insensibly, their interest was originally only in the northern half of the park (in front of the station), but not the part they already had a lease on and responsibility for (the playpark itself). In April 2019, we finally made a detailed presentation to the ACA trustees and agreed in principle on several areas for further discussion. ACA then refused to follow through on any such discussions. At our final attempt to work with ACA this past summer, we were nonsensically asked to leave a meeting that had been specifically arranged for the purpose of discussing cooperation. ACA then filed a CAT application for the entire park in September.'</p> <p>This 'history' is seriously flawed in its representation of events concerning relations between PA and ACA over ALP. As repeatedly stated in ACA Executive Committee Meetings (particularly strongly reinforced in the minute for 20 February 2019), ACA has always welcomed potential input from PA over the regeneration of ALP; as repeatedly affirmed at ACA ECMs, this would be afforded under the aegis of ACA, with the attendant financial and practical experience and support and the statutory protection that ACA offers. The ACA's submission of an Expression of Interest in a CAT was done with full authority of the Trustees, and indeed following informed discussions with the Alice Littler Memorial Trust, the original owners of the park, who gave their firm support for ACA's proposal as the body best placed to carry on their historic guardianship of the park following their loss of ownership incurred through national statute.</p> <p>A meeting was held between representatives of ACA and PA on 13 September 2018, with staff from the MC CAT team in attendance, to endeavour to find common ground between the two parties. ACA provided a concise four-part summary of the ACA CAT plan together with full commentary establishing the formal justification underpinning the plan. PA agreed that they 'would outline in more detail their 3 stage proposal to develop and improve Alice Littler Park (including the play area and car park) and share this with Aberlour Community Association'. However, on 4 March 2019, XXXX, MC, confirmed that this had not been received but instead the promotional flyer produced in October 2018 (here dated November 2018) had been submitted. The ACA Park CAT Sub-group has kept the Trustees fully updated on developments with regard to ALP, and their considered advice was always respected and appreciated by the Trustees.</p> <p><i>ACA Trustees were pleased to attend the oral PA presentation on their plans for the park on 23 April; however, it lacked concrete strategic planning and financial budgeting. Following full and thorough deliberation by the Trustees, it was unanimously decided at the ACA ECM on 22 May that, as MC officers had suggested in September 2018, ACA should formally pursue a CAT for ownership of the whole park.</i></p> <p>The claim that 'we [PA Trustees] were nonsensically asked to leave a meeting that had been specifically arranged for the purpose of discussing cooperation' is, again, misleading. ACA must abide by its constitution in particular with regards to managing conflicts of interest.</p> <p>Far from having 'refused to follow through on any such discussions' with PA, ACA has constantly reiterated its willingness to work with all stakeholders, including PlayAberlour, on regeneration of the ALP, as expressly stated in the ACA CAT Business Plan in relation to the playpark:</p>
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	<p>‘The ACA will progress a CAT for ownership of the whole park, comprising the arena area, the play park area and the car park. Following that, and, under the auspices of the ACA, a sub-committee will be formed with all parties who have a stake in the future of the Playpark including ACA, Play Aberlour, Health Service representatives, village nursery groups, school Parent Teacher Associations, the Highland Games Committee and other interested parties.’ (p.14)</p> <p>‘It is important to note that ACA has rejected the outcomes of the Planning for Real process, withdrawing before the final Prioritisation Event. For whatever part of the park they want, ACA has stated they would only seek to maintain current conditions, regardless of the wishes of the entire community as reported in the Action Plan.’</p> <p>The allegation that ACA has rejected the outcomes of the Planning for Real process is manifestly untrue: ACA was actively involved in rolling out the initiative from the outset, and an ACA representative regularly fed back to committee meetings up until January of 2018. While ACA’s record of work within the community of Aberlour has preceded PfR’s strategic planning exercise, it has directly followed through on several of the PfR developmental priorities. A cursory glance at ACA ECM Minutes over the past three years shows that ACA has actively delivered on targets identified in PfR and highlighted in the Aberlour Community Action Plan: facilitating traffic speed surveys, resurfacing of the car park (imminently awaited), promoting the installation of drainage in the Playpark and, together with Speyside Area Forum, fostering improved transport (through campaigning for the extension of the public bus service, the electric hub and the car share scheme). ACA specifically volunteered to take on the priority PfR outcome, now coming to fruition, to have a controlled crossing installed on the High Street.</p> <p>Focus on the playpark ‘Our new playpark will be a thrill for toddlers and older kids, and as inclusive as possible for people of all ages and physical abilities. It will have a mix of replacements for the obsolete or missing equipment, other traditional items, and brilliant new amenities—new play equipment that reaches all age groups and abilities. Not just a traditional playpark, but something for everyone including a fitness gym, musical and sensory equipment, and potentially even sand and water play.’</p> <p>The failure of PA to provide a practical plan to show how this proposal for hyper-development of the recreation area of the park with addition of multiple permanent installations will be accommodated within such a restricted area promotes major concern that the aim to provide a recreational area that is ‘as inclusive as possible for people of all ages and physical abilities’ is regrettable. The notion of participants of all ages crushed together in recreational harmony seems naive; and the principle of seeking multi-layered inclusivity is actually tantamount to the fostering of exclusivity for the legion of local residents and visitors alike who treasure the natural ambience of the park as a whole, as documented in Appendices 2 and 3 of the ACA CAT.</p> <p>Saving Victoria Bridge</p>
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	<p>The future of Victoria Bridge is entirely irrelevant to the present CAT; as the PA map shows, it falls outwith the designated area. However, the unsubstantiated allegation that ‘XXXX of [ACA], we are told, has repeatedly declined to consider the matter’ is untrue. The situation concerning the bridge was subject of thorough discussion at the Executive Committee Meeting of ACA as far back as 28 August 2013, as verified in the minute taken at the time, and the present chair of ACA subsequently entered into lengthy correspondence with key protagonists concerned with the bridge’s welfare.</p> <p>Public health & environmental wellbeing benefits ‘Our own survey found that the two favourite things to do in our park are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take children to the park and playpark—40% • Walks in the park—over 50%’ <p>The MC’s Place Standards Report from May 2019 cited in the ACA CAT Business Plan, predicated on consultation with S1-S3 pupils in Moray, reports on the survey conducted at Speyside High School which demonstrates that contemporary pupils not only share a keen interest in their local environment, but that their passion for ‘natural space’ is the highest scoring single criterion in their response, with ‘play and recreation’ accorded equal lowest ranking. As concluded in ACA’s CAT, in the eyes of the young folk of Speyside environmental regeneration ideally will be manifested in conservation of our natural surroundings in preference to recreational development.</p> <p>Level and nature of support ‘notably, not Aberlour Community Association, which had pulled out of the [Planning for Real] project at this point [June 2016]’</p> <p>This is ill-informed and factually inaccurate. Following the PfR consultation process, ACA took up the community’s key target to progress the initiative to establish a controlled crossing in the High Street, and subsequently PfR remained an agenda item at ACA ECMs through 2017 up to January of 2018. The minute of this ACA meeting of 24 January 2018 refers to discussion on the lack of feedback from PfR and the emergent lack of accountability to the community following publication of the Aberlour Community Action Plan.</p> <p>B Business Case: How we’ll get it done ‘It is the intention of PlayAberlour to raise approximately £300,000 from major funders.’</p> <p>There is no documented evidence that funders will provide the required monies, and PA have declared that they have no funds of their own – also a potential stumbling block to attracting sponsorship. Section 3 (iv) of the ACA CAT indicates the financial probity demonstrable in ACA’s track record in historic governance of its assets; the subsequent summary of the association’s current financial health in Section 8 (i) provides the sound foundation for the pragmatic scheme outlined in Section 8 (ii) to fund future management and development of the park.</p>
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	<p>The rest of the park</p> <p>‘Underlying expenses for the basic maintenance of the park are modest, on the order of £5000 per year, and expenses for managing Victoria Bridge are around £1500. We can seek funding for these costs from many sources.’</p> <p>The PA financial prospectus is worryingly bereft of substance. The rough estimation of costs for managing the Victoria Bridge, as stated above, falls outwith the ambit of the present application.</p> <p>Key benefits to the community</p> <p>‘The missing piece is the existence of a park with fine recreation facilities for people of all ages and abilities, including a play and sports areas, fitness equipment and inclusive facilities. Having a first-class park will shine a bright spotlight on Aberlour. Economic development organisations of all kinds will focus on our improved park to showcase and promote the area.’</p> <p>There is no objective evidence that the creation of a multi-faceted recreational development constitutes ‘a first-class park’, or that this will sustain economic growth; indeed the feedback culled from visitors to Aberlour from all over the world as recorded at the Speyside Visitor Centre, represented in Appendix 3 of the ACA CAT, strongly suggests that the largely unaccommodated natural open space which forms the bulk of the area of the park is the principal attraction for visitors.</p> <p>Community Support</p> <p>‘2272 flags were used by the public to indicate their issues and priorities. Over 1000 of the flags—nearly half—were for improvements and changes within the park.’</p> <p>‘Out of 22 issues identified as "Top Priorities", 8 specifically mention Alice Littler Park and a 9th expresses interest in a skatepark’</p> <p>As stated above, the ostensible demand for ‘changes’ of the radical nature proposed by PA in their Survey from March 2018 is not substantiated by the PfR consultation and by the figures presented in the PA CAT. The failure of PA to reassure the people of Aberlour that their mooted proposal to establish permanent recreational installations in ‘Alice Littler Park’ would be confined to the recreation area caused, and continues to cause, widespread unease. As the ACA CAT public surveys attest, preservation of the natural green space in the park as a whole is a major priority within the community.</p> <p>Letters of support/patronage</p> <p>i) Commitment of patronage from a prominent local figure.</p> <p>ii) Commitments of support from political figures.</p> <p>iii) Letters of support from national charitable organisations and bodies in the areas of play</p>
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	<p>and recreation.</p> <p>iv) Letters of support from many local businesses.’</p> <p>As with many of the key components of PA’s application, this statement is lacking in firm substance. Anonymised commitments are presumably contingent upon PA securing ownership of the park, and therefore are speculative and/or anecdotal. Unsubstantiated references to unspecified support, of ‘a prominent local figure’, ‘political figures’, ‘national charitable organisations’ and the unquantified number of ‘many local businesses’ are spurious within the orbit of this exercise. ACA CAT sets out firm and unequivocal letters of support in Appendix 6.</p> <p>Funding and Financing</p> <p>‘Speyside has a rare abundance of high-visibility Corporates, all of which are ideal partners for PlayAberlour. Among the distilleries, Aberlour (Pernod Ricard) and Macallan (Edrington) are within sight of the park’</p> <p>‘Any larger companies in the immediate area would have a similar interest in improvements at the park, including: Speyside Cooperage, Glenfiddich, Walkers, McPhersons and others.’</p> <p>‘Many local businesses have already pledged support and some have offered to quote work at a reduced rate or as a donation’</p> <p>The cataloguing of local companies who are cited as ‘ideal partners’ and ‘who would have’ an interest in the regeneration of the park by PA is notional and is a putative indicator of support. As stated above, ACA’s CAT includes firm letters of support, reproduced in Appendix 6.</p> <p>Sustainability</p> <p>‘A healthy natural environment is central to the enjoyment of outdoor recreation. PlayAberlour will always consider the protection and preservation of Alice Littler Park’s plants, animals and landscapes, with special care for the adjacent River Spey. Extra attention will be given to the immediate environment during active construction phases.’</p> <p>The PA CAT is worryingly tokenist in its observation of environmental considerations; the proper conservation of the natural open spaces of the ALP is fundamentally incompatible with their plan to develop the recreation area and to populate it with multiple permanent installations. The environmental principles espoused in Section 2 (v) of the Rationale presented in ACA CAT’s Business Case has already taken practical shape in the conservation exercises implemented by ACA in 2019 under the ‘Wildlife and the Environment’ banner promoted in the Speyside Visitor Centre, as outlined in Section 3 (vi) of the ACA Business Plan. In addition, Section 4 (i) Objective 2 Outcome 3 proposes sympathetic and non-invasive ways for locals and visitors of nurturing and benefiting from the local ecology. Full cognizance must be taken of the environmental designations protecting ALP, as set out in ACA CAT Section 4 ii (a).</p>
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		<p>FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER APPLICATION</p> <p><i>'No organisation funds have been raised or spent since the founding of the organisation. Our work so far—research, writing, phone, email, meetings—has not required substantive expenditure.'</i></p> <p>Despite the contradiction inherent to this statement, as indicated earlier PA's lack of income and indeed the complete absence of any substantive financial history is a major concern for a group intent on taking ownership and responsibility for governance of such a valuable property as the Alice Littler Park.</p> <p>Summary Conclusion</p> <p>Alice Littler Park comprises three components which combine to form one of the most highly prized assets within Aberlour: the highland games arena requiring protection from development and currently in need of cosmetic conservation and maintenance; the car park (strangely neglected in PA's CAT), again requiring superficial attention; and the recreation area, in which the playpark requires refurbishment and upgrading as a toddlers' play area. The ACA CAT from August 2019 demonstrates beyond doubt that ACA has the strategic and economic capacity to take ownership of the whole park and to take charge of its management and governance on behalf of, and in consultation with, the community. Furthermore, the ACA CAT shows the rectitude and probity that has characterised its dealings throughout this long drawn out matter, concentrating on the positive channelling of its efforts towards the ultimate objective of safeguarding the future of ALP for the community of Aberlour. The unanimously positive responses elicited by the ACA CAT in the Public Consultation exercise conducted by MC in September 2019 gives powerful endorsement of ACA's case.</p> <p>CTB Response Here</p>
30	06/02	<p>XXXX and I would like play Aberlour to get the park because I have looked at both sides and play Aberlour's plans sound better then the community association, because the community association does not have very much planned for the park but play Aberlour have plans that I think would be good for young and old. I liked the park when I was little but it isn't very good for kids at the moment. I would like to have fun things that me and my friends could do at the park.</p> <p>CTB Response Here</p>
31	06/02	<p>XXXX I remember when the park was built and all the kids equipment was installed. Sadly over the years it has become an eyesore and been neglected to such an extent that my children don't even play there. I feel if Playaberlour wants to take over and maintain the park to the way it was when built surely this is a great idea. This would certainly benefit the village as well if the park was put back to a high standard and safe for children to play.</p> <p>CTB Response Here</p>
32	06/02	<p>XXXX find the Park a nice place to relax on a study break or a nice quite calm place to study. I feel disgusted at the fact that Play Aberlour has f the need to take the calm and peaceful environment away from the citizens of Aberlour and surrounding areas. When I have been sitting in th</p>

		<p>Park either relaxing or studying I have found that the Park is used by a variety of people, from the elderly, to dog walkers, to other students, tourists or workers on their lunch break. I know a large amount of the citizens who use the Park would prefer a peaceful large green space which currently the Park caters for spectacularly! However I feel that Play Aberlour turning the Park into what seems to be a theme park is a very bad idea. Aberlour does not need a theme park, like Alton Towers, what it needs is to allow current users to find peace and tranquillity in the Park and to allow regular users to use it in the peaceful manner which many residents prefer. Having had a look at Play Aberlour's business plan-XXXX, I can clearly see a flawed plan. It is clear they have thought how they intend to raise immediate funds to enable the purchasing of the equipment, although there is no guarantee of funding being secured for their plan. However, Play Aberlour does not seem to have planned how they will gain the funds needed to keep the equipment safe and compliant to comply with current legislation in place. I can clearly see that Play Aberlour are assuming that businesses, that are meant to be donating money to be invested in the Park, are going to be targeted again for the money required for the up-keep of the equipment.</p> <p>This is no guarantee of funding so it is very concerning what will happen to the Park if Play Aberlour manage to put in all their proposed 'recreation' play equipment. Also their Financial Statement states "No organisation funds have been raised or spent since the founding of the organisation". This is deeply worrying as they have clearly stated they have no funds at all, which means if they were able to put in place some or all the theme park like equipment then they would be 100% reliant on other sources of finance, such as local businesses. This is grossly unfair to put this sort of pressure on local businesses as the business community of Aberlour is very willing when it comes to helping out financially. I feel that if Play Aberlour was to ask for the money from businesses then it may discourage the businesses from being so generous towards the community of Aberlour, and even surrounding communities. However finances aside, I know that a number of citizens including myself will be deeply disappointed that the Park has lost its peacefulness and its quiet relaxing natural feel. I feel that if Play Aberlour was to gain ownership of the Park and invest in this theme park idea then they will lose the large green open space, and discourage future generations in spending their time outside in the peaceful, nature packed Park which is booming with wildlife. The Alice Littler Park is an important asset that the community of Aberlour currently have, which should be cherished and protected in its natural state.</p>
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33	06/02	<p>Having read Play Aberlour's Asset Transfer Request and their business case, I struggle to see any evidence of any guarantee of potential funding from the mentioned organisations or any letters of support from the mentioned corporate companies.</p> <p>I do not believe therefore that there is a competent business case and so, I am opposed to Play Aberlour taking ownership of the Alice Littler Park through a CAT</p> <p>I would like to reaffirm my full support and confidence in Aberlour Community Association taking ownership of the Alice Littler Park through their Asset Transfer Request.</p>
		CTB Response Here
34	06/02	XXXX, I am deeply concerned at the proposals of PlayAberlour as represented in their CAT for ownership of the Alice Littler Park. XXXX regular users of the park, along with my fellow dog walkers frequenting it two or three times a day in all seasons, as well as enjoying watching the

	<p>rich play of life that it hosts in the tourist season XXXX at Aberlour Community Association's Old Station Tearoom and Speyside Visitor Centre overlooking the park.</p> <p>For two years PA have persistently acted improperly in their attritional dealings over the park which have been riddled with secrecy, misinformation and obfuscation. The basic identity of the organisation's members remains an enduring mystery to the local populace, given that their meetings are conducted outwith the public domain, with no agendas and minutes displayed in the village. PA's high profile on social media belies the group's invisible physical presence within the community; the repeated use in their CAT of the possessive in referring to 'our' amenities such as the Visitor Centre, Tearoom and local naturalists and historians is disingenuous for a group that avoids actively supporting the invaluable voluntary work carried out on behalf of the community under the aegis of ACA, principally at the Speyside Visitor Centre and the Old Station Tearoom.</p> <p>The two promotional flyers that PA have produced in their short lifetime, as reproduced and attenuated in their CAT, have only added to the uncertainty surrounding PA's intentions with regard to the park, concerning what their actual plans are in the first place and where, when and how they stand to be carried out. My principal concerns are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PA's appropriation of the Planning for Real process doesn't as they claim give them a mandate for extensive development of the park. Like many other villagers, I was mortified to find that the priority that XXXX in the strategic planning exercise to the general task of attending to the welfare of the park (the games arena then being subject to radical upheaval in the form of earthworks carried out to establish the Stor Tank) was then misrepresented as part of a concerted call from the villagers to support radical development, ostensibly of the whole area (the PA Survey fails to define which of the park's component parts it is related to: the games arena, playpark or car park, which understandably spread widespread unease among the villagers). 2. The comprehensive claim made at the start of the PA Survey constitutes an entirely false premise for what follows: 'The people of Aberlour clearly wished for Alice Littler Park to be improved and made accessible for all, and for places to be found for other kinds of recreational and social activities.' Conservation and development are radically different exercises, and the Survey failed to offer respondents any direct way of opting for the former option – which surely should have been flagged up at the very start. The stated aim of PA to employ 'well-designed consultation methods' unfortunately has not been fulfilled, as a substantial proportion of villagers feel that their views have been ignored. The claim that 'every decision will be made with everyone in mind' is idealistic to the point of absurdity and doesn't square with the exclusional planning processes underpinning the PA 'Aberlour Recreational Survey' and 'Your Vision for Alice Littler Park'. 3. As the park has become the subject of protracted political negotiations, with MC's escalating cutbacks the playpark has unfortunately been deprived of the regular maintenance that it requires. However, PA's efforts to exaggerate the present shortcomings of 'the ruined
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		<p>playpark’ and to extend this tainted view to their representation of the whole park with similarly emotive imagery, completely defies the reality that the park was, is and will continue to be a beautiful natural haven set at the heart of the village.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The inference that the park is currently not ‘accessible for all’ is a mystifying misconception of a beautifully accommodating public space; and the equation of the perceived call for improvement with the manifold innovations summarily listed in the questionnaire that follows (ranging from sand and water play areas, to exercise equipment, game table, bandstand, barbeques, ‘wheels’ provisions) completely ignores more conventional alternatives (as supported in the ACA CAT public consultations) resting upon conservation of the park’s unique natural attractions. 5. PA’s failure to apprise the public of their actual plans and their efforts to disguise the patent lack of robustness afflicting their developmental and financial strategy has only added to local discomfiture. Their campaign in their CAT (as well as on social media) orchestrated to promote their own cause degenerates into mendacious (and at times personal) indictment of the committed groups and individuals who traditionally have looked after the village, including the park, for generations. 6. The strongest objection that the PA CAT elicits is a fundamental philosophical one. Clearly the authors have no conception of the qualities that make Alice Littler Park such a treasured part of the village. Their attempt to appeal to the public by becoming all things to all men in the industrially contrived vision offering an eclectic list of facilities paraded for the park, with permanent bespoke play stations established for toddlers, teens and adults, cannot be reconciled with the pre-eminent attraction of the park, as invoked by locals and visitors alike, as a natural green space with a perfectly tranquil riverside setting. The rampant artificiality of PA’s disneyworld-like hyper-development ‘business plan’, with abstract ‘sensory stations’ even being mooted as substitutes for the gentle rippling of the river, the rustling of the trees and the birdsong betrays a crass disregard for the unique geography, history and culture that combine to make Aberlour such a special place to live. The playpark undoubtedly deserves regeneration; but why further permanent recreational stations should be allowed to encroach into other green areas of the beautiful versatile space that has been protected for four decades is beyond comprehension. 7. PlayAberlour’s CAT is aspirational and devoid of substance. More worryingly, as the slightness of the CAT entry on ‘celebrating our history and connections’ reveals, it shows disregard for the special magical ethos of the village of Aberlour as embodied in the ALP. PlayAberlour’s claim that it is ‘supported by volunteers’ is conceivable, but the assertion that it has the support of ‘the wider community’ is not borne out by their actions to date, nor by their CAT submitted for ownership of ALP. I trust that my fellow villagers, and indeed the powers that be, will recognise the fatal shortcomings of the PA CAT and will place their trust in the business plan of the ACA, as the democratically elected body that has a proven track record in safeguarding the village’s interests.
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35	06/02	I wish to object to the proposal to transfer of Alice Litter Park to PlayAberlour.

		<p>XXXX Everyone worked well together for the benefit of the village. Unfortunately the outlook has now changed with the information of separate committees especially PlayAberlour who claim falsely to have the support of the residents. We have had many promises in a multiplicity of plans but no action. the reality of the ongoing benefits to the village are follows:</p> <p>1 Toilets - open all year one of the attractions for children visiting the park and tourists to the village where the facility is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>2 The Tearoom - run by volunteers</p> <p>3 The Tourist Centre open from Easter till Sept with visitors from all over the world (volunteers again)</p> <p>4 The putting ground. Unfortunately due to uncertainty over the future of the park, did not open in 2019.</p> <p>PlayAberlour claim to be involved in these facilities but have contributed nothing not with the fundraising or volunteering. I'm sure the Committee members are familiar with the quote 'high sounding words signifying nothing'.</p> <p>CTB Response Here</p>
36	06/02	<p>XXXX I would very much like to add my full support to this project . It is clearly time for this wonderful gift from Alice Littler to be brought up to modern standards to reflect the growth of Aberlour in recent years.</p> <p>CTB Response Here</p>
37	06/02	<p>I am writing in response to PlayAberlour's Community Asset Transfer application for the Alice Littler Park, Aberlour. I write to raise objections to the proposals outlined in the request on the grounds of funding for the project and the findings of the group's own research. XXXX</p> <p>Firstly, I'd like to highlight areas of concern in the application surrounding the funding of the bid which, in my opinion, undermines it's legitimacy.</p> <p>- Whilst the estimated funds required and what these funds would be initially spent on are laid out on page 17 of the report, exactly how much of the quoted £300,000 will be spent on each development is unclear.</p> <p>- Alongside this, the sources of this combined estimated quote are vague. "Most of these estimates were sourced from Scotland." (p.17) I ask; from where? From who? and why does the organisation feel the need to revisit and source quotes 'during the next phase'? At very least, I feel the figure quoted is in need of clarification.</p> <p>- To my knowledge, reading the report, any major funder identified by PlayAberlour is yet to be formally approached. The group is expecting an organisation such as the 'Heritage Lottery Community Fund' to foot around half of the total bill yet the expected timescale of that process from application to award is not explained anywhere within the funding section of the application. This, in my opinion, casts doubt around the overall fundraising completion timescale of 2020-21, hindering the project.</p>

		<p>- The fundrasing section of the report seems to suggest that the vast majority of fundrasing work will begin after the CAT transfer. “PlayAberlour will approach Heritage Lottery or Big Lottery immediately upon awarding of the CAT.” (p.17), “We have received a commitment for patronage from a significant local figurehead, pending our obtaining the park.” (p.19). With the organisation being still in it’s early years of development, this attitude flags concerns about the security of the funding outlined. What happens should PlayAberlour obtain the CAT and any of these funding applications be rejected or fall through is not considered by the report.</p> <p>Alongside concerns surrounding the funding of the bid, I’d like to draw attention to some faults I find with PlayAberlour’s recreational survey of March 2018 and it’s findings. I take a keen interest in statistics XXXX. I was intrigued by the report on PlayAberlour’s own research on pages 46-51 of the CAT application.</p> <p>- Firstly, I’d argue that the sample of respondants from the village of Aberlour is too thin to effectively support such universal claims like, “What was clearly wanted was a major upgrade from the status quo, and a plan to secure the future of the park in a way that reflects the wishes of the entire community...” (p.9). After leaflets were posted through every household in Aberlour, the 25% response rate recieved is notable but not significant enough to claim to voice the wishes of the entire village. According to the pie chart on page 48, 52% of all respondants (including online responses) came from Aberlour. Whilst this is a slim majority, the report cannot claim to have consulted every single member of the local community when claiming what the community wants.</p> <p>- The format of the survey itself is not entirely neutral and has a clear narrative which respondants could well be inclined to follow. The survey starts by collecting personal data of the respondent and asking them to report their current usage of the park. Moving forward, the survey then asks the respondent to improve the park. Realistically, respondants could tick every single improvement option on the survey with no real background of what may or may not actually be possible before the survey then hypothetically asks respondants to predict how much they would use the park if their changes were implemented. These questions and their format can be said to contain some bias, whether intentional or not, as the point that the research is designed to make is made abundantly clear throughout questioning.</p> <p>- This, I’d imply, does not lead to morally cautious or accurate results and this is demonstrated by the bar graphs concerning park usage. Respondants would be more likely to follow the narrative set out by the survey as they perhaps feel an expectation to answer a certain way that puts their usage of an improved park (improvements dictated by the respondent) compared to their current usage. A similar point could have been made by the researchers by perhaps asking respondants to rank how highly they see improving the park as a priority to them to further consolidate the ‘Planning for Real’ evidence.</p>
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38	06/02	<p>XXXX</p> <p>I do not support Play Aberlour's request for ownership of the Alice Littler Park for the following reasons; Play Aberlour became a registered charity in 2017 and have done nothing positive to prove themselves to the village.</p> <p>They have on several occasions throughout their request openly disrespected the Aberlour Community Association and the Alice Littler Trust which have both been established registered charities for more than 30year each. I feel this is a very unprofessional approach and personal feelings should not have come into it.</p> <p>The fact that they have no funding at all and are relying on so many different charities to get them started is worrying this also means that although they are hoping to start upgrading the playpark in 2021/22 there is no guarantee of this happening. Which they have said would happen they have also made these promises to the villagers of Aberlour.</p> <p>The fact that they have even included the 'penny' bridge into their application in completely irrelevant and should never have been included. They have also stated that they have letters of support but there is no evidence of this at all. They also speak about their facebook page and name it in their application as aberlourplayskate it hasn't actually been called this since September 2016 and was then changed again to the current playaberlour in August 2017.</p>
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39	07/02	<p>We have the following observations to make</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Northern Scot article of 24 January 2020 was quite obviously sponsored by PlayAberlour and as such gave a detrimental view of the subject. 2. The photograph content was deliberately set to give an adverse impression and as such contains unsubstantiated comments. 3. XXXX have always enjoyed an outing to the facility. The options available are totally adequate and the slide, deliberately omitted in the aforesaid photograph, is the best one on Speyside. 4. PlayAberlour's ambitions are scarcely laudable – more like Disneyland comes to Aberlour! 5. The ACA is a conscientious dedicated group rooted in the community whereas PlayAberlour is a charity – surely this represents a conflict of interest with the intention associated with the ceding of the park to the community by the Alice Littler Memorial Trust. 6. Trees do lose branches in high winds and moles do create mole hills – PlayAberlour appear to magically prevent such natural events! 7. Whilst PlayAberlour may have a point that renovation is required, their disdain and ignorance of the effort by community members who raised the funds for the present range of play facilities is commensurate with being out of touch with the actuality of what is adequate for community of Aberlour. 8. The risks, both financially and practical, associated with PlayAberlour render their CAT application unacceptable. <p>CTB Response Here</p>
40	07/02	<p>I am responding to this consultation in XXXX). I am very concerned about this CAT bid by Play Aberlour (PA).</p> <p>XXXX by failing to pursue the best interests of that organisation.</p> <p>They have employed a cynical and sadly predictable strategy aimed at delaying the ACA's recent CAT bid and discrediting fellow members of the Aberlour Community Association through misrepresenting the views of the ACA Trustees verbally and on social media to the wider Aberlour community.</p> <p>XXXX.</p> <p>XXXX has left me with serious concerns over their ability to work professionally and positively with other community groups on the management and development of the Alice Littler Park. The lack of professional integrity XXXX witnessed on the part of PA trustees, their disregard and disrespect for the Constitution of ACA and XXXX, compounded by XXXX repeated failure to honestly discharge their duties as ACA Trustees lead me to doubt that the XXXX of PA can be trusted to manage a project that is so important to and for all members of the Aberlour Community.</p> <p>CTB Response Here</p>
41	07/02	<p>I am writing to support Play Aberlour's application for their plans with respect to the Alice Littler Park in Aberlour</p>

		<p>As I write I am sitting at the playpark. My twelve year old daughter is playing but is sad at how little there is here, and how it has not been kept up. We LOVE the ideas for inclusive space, for areas for community gardening, and for stimulating play. Adults like to play too! I used to love coming here with her.</p> <p>The plans and ideas PlayAberlour have for this park have my full support and I look forward to being able to be a part of this space's change. We live in Knockando but are regularly in Aberlour. Next year my daughter will be at the High School. Her scout group comes here for activities (Aberlour scouts). It could be so much better than it is. Play Aberlour have a vision and a plan that will make this a happy place to come again.</p>
		<p>CTB Response Here</p>
42	07/02	<p>The playpark in Aberlour would benefit from a sympathetic upgrade but PlayAberlour's plan is little more than a wish list to Santa from a very greedy child who is too immature to see the future consequences should all their wishes be granted.</p> <p>To achieve what Play Aberlour wishes to achieve a larger area of the Alice Littler Park than is now occupied would become a sprawling, cluttered and artificial play area which would require a significant amount of maintenance and expertise to ensure that the equipment was safe. It would need repairs and probable replacements when inevitably things get broken or vandalised.</p> <p>If there was no money to pay for the upkeep of the park; if the 'mystery' donors took to the hills and didn't stump up the cash; if the people who said they'd volunteer vanished into thin air ...where would that leave the park? Broken and derelict - throw in a burnt out car and the vision is more inner city downtown Compton than the lovely wee Speyside village tourists come to visit year on year and the place I have come to call home. And I love it and I fear for it now.</p> <p>What about overflowing litter bins? Yeah - somebody would have to empty the many bins that have been suggested...contractors? You need money for that. Volunteers - no - remember they have their own lives to think about. It takes more than a litter pick day in Hi Viz jackets, a poky stick and a selfie on Facebook to make sure the park is the magical, all singing and dancing wonderland that is being touted. The park would become a pitiful wasteland if the volunteers and benefactors disappeared.</p> <p>Play Aberlour bang on about the derelict state of the park. At the moment there may be twigs, small branches and leaves on the ground - it's winter, people - deal with it - anyone heard of Storm Gareth? Storm Ciara? Anyone? There may be pine cones and tufty grass -there may be molehills! Ok - moles bother people who bother about smooth lawns, golf courses and bowling greens and municipal parks - but moles make a positive contribution to the health of the landscape. Their tunnelling improves soil aeration and drainage. Drainage! Is that not what we want in the park. Improved drainage? Ok Moley isn't going to solve the problem all by herself but every little helps...</p> <p>So - Play Aberlour's objection about the park right now - twigs and branches and leaves and moles!!! All natural, all part of the environment. Metal, rubber, plastic and paint - not so much!!! And they want to fill the park with it</p>

		<p>Play Aberlour have extravagant plans for the park but:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They have no money. Their intention is to raise funds if they get the park. Inevitably this will lead to more delay. What will happen to the park then? And there is no guarantee that they will raise the funds required 2. Their intention is to enlist the help of local tradespeople, large local businesses and community volunteers to maintain the park. Again there are no guarantees - people change their minds, circumstances change - unless Play Aberlour have money in the bank -they have nothing. As for enlisting volunteers :- XXXX; I pick up litter when I see it when out walking the dogs in the park - I don't need an organised Hi Viz jacket event to do it; Many locals in Aberlour do the same without having to advertise the fact on social media! <p>But - the tearoom and visitor centre needed more volunteers last year and XXXX put out the call for support. Very few answered the call. XXXX. So it was down to the people who for years have supported and volunteered in the community to help the village. None of them as far as I am aware were Play Aberlour people. Apart from the Chair and Vice chair no-one knows who PlayAberlour is and where they come from.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Play Aberlour blamed the ACA for the state of the park and the delays in getting something done about it. Their intention is to take over the running of the park as they are desperate to bring it up to 21 century standards and show us all how it's done! Seemingly they were desperate to achieve this - so why did it take them 5 months after the ACA submitted their CAT - to submit theirs. It is not ACA's fault that the CAT has been delayed. It is Play Aberlour's. <p>So what are Play Aberlour playing at? Who are they? Why are they hellbent on keeping themselves anonymous? What is their problem? Everyone knows who the ACA are and they have been working tirelessly for this village and supporting it for decades - they just don't need a Hi Viz jacket and saccharine posts on social media pages to blow their own trumpet.</p> <p>It would appear that PlayAberlour are full of good intentions - but appearances can be deceptive! And we all know that the road to Hell is paved with good intentions.</p>
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43	07/02	<p>Not everyone participated in the Planning for real process, so cannot be claimed these are things "everyone wants," for example ziplines and music. Whilst agreeing that ziplines and a skate park might provide lots of fun for certain age groups, it must also be borne in mind that they bring problems of litter, non-attendance at school and anti social behaviour. A high level of monitoring might be required and evidence from other Moray skateparks and ziplines could be investigated.</p>

		<p>The proposed use of plastics is of concern at a time when all are being encouraged to reduce use of plastic.</p> <p>Throughout the CAT the use of the word "our" is not correct. eg our Highland Games ground, our putting green, our Speyside Visitor Centre, our Old Station tearoom, our beautiful park . These facilities do not belong to Play Aberlour. I am not aware of Play Aberlour having input into any of these valuable assets. in fact some of the critical comments give no recognition of the hard work and dedication which have gone into them over many years mainly by members of the Aberlour Community Association.</p> <p>The Victoria Bridge Aberlour Limited was dissolved in March 2019. Play Aberlour's proposal to take over the maintenance of the bridge "if and only if" the resident agree to their CAT for the Alice littler Park seems to me like blackmail.</p> <p>In relation to this Play Aberlour says "the Aberlour Community Association Chair (we are told) declined to consider the matter." Where and from whom did this information come?</p> <p>The claim that the analysis of the Action Plan was delivered to every mail slot in Aberlour is untrue. XXXX.</p> <p>This CAT proposal says it will bring Aberlour together by working with Moray Council and Transport to improve the links between the centre of the village, the Old Station building, and the playpark and other amenities. Why no mention of working together with the Aberlour Community Association which runs the Old Station Tearoom, the Speyside Visitor Centre and pays for the maintenance of the public toilets. It also has a commendable reputation in contributing to the life of the village. Does the village need even more signs? A guid scots tongue is more than adequate to find where most things are located. The friendliness of the local people is top rate.</p>
		CTB Response Here
44	07/02	<p>XXXX frequent user of the Alice Littler Park. The park is a beautiful open green space set in the most beautiful surroundings with the River Spey running along its length and it is the only place that I know of where wheelchair and buggy users can get access to a riverside walk by the banks of the Spey. I have noted some specific comments against sections of the Asset Transfer Request Form below.</p> <p><u>Section D – Reasons for request 1 Community Proposal – Reasons for making the request and how the land will be used</u></p> <p><u>Introduction</u></p> <p>The authors write that “Memorial benches are in disrepair, weeds and molehills cover large areas, broken tree branches are left on the ground.” That statement illustrates a lack of understanding of the ethos of the park. I regularly use the memorial benches by the riverside path – they are not in disrepair.</p>

		<p>So called ‘weeds’ are natural wildflowers and plants that support insects, that in turn support birds and other small animals. I saw 4 bullfinches, a rare sight, feeding on dandelion seed heads last summer, which I was then able to log on the Speyside Visitor Centre volunteers’ wildlife blackboard.</p> <p>Any issues with molehills should be addressed to the current owner of the park, The Moray Council.</p> <p>Any tree branches or twigs blown down in the park are generally cleared to the side by park users and volunteers.</p> <p><u>Focus on the playpark...</u></p> <p>It is my view that the Children’s Play Park does need improvements but that should be commensurate with the number of children in the village and within the bounds of affordability. I would <u>not</u> like to see the area developed into a theme park. Every piece of play equipment installed has ongoing continuous maintenance and replacement costs, and there is no evidence that these costs have been taken into account in this application. It should be remembered that an exercise gym was installed in Speyside Community Centre recently and in these days of austerity there is little room for duplication of equipment within such a small community.</p> <p><u>Saving Victoria Bridge</u></p> <p>The Victoria Bridge is not owned by Moray Council but is owned by a private trust and surely It is not a valid part of this application for a CAT.</p> <p><u>Section E – Level and nature of support</u></p> <p>This section is full of generalities and unsubstantiated statements. I could see no sign of evidence of support from any of the groups of individuals mentioned.</p> <p><u>Section F – Funding</u></p> <p><i>“It is the intention of PlayAberlour to raise approximately £300 000 from major funders...”</i></p>
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45	23/01	<p>I wish to offer my full support to PlayAberlour in their bid to take ownership of the Alice Littler Park. XXXX. Our local park has fallen into such a state over the last few years it's the worst I have ever seen it. XXXX no longer allow XXXX play there as I personally feel it is dangerous. To see that this has happened while under the care of The Aberlour Community Association is very disappointing. XXXX for outdoor activities with my children. XXXX lots of families that do not have this luxury. With plans for new social housing, Aberlour needs a safe public space or we risk children and families living in isolation.</p> <p>PlayAberlour have a vision in mind which need to be thoroughly applauded. In my opinion they have literally thought of everything and for the first time in a long time XXXX excited about XXXX in a community project.</p> <p>XXXX planning for real consultation, XXXX a flag on the park area asking for improvement. I never imagined such an amazing plan would be thought of.</p> <p>I hope the Moray Council will make the right decision.</p> <p>CTB Response Here</p>
46	07/02	<p>XXXX, supporting the PlayAberlour proposal for a Community Asset Transfer and their plan to renew Alice Littler Park.</p> <p>I am in agreement with PlayAberlour's assessment of conditions and opportunities stated in their business case: Investment in the park will directly improve the quality parks and recreation play a pivotal role in attracting and retaining businesses. Influencing business expansion decisions, and attracting new residents to the community. Aberlour's lovely rural location, Speyside Way, famous fishing and whisky attractions, nearby castles and historic sites, plus excellent food options, contribute to its appeal for tourists and locals alike. Along with our excellent schools, community centre, care home, medical practice, high street businesses, a mix of tidy existing and new housing and long-standing international companies already located here, only our neglected and forlorn park is out of place.</p> <p>The missing piece is the existence of a park with fine recreation facilities for people of all ages and abilities, including a play and sports areas, fitness equipment and inclusive facilities. Having a first-class park will shine a bright spotlight on Aberlour. Economic development organisations of all kinds will focus on our improved park to showcase and promote the area.</p> <p>The current state of the park, especially playpark, is detrimental to the economic prosperity of the village. The plans PlayAberlour have</p>

		submitted will help bring our high street to life for year round, making Aberlour a better place for residents and a great destination for visitors.
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Response to Public Comments

PlayAberlour SCIO SC047670

13 March 2020

1. PlayAberlour was founded in respect of, and is fully committed to, the principles of the National Standards for Community Engagement.

- The Standards are designed to ensure that ALL members of the community are fairly and completely represented. Download a copy at voicescotland.org.uk
- They have been widely adopted across Scotland as “good-practice principles designed to support and inform the process of community engagement, and improve what happens as a result.”
- The Standards are effective at helping “community groups ... involve their members or the wider community in shaping the services they deliver, and to make sure that they accurately represent members' or communities' views...”

2. Moray Council has also committed to the Standards.

- *[Moray Council's strategic] community engagement principles ... are intended to be used as an active tool by departments when they are planning community engagement and as a reference to let community members know what to expect when working with Moray Council. ...*

The Council will ...

Adhere to the National Standards for Community Engagement.

(Moray Council Community Engagement Scheme 2012-16)

- *Examples of how we have used these tools successfully within the community are illustrated in the case studies.*

Planning for Real events took place across Moray in Portgordon, Aberlour and Forres, co-ordinated by CSU officers, to allow residents the chance to participate in 3D planning and development in their local communities.

The Aberlour Planning for Real sessions reached over 150 participants, including parents of schoolchildren, giving a participation rate of around 12% of the community's population. The community compiled their action plans and presented them to the community planning partners. Collectively the action plan was adopted and is being supported to implement it.

(Moray Community Planning Partnership, Community Engagement Strategy 2017)

3. The Planning for Real process that inspired PlayAberlour is well-known as an effective method consistent with the Standards.
4. Our own Aberlour Recreation Survey reached well beyond statistically valid numbers of responses, and complied with the Standards under the guidance of Moray Council staff.
5. We have no further comment here. With respect for the opinions of all who responded, we will let the complete and unexpurgated comments of the people of our community speak, and add to these the comments from our above-mentioned survey. (We left in our original reactions to a few of the survey comments; this is the same list that was posted on Facebook several weeks ago.)

If you use the park “rarely or never” please share the reason, and tell us what might get you out to the park.

Rarely, as I find the park very boggy wet, not a huge amount of equipment relevant to all ages. Would use it far more if it wasn't a marsh.

Children too old. Walk by often though

My kids are too old for the park. I only use it for dog walking.

Poor drainage so the park is normally muddy and too wet for the kids

Aberlour Games.

weather permitting

Would go more if there was more to do

It is dated, old, not enough to keep kids entertained.

I'm too old

Boring

im not really at the age to use the park, no dogs to walk no children to play

If the the park is left as it is I will still use it every day regardless of weather, wil not use if this becomes a Theme Park

I am 15 i dont go to the play park

Because i don't live in Aberlour but when I do go it'll be pleasant.

Any other comments on what you would like to see in the park?

As previously noted my preference would be for a very natural experience with open ended opportunities for play and investigation. Even a large wooden Fort type construction rather than bandstand or gazebo type buildings. This gives the children a chance to create their own imaginative games and experiences. Pirate ships or castle shaped would also be popular. A low level 'stage' with semi circular 'amphitheatre' type construction would be enjoyed by a different group of participants. Adding running water like they have in Fochabers is wonderful. Musical experiences where people can stand on to create sounds or chime bar type that can be 'hit' is also really inclusive and would create a wonderful multisensory Park experience. [Great ideas, thanks!]

Would like to see music performances, and community exercise classes - dance or tai chi maybe?

More lighting

Trampoline area

Lights, better drainage as park fills with water and most facilities are unusable when it rains. Skate park would be great for all ages of children and some adults. Fencing around the park as next to river.

In general the park is only appealing to young children. Need new things and more focus on things for children 10+

Alic Littler should be kept as what is was intended for by the trust no Theme Park should be aloud. [Did someone propose a theme park? No.]

Swings for children, the baby swings are too small and the other ones are for much older kids. Would be great to see a zip line and the park all on one level as the low fences are not the best for younger children.

Anything will be an improvement to what is available at the moment.

How representative and inclusive will the results of this questionnaire be? As the park is used by the residents of greater Speyside, Aberlour and surrounding towns, surely a door to door questionnaire is needed to at least try to include the opinions of all ages and abilities including those who are not comfortable with computers or smart phones. How else is the existence of this questionnaire and indeed the play Aberlour group being made known to the public? [This respondent may have received a survey a day or two before they were, in fact, put through nearly every mail slot in the village.]

New slide and zip wire

good play equipment

Zipline. A better slide that's easier for kids to get up onto. I really like the idea of a covered larger seating area.

Just something different to normal, something that will make kids want to play outside and be excited to go to the park. Maybe a few big slides for races. A running track around the park also.

Information boards with local history made with anti-graffiti paint.

Play equipment for all ages and abilities.

Improved drainage in kids play area. We don't use it very often as it's so wet underfoot.

More rubbish bins

A big bouncy cushion!

More golf things next to putting green e.g. Chipping mat and net

No broken things or things that would/could be damaged or dangerous and no litter, dog mess. Put all dogs on lead

Wheelchair accessible play equipment and pathways suitable for wheelchair use.

Toilets must be kept open [Agree. The toilets are not connected with this project, however.]

As a child, we had a volunteer in our play park to oversee any emergency or accident.

more flower beds

More poop bins along Speyside Way

Highland games is center of the village [Agree! Really looking forward to working with the Games committee.]

How will you stop vandals from destroying the place? [A neglected park shows we don't care about it, so why should vandals?]

No skate/roller park – eyesore [Many people want a place to skate in the village, but it's a complicated question so we've left it out of our proposal. It will have to be something we can all try to figure out in the future.]

keep tearoom, toilets and ice cream [The tearoom and toilets are not affected by the ownership of the park.]

Driving range [Creative. Unlikely.]

Zip wire (big!). Witch's hat

What are you most excited about?

Rejuvenated play area for infants and children. Anything else will be a bonus

A safer play area, young kids and water are scary! [A fence around the playpark is a top priority.]

Its a beautiful area so upgrading would bring more pleasure and use. Would love to see fitness and play equipment for the older folks.

Having a fun all inclusive experience for all.

A lot more for children of all ages to keep them occupied and active outdoors.

A well looked after park more appealing to residents and visitors

I am most excited about having the chance to maintain and preserve the park exactly as it was entrusted to the inhabitants of the community. As a long-time resident of Aberlour and the nearest neighbour who accesses the park at least twice a day in all weathers and who helps to man the Speyside Visitor Centre in the summer, I regularly hear uniformly complimentary comments from users about the park precisely as it is. I have only heard expressions of consternation when these people learn of the recent proposals to make radical permanent changes to such a wonderful amenity. [Actual play equipment in a playpark. The park cleaned up. Radical!]

I'm not excited by these proposals at all. I would rather concentrate on ownership of the park being taken back by the Community following the recent land grab by Motay Council [But... we *are* the community. Also, MC didn't grab nor even want the park, it fell in their lap due to a change in Scottish land law and inaction by the previous owner.]

The park being safe and special again

The upgrade

Children being able to play in a better area

The park being busy with locals and visitors

Somewhere to take the kids with various options regardless of the weather (if undercover areas) somewhere for beginners on bikes would be great as we don't have this opportunity at our house.

Big changes

The chance of a playpark that would benefit the locals, but also bring more visitors to the village, as this would benefit all the businesses too.

Safe play area

The play areas for preschool kids

Upgrading

Skatepark

A better environment for all

New play park for the kids

An inclusive park to be proud of.

Outdoor fun

Toddler facilities they can actually reach!

Something eventually being done about the state of the park.

New equipment for children

New equipment

Having a safe area for all age group to enjoy the outdoors.

A park the family and I want to go to whenever we have time.

that this form has been made and people care to get things done [Thank you for this!]

Using park as large groups of family's to bbq

Nothing! Leave the Park alone! [OK if we clean it up a bit? Fix the playpark?]

the prospect of a park for everyone and anyone including dogs

More equipment for kids to play on

A fenced, safe, clean area to let little ones explore

Seeing the park improved

I'm excited about having a park that my children want to visit, instead of having to drive out of the village to go somewhere for us to enjoy on a nice day.

a new playpark

Having the park get cleaned up and fixed up. I don't like it that everything is broken and falling apart.

An updated exciting area for kids to play, and for adults to work in fitness. Being able to do it at the same time as your kids are playing would be great!

Seeing what changes will happen whilst keeping in line with the beautiful surroundings.

New stuff for the dogs

More choice of activities to suit all ages

I live in Fochabers, but I love to bring my kids over. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and I'd love to bring classes down to use outdoor fitness equipment. I tried, (and failed) to secure funding through 'Money for Moray' to build an outdoor gym, but we don't meet the criteria. I think that a facility like this - along with a general upgrade - would be most welcome.

A focal point for the area

Seeing the improvements

Possible fitness equipment for a healthier community. And a nicer, greener park where the village goes.

Skate park

Seeing the park fully used and enjoyed by all ages

Covered seats

Seeing more stuff

Skate park

Having somewhere to meet other mums and be comfy

would be great to have something for teenagers. Love the idea of fitness equipment for adults!

Exercise park

bbqs & picnic tables - means we could spend longer and with a wider age range

Great to see enthusiasm and doers in Aberlour! [Thank you!]

Aberlour needs upgrading.

Bandstand

Fitness

The community having pride in its park again

Any other general comments?

Is there room for a maze? Even a small one would be fun for all. Or is that being over ambitious.

I feel extremely angry at the demonstrable arrogance of PlayAberlour in riding roughshod over the wishes of the established members of the community by eliding the preferred option of preserving the status quo for the Alice Littler Park, one of the community's most sanguine assets. [We have no words.]

I think you need to raise public awareness of your group, your aims and your funding sources before asking people to complete your questionnaire. [Did you read the front of the questionnaire? A whole letter explaining.]

Is the drainage at the play area getting a sorted first?

This Q'aire starts from a false premise based on an invalid survey. The Planning for Real process was flawed in that it raised expectations for a group who wanted some changes but then totally ignored the majority of residents who were happy with the status quo and who did not bother to stick flags on a map. It continues with that trend in that it is aimed at a minority of the public. The bulk of park users will never bother to log on to Play Aberlour or even use Facebook and will be totally unaware of this initiative. [So... democracy by inaction? We prefer democracy IN action.]

To have a Q'aire in which one of the voting categories is for an age where they cannot fully understand the implications carries on the statistically flawed appeal for support. Yes, there is a need for investment in some aspects of the park, but Play Aberlour already ignored an opportunity to show they were able to handle the initial need to invest in the play area. In so doing they alienated one possible source of funds. If you really want to find out what the people of Aberlour want for the Alice Littler Memorial Park, do a proper and complete door to door survey without biased questions, then post the results. [Want to know how many little kids responded? One. Thanks, kid!]

The drainage in the play area really needs to be sorted as a priority. When you take children there is is so wet that they come back filthy.

Upkeep is very important. The play equipment that was put in in 1999 has not been properly maintained and just looks awful.

Drainage needs attention, its always so wet around the big slide. It really puts us off using the park. Fencing off the park would be good to stop dogs messing in the play areas and also to enclose children, the river is very close with no barriers etc to stop them should they run away from their adult.

The park is in a state just now. There is nails stick out of the wood in the small children area.

Older children will invariably wreck, litter, graffiti anything new so some sort of monitoring or deterrent of this would be great

exercise area for adults sounds good, need robust equipment!

Are you trying to keep discerning visitors away from Aberlour, they come to see the Park as it is and to walk along the River and to see our beautiful Trees. Will you be chargeing Entry Fees??? [Entry fees? Where do these ideas come from?]

Sand and water is fun in theory but inevitably stops working and becomes dirty and not so nice to play with.

Sand is good but if you have water nearby the sand will end up in the water and block it up as happened in the meadows, edinburgh.

The main park in the meadows, edinburgh has a fantastic selection of apparatus for all ages.

More swings. Baby swings on long chains so have longevity as need to be used until 3/4.

Destroy the Park and its trees you will never be forgiven for what you have done.
[Destroy the park? Where do these ideas come from?]

Great park and great location, will be great to see new things happen to it.

May I respectfully suggest, if you make a success of these projects initially, there would be time to introduce new projects. I have been involved in several ideas within the village, and the main problem has always been upkeep, which can be really costly. I have discussed this with my friends, and they would be very upset if the natural arena where the highland games would be held would be altered in any way. [No one is proposing altering the games area. We agree, the community will have to work together on upkeep, no matter what happens with the park.]

Just to say that my kids absolutely love the climbing wall/bridge. We've never seen another playpark with a facility like this.

I am pleased that PlayAberlour would like to improve the Alice Littler Park. The childrens' play area is badly in need of upgrading and fencing off. I'd also like to see the putting green reinstated.

This sound good but should we still keep all the old equipment as well as we enjoy it [We will save what we can, replace what we can't.]

Have been to the park with excercise equipment in Nairn - this would be a great addition to Aberlour!

Good luck

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