

Stage 2

Community Asset Transfer (CAT) request

IMPORTANT NOTES:

This form must be used by a community-controlled body wishing to formally request transfer of a Council-owned asset from South Ayrshire Council under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

Before and during completion of this application you must refer to the [asset transfer guidance for Community Transfer Bodies provided under the Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#). Throughout sections of the application, where applicable, relevant guidance page numbers have been provided to assist.

Council officers may require a number of follow-up meetings to discuss the proposal. This is with the aim of better understanding your proposal or to clarify information that has been submitted.

The sections in the form below are designed to inform the Council about the governance of your organisations, your detailed plans for the asset, support from the local community and other interested parties, financial plans and risk management. Information contained within the application form and any supporting documentation submitted will be shared with those involved within the decision-making process and data protection and commercial confidentiality arrangements will apply on such occasions.

If you are applying for a capital grant within your application, then please read the Advancing Community Assets Fund guidance before making your request. We also provide additional information on our website:

www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/community-asset-transfer.

For assistance in completing this form or if you have any questions regarding a Community Asset Transfer and development grant, please contact:

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**THIS IS AN ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST MADE UNDER PART 5 OF THE
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

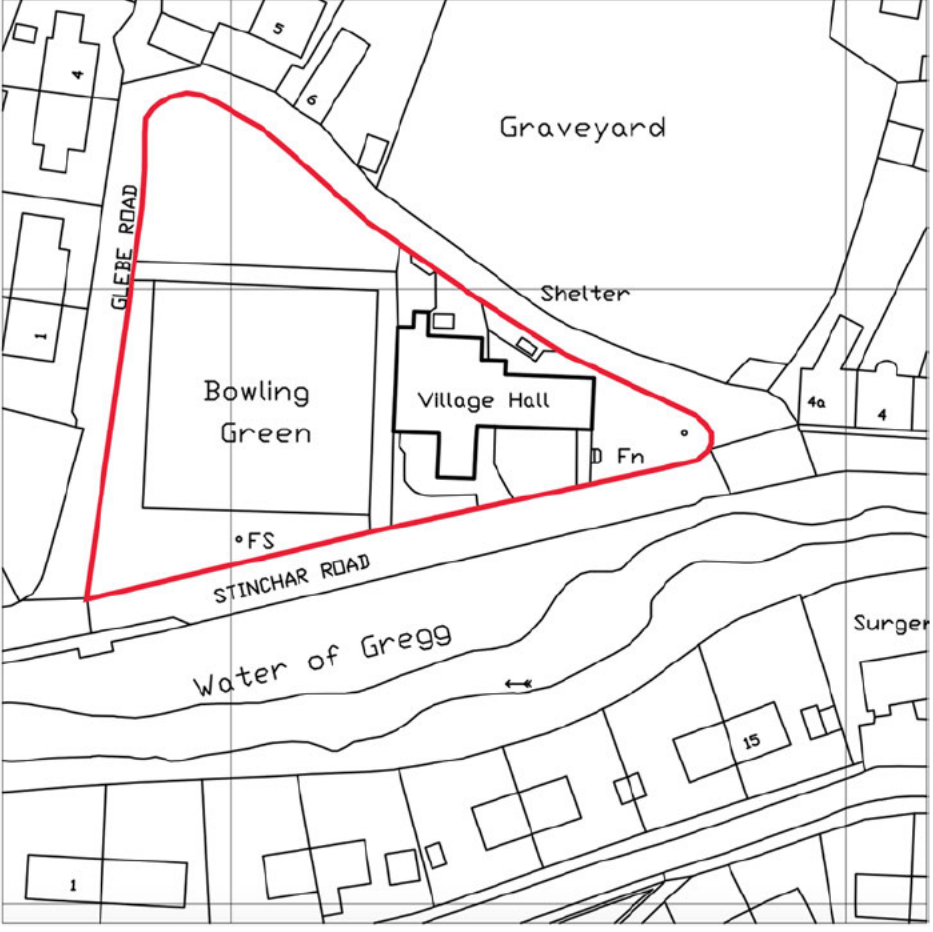
SECTION 1: ORGANISATION INFORMATION

Please provide details of the Organisation making the request	
1.1 Name of Organisation (Community controlled body):	Barr Community SCIO
1.2 Address of Organisation (this should be the registered address, if you have one):	[REDACTED]
1.3 Contact Name:	[REDACTED]
1.4 Position in Organisation:	Trustee and Secretary
1.5 Correspondence address:	As above
1.6 Postcode:	As above
1.7 Telephone Number:	[REDACTED]
1.8 Email address:	barrscio@gmail.com
Do you agree that correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request may be sent by email to the email address given above?	YES
1.9 Website address:	https://www.barrvillage.co.uk/hall-project/

1.10 Social media links e.g. Facebook, Twitter	https://www.facebook.com/barrcommunityscio	
1.11 Please indicate what type of Organisation you are, along with the official number (if applicable): (see pages 11-15 of guidance)	Company Limited by Guarantee and its company number is:	
	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and its charity number is:	SC049703
	Community Benefit Society (BenCom) and its registered number is:	
	Voluntary or Unincorporated Organisation (no number)	
	Other: Please specify:	
1.12 Please indicate what type of Community controlled body you are (see pages 11-15 of guidance) Please tick only <u>one</u>		
Community Controlled Body (see pages 11-14 of guidance)	Yes	
Your Organisation is individually designated as a community controlled body by Scottish Ministers (see page 14-15 of guidance) <i>If yes, please give the title and date of the designation order:</i>		
Your Organisation falls within a class of bodies which has been designated as community transfer bodies by Scottish Ministers (See pages 14-15 of guidance). <i>If yes, what class of bodies does it fall within?</i>		

A copy of the our Constitution, is included with our application submission

SECTION 2: ASSET INFORMATION

<p>2.1 Provide the name (if it has one), address and postcode of the asset:</p>	<p>Barr Village Hall & Community Centre, Stinchar Road, KA26 9TW</p>
<p>2.2 Provide the name of the landlord or owner of the asset:</p>	<p>South Ayrshire Council (owner)</p>
<p>2.3 Is the asset for a building or land or both?</p>	<p>Village Hall including bowling green and grounds.</p>
<p>2.4 Provide the UPRN (Unique Property Reference Number) if known (this will be given in the Council's register of land)</p>	<p>000141052930</p>
<p>2.5 Map Reference /Boundary Plan</p> <p><i>Provide a map or boundary plan – this could be a google street view with the land and/or property you wish to enquire about indicated. This is to ensure all parties are clear on the nature of the request.</i></p>	

2.6 If there are any restrictions on the use or development of the land, please explain how your project will comply with these:

Restrictions might include, amongst others, environmental designations such as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), heritage designations such as listed building status, controls on contaminated land or planning restrictions.

Barr is a conservation village which will be considered in all plans.

Part of the land included in the asset is a bowling green, which will continue to operate.

There are two war memorials on part of the site (current access will be unaffected).

The land and buildings (which were acquired by Barr Parish Council for no consideration) are held in trust by SAC (as successor local authority) 'for the benefit of the residents of Barr Parish'.

There are listed buildings and a graveyard in proximity.

SECTION 3: TYPE OF REQUEST, PAYMENT AND CONDITIONS

<p>3.1 Please indicate what type of request is being made (see pages 30-31 of guidance):</p>	For ownership (under section 79(2)(a)) go to section 3.2A below	Yes
	For lease (under section 79(2)(b)(i)) go to section 3.2B below	
	For other rights (under section 79(2)(b)(ii)) go to section 3.2C below	
<p>3.2A – Request for ownership</p> <p>What price are you prepared to pay for the land and/or building requested (see parts 11 & 12 of guidance)</p> <p><i>Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request with the application submission.</i></p> <p>Have you sought an independent financial assessment of the value for the land/property?</p> <p><i>If so, please identify the source and the estimated value</i></p>	<p>Proposed price: £1 – in consideration of community benefit offered by the proposed use and cost of essential repairs – see supporting information in Business Plan.</p> <p>Source: DM Hall LLP (December 2021) instructed by SAC - Estimated Indicative Valuation: £100,000.</p> <p>This valuation was prepared without inspecting the Title Deeds and it was assumed that the property is “...free from encumbrances, restrictions or outgoings of an onerous nature which would affect the value” i.e., it was pre-supposed that ‘clear title is available’.</p> <p>The valuation also assumed that there would be demand from parties seeking to develop the site for an alternative use in the event of the property being offered for sale to the open market.</p> <p>These assumptions are incorrect.</p> <p>A review of the title deeds shows that the property, which was acquired by the local authority for no financial consideration, is held ‘in trust for the inhabitants of the Parish of Barr’.</p> <p>Whilst South Ayrshire Council has confirmed that the</p>	

	<p>property is not a 'Common Good' asset, it will insist on a restrictive condition being included in any sale or transfer to prevent any alternative use or purpose.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bowling green and putting green areas will continue in their current use as amenity land.</p> <p>The independent valuation, which was based on a limited visual inspection, also assumed that the property is in an adequate overall state of repair.</p> <p>However, with reference to a Condition Report instructed by SAC, much of the property requires essential repairs and in particular external areas with timbers and windows require extensive maintenance or replacement.</p> <p>Similarly, the building is poorly insulated and all electrical and heating systems require replacement. Core facilities, such as the kitchen, are also out-dated and unsuitable for purpose.</p> <p>The current estimated cost of essential repairs is £243,000 according to the latest condition survey by Avison Young (July 2023).</p>
<p>3.2B – Request for lease: What is the length of lease you are requesting?</p> <p>How much rent are you prepared to pay? Please make clear what period this would cover, for example per week, per month, per year (see parts 11 & 12 of guidance)</p> <p><i>Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request with the application submission.</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>3.2C – Request for other rights: What are the rights you are requesting?</p> <p>Do you propose to make any payment for these rights?</p> <p>If yes, how much are you prepared to pay? Please make clear what period this would cover, for example per week, per month, per year.</p> <p><i>Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request with the application submission.</i></p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>The public toilets will continue to be operated and maintained for South Ayrshire Council under the Council’s ‘Comfort Scheme’. Estimated revenue: £1,000 per annum.</p> <hr/> <p>The application is made on the understanding that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Community Hub will qualify for and be granted a full rates exemption by SAC. <i>Review of current SAC guidance indicates that this is appropriate.</i> ii) SAC confirming that there are no planning restrictions affecting the Community Hub development proposals. <i>Initial consultations with SAC Planning indicate that this is appropriate.</i> iii) Title transfer, when completed, will include a condition to the effect that the village hall will continue to be held in trust or equivalent ‘for the benefit of the residents of Barr Parish’. <i>Initial discussions with SAC indicate that this will be a condition of any transfer agreement.</i>
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SECTION 4: COMMUNITY PROPOSAL

4.1 Detail the reasons for making this asset transfer request and how the land and/or building will be used (see pages 30-33 of [guidance](#))

This section should include:

- Describe the vision, aims and objectives of your proposal to take on the asset
- Why there is a need for the particular asset requested and why this specific building or land being requested is necessary or particularly suitable for your proposal
- Please set out how the land or building will be used and what activities (in general terms) will take place there
- Detail any development or changes you plan to make to the land or building
- Any other information you consider relevant

The strategic aims of the project are:

- To purchase the Barr Community Hall and renovate it into a multi-purpose, accessible, environmentally friendly, sustainable, community-centred hub, providing a café/ bar, snug area, meeting room, large hall, fully equipped kitchen, office/hotdesking space and public toilets.
- To reduce social isolation and boost community health and wellbeing, while providing opportunities for community activities, projects, local business creation, events, and workshops. The hub will provide much needed facilities for Barr, South Ayrshire and beyond.

A series of objectives have been identified which both align with the SCIO's charitable purposes and determine the strategy for the Hub:

Social and Community Events

- Engaging with the village community to provide social events for all age groups, bringing together many of the skills available in the community, and reducing social isolation. Increased access to opportunities to engage with local art, craft and heritage.

Sustainable Community Asset

- Develop a financially sustainable community asset that will remain active for many generations.
- Support and improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the community through support, facilities and activities.

Supporting Tourism

- Networking and engaging with similar communities and active tourism organisations to develop a facility that will capitalise on Barr's outstanding natural environment.

Empowering Employability

- Supporting learning and training by working with higher and further education institutions and using established agencies who can offer targeted training, life and workplace skills for a wide range of people.

Supporting Rural Business

- Supporting local businesses by organising events and providing space for small businesses to use, as well as strengthening and supporting other businesses by bringing people into the village.

Barr suffers from rural deprivation, as reflected in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2022 statistics for the data zone within which Barr resides (S01012419 – Carrick South).

The SIMD statistics show that the data zone for Barr falls within the **most deprived** decile for geographic access to amenities. This exemplifies the rural isolation of the village and the difficulties in accessing services.

Furthermore, the area is classified as “6. Remote Rural” in the Scottish Government 6-Fold Urban Rural Classification, which is described as an area with a drive time of 30–60 minutes to a settlement of 10,000+.

There is an elderly population; 40.2% are aged 60+, substantially higher than the Scottish national average of 23.3% and there is a low population of children/young people aged under 16 (Scotland’s Census).

At least 27% of the population of Girvan and South Carrick Villages have at least one long-term health condition (Girvan and South Carrick Locality Profile), the top five of which are arthritis, coronary heart disease, cancer, asthma and diabetes, whilst 25% of the population were prescribed with medication for depression, anxiety or psychosis, a trend which is increasing year on year.

Health issues in Barr are compounded by the lack of health services in the village, resulting in the need to travel to access all health services, such as pharmacy, A&E, dentist, hospital, mental health, and bereavement support.

The impact of the above challenges faced by the community is amplified by South Ayrshire Council’s review of all Council owned halls because, in Barr’s case, the current arrangement cannot remain in the longer term. Therefore, there is a risk that ultimately, the hall could be lost to the community if a more sustainable community-led solution is not found.

Additionally, the hall being under ownership of South Ayrshire Council limits the opportunity to successfully attract grant funding for any improvements.

The proposed solution, therefore, is to transfer ownership of the community hall from South Ayrshire Council to the residents of Barr. Much needed investment will then provide multi-use, flexible spaces including a café/bar & bistro, a hall and rooms for event hire. Communal seating areas, kitchens for food prep, public toilets, and an interpretation space will be used for several

purposes including exhibition space, pop-up shops, markets, and performance arts.

The community of Barr has come a long way in the journey to create a new community facility and has worked through other options to ultimately conclude that acquiring and redeveloping the community hall is the most achievable and suitable option for the community. Since the closure of the local pub, work has been carried out to determine the best use of village facilities.

A comprehensive Feasibility Study and public ballot carried out in 2015/16 recommended an amalgamation of facilities to form a central hub as a community asset and a visitor attraction.

An architect was commissioned to look at the available buildings and advised that the community hall was the most viable option with a view to financial sustainability and the potential to fulfil the community needs as identified in the study.

South Ayrshire Council Community Asset Transfer Team advised that, charitable status in the structure of a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) or similar would be required to comply with asset transfer regulations. Barr Community SCIO was formed in November 2019 following discussions with SAC's Community Asset Transfer Manager and community stakeholders including the Barr Community Association.

The project is the best option for the community in terms of providing a sustainable community facility. There will be opportunities to bring in outreach services from outside agencies and organisations to benefit residents of the village. It will provide skills development and learning opportunities, provide increased, accessible social opportunities, and provide health and wellbeing services and opportunities.

Other examples include a pop-up cinema, touring music and theatre, fitness classes, healthcare outreach sessions, walking group meetings; education and training e.g., first aid, specialist talks.

There are also regular annual community events, many of which include a fundraising element, such as an annual Gala, Easter, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Christmas Fair, Hogmanay, Burns dinners, and a Trails Day, which ties in with the popular walking trails around the village.

Over and above this, community groups and will be able to hire parts of the building, providing clubs and activities that are fundamental to positive and inclusive community life. Private hires for meetings, events, parties and other family celebrations will also be promoted.

4.2 Set out the benefits that you consider will arise if the asset transfer request is approved (see pages 30-33,41-44 of [guidance](#))

This section should include:

- Describe the current use of the asset and detail the benefits that your proposal will bring that you consider will replace the benefits of its existing use
- How the project will benefit your community, and others including how it will promote or improve economic development, regeneration, public health, social wellbeing or environmental wellbeing and reduce inequalities

- Describe how your organisation intend to evidence the benefits arising from the proposal
- Any other information you consider relevant

Community ownership of the village hall will secure a much-needed community resource to benefit all sections of the village and surrounding areas.

The associated Community Hub will provide multiple benefits as summarised below.

Benefit 1) Economic Development

Community ownership of the hall will enable the community to utilise the asset and provide community events and workshops from the new facility, provide key facilities including a pub, café, public toilets and cover the running costs.

Benefit 1 assists South Ayrshire Council in meeting one of their priorities identified in the [South Ayrshire Council Plan 2023-2028](#): “Work and Economy: everyone benefits from a local economy that provides opportunities for people helps our businesses flourish” (p.15) because creating a venue in a rural location will make it easier to set up new enterprises, including social enterprises, by enabling potential entrepreneurs to access information, meeting facilities and support.

Additionally, this speaks to the key theme of “making sure people have the opportunity to improve their skills and enjoy inclusive growth”, identified as a strategic objective in the [Strategic Economic Plan: Vision 2030](#) (p. 14).

This benefit also relates to two objectives of “an entrepreneurial culture” and “a more dynamic rural economy” identified as priorities in SAC’s [Economic Development Strategy 2013-2023](#), (p. 11). While this strategy effectively ends in 2023, the SCIO’s business plan was developed during the lifespan of the strategy and in concordance with it.

Lastly, in 2021-2022, SAC undertook a series of Community Conversations with the community in Barr in relation to Place Planning. The survey identified Work and Local Economy as one of the three most pressing concerns. The hall project will answer this concern since the community will be able to use the building to its full potential, providing employment opportunities, increasing usage/hire of all the internal spaces and therefore increasing footfall of locals and visitors.

The future of rural Ayrshire communities is closely connected with maintaining facilities for local employment and ensuring access to key services. Community ownership will go a long way in achieving this and also reflects the dual pillars of “land and assets” and “employment” in relation to Community Wealth Building, a key part of the [Ayrshire Growth Deal](#) and the [Ayrshire Regional Economic Strategy](#).

Benefit 2) Rural Regeneration

The purchase of the hall will secure a community facility, provide vital services to rurally isolated communities and increase footfall into Barr. This benefit meets South Ayrshire Council’s objective of “[an attractive place in which to live, work, visit and invest](#)” (p. 12), as the development of this facility in Barr offers incentives for businesses to relocate and by having a fit-for-purpose

community facility, an opportunity is provided for commercial activity.

Again, though this strategy from the Economic Development Strategy 2013-2023 effectively ends in 2023, this document was created in alignment with it. It also aligns with the aim to “create vibrant communities and inclusive growth” identified as a priority in the [Strategic Economic Plan](#) (p. 18). The project will enable the community to invest in the fabric of the building, respond to the needs of the community and provide opportunities for local practitioners and businesses, such as art exhibitions, keep fit classes, dance lessons and similar.

Benefit 3) Social Wellbeing

The social impacts of the new facility will be substantial. The consultations have identified that residents wanted a hub; a focal point to bring the community together. With the loss of the last pub in the village, it was seen that the general lack of facilities for meeting others was having a detrimental effect on the village.

Community ownership provides buy-in from residents making it more likely that they will get involved as volunteers, supporters and users of the facility. Barr has a small and largely scattered population, and it is important that there are opportunities for people to get together socially to combat loneliness and associated mental health issues. We will be able to reduce social isolation by providing events and activities in the accessible venue, in addition to developing networks with support groups and boosting health and wellbeing.

Current community groups’ membership will expand, and new organisations should develop, bringing programmes and services that will benefit the whole community. The community will be empowered to create opportunities and deliver services that are applicable to the requirements of the local residents.

The facility will improve the quality of life for residents, adding value to resident’s life experience by providing projects, events, experiences, or simply a ‘space’ in a purpose-built, warm and accessible environment, that meet the needs of the community. In this way, Benefit 3 goes some way to address one of three most pressing concerns identified by Barr community in the [Place Planning consultation 2021-2022](#), “Social Contact”.

Additionally, Benefit 3 meets Priority 3 (Civic and Community Pride) of SAC’s [Plan 2023-2028](#), “Community Engagement” where “everyone has the opportunity to influence and contribute to what happens in their local area”.

With a newly developed, purpose-built venue, activities and events for children, young people and families will be able to take place. We will provide a place where residents can go and ensure they are fully up to date with the community in its wider form, whilst also attending local surgeries, information days and support groups.

A new community resource will reinforce a sense of place and help bring people together, as they will be able to participate in a range of community events and access key services, such as the bistro/café and pop-up business opportunities.

Furthermore, if the community facility was ever under threat of closure in the future, the existing

public transport to events outside of the parish, for example to neighbouring villages, is extremely limited. Therefore, this creates barriers to participation for young people and old or elderly people without their own transport, or indeed for families/couples who only have one car, which is used during the day by the parent who goes to work, leaving the family members at home with no way of accessing community/social activities. The limited public transport infrastructure adds to the importance of maintaining a local community facility in Barr.

Benefit 4) Reducing Inequalities

Barr is an isolated community with poor access to public transport. The community hall provides a focal point for events and activities that can include everyone, including health and wellbeing, arts and music and social. Geographic barriers will be broken down by services and facilities on residents' doorsteps.

Benefit 4 correlates with Priority One: Spaces and Places from SAC's [Plan 2023-2028](#), primarily in reference to "Moving around and the environment", where everyone can access streets, places and spaces that make a positive contribution to wellbeing, are well connected, well designed and maintained.

Rural care is not easy, particularly with a very dispersed elderly community across a sometimes remote and not easy to access location. The Hub will enable a larger number of elderly people to be collected to and from their homes and attend a central focal point for activities. This will reduce inequalities, isolation and improve care opportunities, and also responds to the issue raised by SAC of "[Our Ageing Population](#)" (p. 18), wherein services and facilities which cater towards our increasing elderly population are becoming more stretched.

A community Hub in Barr could become a centre for regular visits from the Health and Social Care Partnership partners, and some NHS services, thus providing easier access to health services to a growing elderly population within a very rural area. This also speaks to the [Ayrshire Regional Economic Strategy](#) regarding "helping people of all ages to live healthy and happy lives", and "extending opportunities for healthy ageing" (p. 42).

The aim is to deliver a facility for the improvement of both physical and mental health.

Benefit 5) Environmental Development

A large part of the redevelopment work is to make the building more environmentally friendly and therefore more financially sustainable, via energy saving procedures including substantial insulation throughout and the installation of an economical heating system.

A renewable energy team within the SCIO is already investigating ways in which the building (and the SCIO's other activities) can be more environmentally friendly. Benefit 5 correlates with the Scottish Government's commitment to [reach net zero emissions by 2045](#).

Furthermore, where possible, local produce and suppliers will be used, reducing the carbon footprint of the business. The community will also have a vested interest in keeping the building and grounds in good order, adding to the aesthetics of the pretty conservation village and the

visual environment will be enhanced by a thriving building that is well maintained.

In these ways, Benefit 5 also meets SAC's Plan 2023-2028 relating to "[Sustainability, climate change and biodiversity](#)" (p. 18) wherein the commitment to be net zero by 2045 is reiterated, and to promote local solutions to the global climate crisis, as well as Priority Theme 6 identified in the [Ayrshire Regional Economic Strategy](#): "Enhancing Natural Capital" (p. 60).

Evidence of the benefits that will arise from the project will be collected. For example, our financial records will show the income raised through events and activities. We will also record numbers of users of the building at regular groups, one-off and new events and activities such as pop-up restaurant evenings.

Our heating and lighting bills will show the energy efficiency of the building and regular audits will identify areas for improvement. We will also collect feedback from those that hire and use the hall to identify the benefits they are gaining from its use.

4.3 What negative consequences (if any) may occur if your request is agreed to and how would you propose to minimise these (see page 33 & 45 of [guidance](#))

This section should include:

- Detail any potential negative consequences identified for the local economy, environment, or any group of people and explain how you will reduce or remove these
- Any other information you consider relevant

No negative impacts on individuals have been identified because the proposal is designed to support all members of the community with input from the community at all stages of development.

The local environment will be improved by ensuring that the building is well used, often this will be simultaneous use of different sections of the hall which will reduce the environmental impact. A multi-use Community Hub will reduce the need for residents to travel elsewhere for essential services. Similarly, the local economy will benefit from increased employment opportunities.

Although discussions have been taking place with a view to accommodating the local community shop and post-office within the Community Hub, it is understood that the current shop Directors have decided to develop an alternative facility. The Community Hub will seek to avoid operating in direct competition with the current community shop and post-office whilst it continues to operate and is supported by the community.

In October 2023, a series of independently facilitated workshops allowed residents and other village groups to share feedback on the hall's current use, future needs, and the proposal to turn it into a community owned hub.

The report from these workshops is included in the accompanying Business Plan (Appendix 11) and key feedback has been summarised as follows:

- Current facilities are outdated and inefficient. The kitchen, heating, layout, and accessibility need upgrading along with more storage and better booking systems.

- The hall should be a warm, welcoming place, open more hours for social gatherings and events, and for visitors. A café/bar would provide an inviting space.
- Young people need a place to go after school and evenings. More youth activities and a club could use the hall. Space for elderly to socialise is also needed.
- The community wants greater involvement in managing and using the hall flexibly. A village team overseeing the building with new groups would aid communication.
- The proposal to fully insulate and refurbish the hall into a modern multi use hub received overwhelming support. The plan offers solutions to all issues raised.
- Funding opportunities like the SSE legacy fund could support redevelopment. The community has skills to operate the hall successfully.
- Communication must continue through newsletters and meetings. All voices deserve to be heard before final decisions are made.

There was a shared feeling that progress is wanted after years of discussion. Barr needs a central hub benefiting all generations. Upgrading the hall for community ownership provides huge potential for bringing people together.

4.4 Describe how your organisation will be able to manage the asset and achieve your objectives (see pages 32-33 of guidance)

This section should include:

- Provide detail of the structure of your organisation
- Evidence the strength of leadership, skills, experience and capacity to deliver of your Board and staff of your organisation to maximise the prospects of the asset. If the skills are not currently in place, describe how you intend to address this
- Detail the business fit between the core objectives of your organisation and the proposed use of the asset
- Describe how you operate your organisation including how often meetings are held, how you communicate with members and stakeholders etc.
- Evidence of track record of previous project delivery
- Whether you intend to use professional advisers, etc.
- Any other information you consider relevant

Barr Community SCIO trustees have a diverse skills base, offering experience and knowledge across a broad section of industries and all live within the village or outlying farms. The Trustee Board currently includes a Financial Manager, an IT expert and businessperson, a local farmer, a retired Civil Engineer and NHS Clinical Administration Staff.

Overall expertise ranges from finance, business management, tourism and catering, to farming, administration, health and wellbeing and IT, supported by local volunteers and an experienced Community Development Officer.

Crucially, all trustees are a strong presence in the community and have a deep knowledge of the local area and the needs and wishes of the local community. They are actively involved in

community life and most of the trustees are involved in other community groups and volunteer at community events.

Currently there are 7 trustees on the SCIO Board, 4 elected trustees, 2 co-opted and 1 appointed (group representative). The SCIO Constitution allows for a total of 12 trustees: 7 elected charity trustees, 3 appointed charity trustees, and 2 co-opted charity trustees.

The SCIO constitution was formally amended at the AGM in 2022 to allow representatives of other key community organisations to join the SCIO Board if they so wished, to ensure transparency and communication within the community and other groups. Our current membership is over 120.

The SCIO was formed to benefit the community of Barr, to protect the Barr Community Hall asset as the rural heart of the community, and to establish a viable and sustainable facility for all ages and abilities in Barr village and the wider rural residents. As such, the proposal to transfer the asset of the village hall to the SCIO matches our charitable purposes.

SCIO trustees meet regularly, and membership is open to anyone aged over 16 who live or work in the community and support the SCIO's charitable purposes. Matters arising are discussed and decisions are agreed upon by the trustees at Board meetings (which are open to the public). Decisions are then communicated to the members for further discussions and review if required.

Minutes and reports are published on the village website. In this way, the community is fully involved with the operation of the charity and are actively engaged in the decision-making process.

Barr Community SCIO frequently communicates with the community in the Barrometer Community Magazine, which is distributed to every household in the parish and the SCIO produces regular update newsletters, leaflets and questionnaires to consult with residents. Online communication is also used via the community Facebook page and website which has recently been revamped and all trustees are contactable by phone, email and face to face.

Public meetings are held 2-3 times per year, often with refreshments provided, to encourage community members to attend and ask questions, review ideas/plans/drawings/documents and put forward proposals.

Other projects currently being carried out or supported by Barr Community SCIO are:

- The development of a community 'Greenspaces' volunteer group, which has undertaken the refurbishment of the community mosaic sundial sculpture, and created a Fairy Trail in the woodlands, incorporating workshops in the village hall and in Barr Primary School.
- Barr Trails waymarking improvements and updating the maps/signage in cooperation with SAC's Access Officer and Scottish Forestry.
- The Barrometer – Publication of a community magazine and newsletter which is hand-delivered to every household. The Barrometer Groups aims to publish Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter editions.

A professional team including architects and designers from Graven Creative Design and surveyors from Armour Construction Consultants, have worked with the SCIO trustees to develop the layout

plans and will manage the capital phase of the project in conjunction with the SCIO trustees.

Barr Community SCIO is also a member of DTAS (Development Trust Association Scotland), which is an independent, member-led organisation which aims to promote, support and represent development trusts in Scotland, providing training, advise and support where required.

We are also supported by Social Enterprise Scotland, a representative body for social enterprises in Scotland and Just Enterprise, a Scottish Government-funded programme providing expert advice, support, training and information for the Third Sector organisations.

Previously, the SCIO has also received Project Officer support from Creetown Initiative. Creetown is a social enterprise and consultancy business, providing support to other communities, projects and charities. Experienced community practitioners, the team at Creetown Initiative deliver their own projects, hence have on-going practical experience to offer to other community organisations.

Since July 2022, the SCIO has been supported by a directly employed Development Officer from the local area to help bring together plans and coordinate partnerships with stakeholders and other community groups. This has been enabled and supported by local wind farm funds administered by Foundation Scotland.

SECTION 5: SUPPORT

5.1 Provide evidence of how you know that your proposals are supported by and meet the needs of the wider community and South Ayrshire. You should describe the level and nature of support for the asset transfer request from your community and, if relevant, from others (see page 33-34 of [guidance](#))

This section should include:

- Evidence from a range of activities undertaken to engage with your community, such as public meetings, community surveys, community action planning or charrette etc.
- Detail evidence of any support from local Councillors, Community Council, other community leaders and other relevant parties
- You are encouraged to include information on the total number of people in the community and how many of them are members of the organisation to provide context for the level of support.
- You may also wish to include other support you are receiving for example from another local community or organisations or national organisations.
- Details of any identified concerns or objections within your community in relation to the proposal that you are aware of and what steps have been taken to address and overcome these.
- Any other information you consider relevant

Evidence of support is included in the accompanying Business Plan

Barr Village has a population of approximately 110, while the total for the Parish of Barr is in the region of 260. The SCIO has a membership of 120, plus 7 Trustees, which represents over 60% of those eligible to join either as an Ordinary (age 16 and over) or Junior Member (age 12 to 15). However, to ensure inclusion, community consultations are open to the entire community.

In 2015, a feasibility study funded by South Ayrshire Council Ambition Fund was carried out to determine the needs of the village in relation to the community hall and facilities. The need for the feasibility study was influenced by the closure of the King's Arms, the village pub, and the uncertainty of the future of the local shop.

The scope for the feasibility study included the following:

- Desk Top Study - An analysis of existing information/reports/ publications.
- Public Consultation - with Barr Parish residents comprising surveys and formal community engagement events.
- Regional/Stakeholder Engagement – surveys and community event.
- Youth Voice – including engagement & work experience opportunities.

An open meeting was held in October 2016 to present the findings and conclusions of the study.

Four options were presented with an overview of benefits, costs, and risks and a ballot arranged to gauge public opinion (ballot results shown in brackets).

- Option 1: Do nothing (38 votes – 20.2%)
- Option 2: Purchase existing Pub/Shop and develop (44 votes – 23.4%)
- Option 3: Purchase suitable building for community hub (99 votes – 52.7%)
- Option 4: Purchase Dinmurchie to creating an outward-bound centre (7 votes – 3.7%)

The ballot demonstrated a substantial majority support for Option 3 i.e., to purchase a suitable building for a community hub. An architect was commissioned to look at the available buildings and advised that the community hall was the most viable option with a view to sustainability and the potential to fulfil the community needs as identified in the study.

During the following 4 years the Barr Community SCIO was formed to progress the hall project and a Community Asset Transfer Stage 1 application was submitted to South Ayrshire Council and approved to move forwards to stage 2. Funding was secured from Scottish Land Fund Stage 1 application for architectural scoping costs for the hall, which was carried out in January 2020.

With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic with key funders prioritising Covid resilience funds over capital grants, a scaling-back of the project was considered to include only essential repairs and minor upgrades to make the building more efficient and usable, without major structural changes.

The community raised concerns over this proposal, primarily because the project was moving away from the community's core wish of creating a multi-functional community hub. As Barr Community SCIO is completely community-led, the Trustees paused development of the project during the pandemic to allow further consultation.

In December 2021, the SCIO conducted consultations with community groups, interested parties and key stakeholders. An open public meeting was also held to provide opportunity for any community member to speak with the SCIO, raise any concerns or put forward any ideas. Feedback was extremely useful and informed the continued development of the proposal.

In early 2022, a variety of architectural concepts were produced for the hall redevelopment, providing a starting point for conversation to ensure that the result is relevant, sustainable and applicable to community need/desire. Three community meetings took place in January, February and March 2022 with the SCIO trustees, a representative from each community group or organisation in the village and SAC Community Asset Transfer Officer, SAC Thriving Places and Councillor Alec Clark.

In March 2022 a leaflet and survey were distributed to every household in the parish, with a return rate of 73%, 98% of those returned pledging their support for the community purchasing the Barr Hall via a community asset transfer to turn it into a multi-functional and sustainable community hub that will benefit the community for future generations. Of the 120 households balloted, 70% therefore pledged their continued support for the project.

In July 2022, a public meeting was held to discuss potential governance structures with support from the Plunkett Foundation. Feedback from the meeting was used to refine the proposed Hub

management structure.

In November 2022, an Open Day event was held by the SCIO and included a representative from DTAS, officers from the Social Enterprise team and Community Wealth Building teams in SAC, local councillors, a representative from the Scottish Land Fund, and project designers. The meeting showcased all the work done to date providing clear information and a proposed pathway towards completion.

Community members were encouraged to ask questions and leave feedback via postcards. All feedback was responded to in a document which was shared online and in person. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Additionally, we have continued to receive support from village groups and from elected members Cllr Alec Clark and Cllr [REDACTED].

In March 2023, at the SCIO's AGM, members were again asked if they supported the project. 64 votes were cast (23 by proxy and 41 in person). Of these, 7 votes were cast in favour of pausing the project, 48 members voted to continue with the project, and 9 abstained – 75% of members (excluding trustees) voted to proceed with the project, showing continuing strong support.

The SCIO Board has since consulted further with DTAS and COSS, specifically to take account of their advice in relation to ensuring that the Business Plan is robust and sustainable and in delivering further community engagement workshops to ensure that all residents are represented, and their opinions heard. In October 2023, a series of independently facilitated workshops allowed residents to share feedback on the hall's current use, future needs, and the proposal to turn it into a community owned hub. The Workshops Report is included as an appendix in the Business Plan and key feedback can be summarised as follows:

- Current facilities are outdated and inefficient. The kitchen, heating, layout, and accessibility need upgrading along with more storage and better booking systems.
- The hall should be a warm, welcoming place, open more hours for social gatherings and events, and for visitors. A café/bar would provide an inviting space.
- Young people need a place to go after school and evenings. More youth activities and a club could use the hall. Space for elderly to socialise is also needed.
- The community wants greater involvement in managing and using the hall flexibly. A village team overseeing the building with new groups would aid communication.
- The proposal to fully insulate and refurbish the hall into a modern multi use hub received overwhelming support. The plan offers solutions to all issues raised.
- Funding opportunities like the SSE legacy fund could support redevelopment. The community has skills to operate the hall successfully.
- Communication must continue through newsletters and meetings. All voices deserve to be heard before final decisions are made.

There was a shared feeling that progress is wanted after years of discussion. Barr needs a central hub benefiting all generations. Upgrading the hall for community ownership provides huge potential for bringing people together.

5.2 Provide details of any current or proposed partnership working arrangements with other organisations in developing and/or delivering your proposal.

This section should include:

- Detail at what stage the partnership is
- Who are the partners
- Are there written agreements in place, if so, please provide a copy with the application
- Any other information you consider relevant

We are working and consulting with the following individuals, groups and organisations:

- Social Enterprise Development Officer, South Ayrshire Council
- Community Wealth Building Officer, South Ayrshire Council
- Local elected councillor Alec Clark
- Local elected councillor Alan Lamont
- Development Trust Association Scotland
- Community Ownership Support Service
- Scottish Land Fund
- Foundation Scotland
- Barr Bowling Club (current tenant)

In addition to the organisations above, Barr Community SCIO has letters of support from partner organisations, who have indicated they would deliver outreach programmes and support sessions to Barr residents from the community hall or by supporting other organisations.

The rural isolation of our village and large elderly population results in many older people missing out on health and wellbeing activities, including opportunities to meet others in a warm, fit-for-purpose facility. Organisations including Living with Leisure, Biosphere Bikes and Voluntary Action South Ayrshire support marginalised sectors of the community and both would be prepared to work with the community to deliver support in the village.

Letters of support for the acquisition of the village hall by the community and creation of a Community Hub have been received from:

- Jeanne Freeman MSP
- Councillor Alec Clark
- Barr Community Council
- Forestry and Land Scotland (South Region)
- Barr Bowling Club
- Barr Primary School
- Living with Leisure Group, Girvan
- Ayr and District Rambling Club
- Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere
- Girvan Youth Trust
- Barr Bikes
- Biosphere Bikes
- Barr Sheepdog Trial Association
- Adventure Centre for Education (ACE)
- Outdoor Access, SAC
- Barr & District Burns Club
- South Ayrshire Community Transport
- South Ayrshire Paths Initiative

We also have numerous letters of support from community members, local business owners, and stakeholders. We expect that when the facility is in community ownership, new individuals, groups and organisations will build partnerships with the SCIO, thus increasing use of the building.

SECTION 6: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

6.1 Please outline how you propose to fund the price or rent you are prepared to pay for the land and/or building, and your proposed use of the asset (see page 33 of [guidance](#))

This section should include:

- Your calculations of the costs associated with the transfer of the land or building and your future use of it, including any redevelopment, on-going maintenance, and the costs of your activities.
- Provide an explanation how you have established the cost e.g., estimates, quotes etc.
- All proposed income and investment should be detailed, including volunteer hours and donations/fundraising activities.
- Are the sources of income sustainable, i.e., likely to persist over the next few years, or are short-term, or will there be a need for subsidy from another source for example public funds?
- If you intend to apply for grants or loans, you should demonstrate that your proposals are eligible for the relevant scheme, according to the guidance available for applicants. Please indicate whether grant fund applications have been secured or are currently pending.
- If your organisation has ever been investigated for poor financial management or failure to demonstrate good organisational governance, please provide details.

Barr Community SCIO submitted a successful Scottish Land Fund stage 1 application in 2020. However, based on the present condition of the building and the social benefits provided by the Hub when completed, the community will offer £1 to purchase the Community Hall and grounds from South Ayrshire Council.

We have engaged architects and QS to produce outline drawings and costings for the redevelopment of the building into a multi-purpose hub. They have also identified initial works that should be carried out to ensure the building is wind and watertight, during the period of transition between Council ownership and the completed refurbishment. Based on a condition survey instructed by South Ayrshire Council, these costs will be in the region of £250,000. We will apply to the Advancing Community Assets Fund to carry out these essential repairs.

A funding strategy for capital redevelopment is outlined in Appendix 3 of our Business Plan. This includes applications to SAC's Advancing Community Assets Fund, the Community Ownership Fund, Swire Charitable Trust, CARES, and the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund.

The Barr Legacy Fund, currently held and managed by Scottish & Southern Energy, has also been identified as a key source of capital funding. The Legacy Fund contains monies allocated for a single large-scale community project as part of the Hadyard Hill Wind Farm development. Additionally, we have access to other windfarm community benefit funds, including Kilgallioch, Carrick Futures and Barr Community Fund, which we may apply to if required.

Further details on operational matters, including details of projected revenue and running costs for the first 5 years of trading, can be found in Section 3 of the Business Plan.

6.2 ONLY for organisations formed within the last twelve months unable to submit accounts:	
6.2a When was the organisation formed?	The SCIO was registered on 5 Nov. 2019
6.2b What is you projected annual income for 2020/2021?	N/a
6.2c What is your projected annual expenditure for 2020/2021?	N/a
6.3 Does the organisation hold a bank account? If so, please provide full details (name of bank, address, sort code, account number etc.)	
Bank name:	Bank of Scotland
Bank address:	PO Box 17235, EH11 1YH
Sort code:	██████
Account number:	██████

6.4 Is your organisation currently in receipt of funding from <u>any</u> public body, South Ayrshire Council, The National Lottery funding or similar organisations? If so, please list these here with the amounts awarded and dates (last three calendar years only)		
<i>Funder</i>	<i>Amount of award</i>	<i>Period of award</i>
Scottish Land Fund Stage 1 (architects fees - paid to BPDC as responsible organisation prior to formation of the SCIO)	£15,000	2020/21
Foundation Scotland (development officer costs – community engagement and project scoping)	£25,000	2020/22
Foundation Scotland (development officer costs – further community engagement and business plan)	£20,000 (£13,500 spent to date)	2022/23
Community Wealth Building, South Ayrshire Council (business plan accountancy support)	£3,500	2022/23

Barr Community Council - Small Grants (Community Open Day materials and catering)	£150	2022
DTAS – Community Engagement Workshops –independent facilitator fees	£960	2023

6.5 How do you plan to finance any development or refurbishment costs, on-going repairs, caretaking, cleaning, maintenance, insurance, rates and other running costs?

This section should include:

- Details on any works you plan to undertake post-acquisition and information on your plan for sustaining the asset
- Detail your plans for mitigation if negative issues arise concerning cash-flow, liquidity or financial capacity issues that may impact on delivery of the proposal.
- How you intend to continue to operate should any income related to the proposal not be generated as planned.
- What your plans for the proposed asset would be should your organisation incur operational difficulties or ceases trading.
- Any other information you consider relevant

The village hall will be developed into a Community Hub, providing multi-use, flexible spaces including a cafe/bar & bistro, a hall and rooms for event hire, a communal seating area, kitchens for food preparation, public toilets, and an interpretation space.

Without redevelopment, the village hall could remain a financial liability rather than a community asset. To address this, consideration has been given to the minimum requirements for a viable social enterprise facility providing a range of social and recreational activities and with sufficient income to cover running costs.

The estimated capital cost of £725,000 for a 'Minimum Viable Product' includes construction costs of £486,000 (including £200,000 for essential repairs), fees of £107,000, a general risk contingency of £95,000, and an inflation allowance (to Q1/2024) of £37,000. Funding would be sought from a variety of local and national funders.

Potential income sources for the Hub are through 'hall hires (Lets)' and longer-term rental (Leases)'. Community events, such as dances, fundraising nights and seasonal gatherings provide a good source of income, supplemented by private hires. Catering for community and private events will provide additional income for the SCIO's Subsidiary Trading Company.

The Trading Company will rent space from the SCIO and all users will pay a proportion of running costs. Use of the main hall and other spaces for private hires (e.g., weddings and other celebrations) will allow the Trading Company to generate associated income, whilst SCIO members and affiliated groups will have discounted use of all Hub facilities for community events.

Fundraising will be needed to address projected deficits during initial years and to raise additional monies to help fund future development plans. The primary funding source for redevelopment will be from national funders such as the Community Ownership Fund and the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund. A small amount of current Barr community funds will be used for redevelopment, and the majority of this will be towards seed funding. Use of the hall will increase once the essential repairs have been carried out, and community ownership gives a sense of pride and control. Village events private hires and passing trade will generate income to ensure long-term sustainability.

The main customer base for the Hub includes the local community, local statutory bodies, external organisations, private hire, commercial hire and the possibility of small businesses and pop-up enterprises. Additionally, we have identified key geographic markets for tourism to the area, based on information provided by local and national Destination Marketing Organisations (DMOs).

The Trustees are confident that sufficient revenue can be generated to maintain and develop the Community Hub, but also have security that funding bodies will be able to provide support if needed on occasion. Use of the hall is forecast to increase once the essential repairs have been carried out, and community ownership gives a sense of pride and control, and village events held throughout the year will continue to help ensure the Hub's long-term sustainability. SCIO trustees are committed to be flexible and adapt to meet any challenges in relation to financial projections.

6.6 Please provide details of contingency plans that you have in place.

This section should include:

- Detail your plans for mitigation if negative issues arise concerning cash-flow, liquidity or financial capacity issues that may impact on delivery of the proposal.
- How you intend to continue to operate should any income related to the proposal not be generated as planned.
- What your plans for the proposed asset would be should your organisation incur operational difficulties or ceases trading.
- Any other information you consider relevant

Income predictions are difficult for any new enterprise. Supporting evidence can be found from a variety of sources and industry standards but ultimately these are merely predictions based on our best estimate of the potential use of the Hub by residents and visitors. It is important therefore, that actual performance is constantly monitored and reviewed against Business Plan predictions and action taken when needed to respond to new challenges or to pursue new opportunities as and when they arise.

Flexibility is key to ensuring that the Hub proposals are sustainable without continued reliance on grant funding and can adapt to changing circumstances when needed. The current Business Plan proposals seek to avoid reliance on a single income stream and avoid over-reliance on volunteer time particularly for the operation of the Trading Company. Ultimately, staffing costs can be reduced if current income predictions prove to be overly optimistic.

Expenditure on salaries and wages assumes that the Trading Company will employ a full-time Hub Manager with appropriate skills and experience supported by part-time catering, caretaking, and cleaning staff. Fundraising will be required to address initial trading deficits and to raise additional monies to help fund future building maintenance and redevelopment where and when required. Our development officer has had discussions with funders such as Foundation Scotland who have indicated that policy relating to funding applications is shortly to be reviewed to better support community projects which provide great benefit and positively impact community members.

Hub opening times will remain flexible but will be notionally 42hrs per week in Year 3 (6 hrs/ day) increasing to 84hrs per week (12 hrs/ day) in Year 5. Volunteer time will enable extended Hub opening under the Hub Manager's direction. 'Self-service' use of the main hall and other Hub facilities will be possible for groups outside normal Hub operating times.

A Risk Assessment has been carried out to increase awareness of project risks and to enable the development of a risk mitigation strategy. The results will be carried forward along with new risks identified as the Project proceeds. No risks with a high likelihood of occurrence or potential impact were identified. However, risks such as loss of staff, lack of volunteers, unsuccessful funding applications, lack of community buy-in, and reduction in available funding will be constantly monitored and reviewed along with actual performance against the Business Plan. Action will be taken to respond to new challenges or new opportunities.

SECTION 7: ADVANCING COMMUNITY ASSETS FUND – CAPITAL GRANT REQUEST

APPLICANTS MAY APPLY TO THE ADVANCING COMMUNITY ASSETS FUND FOR CAPITAL WORKS, RELEVANT TO THE CONDITION OF THE ASSET BEING REQUESTED ONLY

7.1 Do you wish to apply for a capital grant?	Yes
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7.2 How much capital grant are you applying for?	£258,500
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Item	Cost (£)	Have estimates/quotes been sought?
<i>Provide a <u>detailed</u> cost breakdown itemising expected expenditure that you require the development grant for:</i>	<i>Please advise if each cost is inclusive or exclusive of VAT</i>	<i>If yes please submit copies with the application</i>
Structure & Fabric	£200,700 (excluding VAT)	No
Building Engineering Services	£57,800 (excluding VAT)	No
Total	£258,500 (excluding VAT)	

A fully itemised breakdown of the above is included in an updated Condition Report prepared by Avison Young for SAC (dated June 2023). The updated report is based on an inspection carried out on 20th June 2023. As noted in the A-Y Report, these are budget costs.

Detailed specifications will be required to obtain competitive prices from suitable contractors. Overheads, profit, and preliminaries have been included but professional and statutory fees are excluded.

The figures provided by Avison Young were current at Q2 2023 (VAT and extraordinary expenses are excluded). The £258,500 capital grant figure being applied for includes an inflation adjustment of £14,800 based on forecast average tender price increase of 3.0% annually from Q2 2023 to Q2 2025 when we anticipate that these works to be carried out.

A full copy of the updated Avison Young report is included in the accompanying Business Plan in Appendix 7 together with a copy of a previous Condition Report prepared by Avison Young for SAC in March 2021.

SECTION 8: RISK/SOCIAL IMPACT

8.1 Please outline whether any other organisation/business in your area will be affected by your proposals and what barriers or challenges to your project succeeding you have identified.

This section should include:

- Detail your plans for mitigation if negative issues arise concerning cash-flow, liquidity or financial capacity issues that may impact on delivery of the proposal.
- Any other information you consider relevant

We have assessed the potential for displacement and concluded that there is little or none. The proposal is to buy an asset that is already operating. Any new activities and events will be organised in collaboration with the community and will not compete with anything else happening in the vicinity.

There are so few amenities in the village that community ownership of the hall will only enhance the area, rather than detract from it.

The nearest other villages are over six miles away (Pinmore to the south-west; and Dailly to the north) and the nearest major town, Girvan, is 8 miles away. As Barr is so isolated and poorly served by public transport, we will not be displacing any organisations or businesses in these areas either.

Our business plan outlines the expected income and expenditure, along with a funding strategy for delivering the project. In addition, the SCIO board meet at least monthly and will monitor cash-flow to ensure that the project is sustainable in the long-term.

Challenges to the project succeeding could include securing the funding to purchase the building and for essential repairs. A robust funding strategy has been devised based on a thorough, specialist knowledge of the funding opportunities available and support and expertise is provided by the Community Development Officer.

Another potential challenge is related to the capacity of our Board of Trustees, in terms of time given and relevant skills to manage the project. Though our trustees have an impressive range of abilities and experience to take the project forward, we are acutely aware that trustees are volunteers and should not be wholly depended upon. To mitigate this risk, we will continue to employ a dedicated Development Officer and as the project progresses, increase employment positions as needed.

In time, volunteers will be sought to help take forward different aspects of the project. Volunteer support has been strong in the village in the past in terms of organising events and so on. Success breeds success so when the community hall has been transferred and being run well, this will encourage other volunteers and board members to become part of its success.

DECLARATION

We, the undersigned on behalf of the community-controlled body as noted at section 1, make an asset transfer request as specified in this form.
We confirm that we have read and understood the Scottish Government Guidance for Community Transfer Bodies under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2105 .
We declare that the information provided in this form and any enclosed accompanying documents are correct.
We confirm that if there are any significant changes to the application or the proposal, South Ayrshire Council will be informed immediately.
Where the Organisation provides any personal data (as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998) to South Ayrshire Council in connection with this, the Council will use that personal data for such purposes as outlined here. It may share that personal data with other regulators (including the Council's and Organisation's external auditors, HMRC and law enforcement agencies) as well as with the Council's Elected Members and Senior Officers. The personal data may be checked with other Council Services for accuracy, to prevent or detect fraud or maximise the Council's revenues. It may be shared with other public bodies for the same purposes. The Organisation undertakes to ensure that all persons whose personal data are (or are to be) disclosed to the Council are duly notified of this fact. Where the Organisation processes (or will process) personal data (as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998), it hereby confirms that it has (or will acquire) a valid Notification with the Information Commissioner covering its processing of personal data, including in that Notification the disclosure of personal data to the Council. This requirement shall not apply if the Organisation is, by virtue of the Data Protection (Notification and Notification Fees) Regulations 2000 as amended, exempt from the requirement to notify.

1st office bearer	
Name:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]
Date:	20 th March 2024
Position:	Chair
Signature:	[REDACTED]
2nd office bearer	
Name:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]
Date:	20 th March 2024
Position:	Secretary
Signature:	[REDACTED]

CHECKLIST OF ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

<p>Please provide details of all documents which you are including with your proposal. All documents submitted electronically should be named clearly referencing the name of your organisation e.g. ABCorg/Business Plan2020, ABCorg/Constitution etc</p>	
<p>Section 1 Organisation information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must attach your organisation's current constitution, articles of association or registered rules Any other information you consider relevant 	<p>Barr Community SCIO (last amended 29/03/23).</p>
<p>Section 2 Asset information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include any relevant maps, drawings or description of the land/building requested and any development or change you plan to do to the asset Any other information you consider relevant 	<p>Existing property details and plans showing the proposed development are included in the Business Plan.</p>
<p>Section 3 Type of request, payment & conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include specific details of any terms and conditions that you wish to be applied to the request Any other information you consider relevant 	<p>To be discussed and agreed with SAC during assessment period.</p>
<p>Section 4 Community proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include any documentation such as market research and analysis, feasibility study, options appraisal etc. You may wish to include examples of previous projects that you have successfully delivered and/or letters of support from partner/s that you are/will be working with. Any other information you consider relevant 	<p>See Business Plan Section 7 and Appendices 6 and 10.</p>
<p>Section 5 Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include evidence of the level and nature of community support for the asset transfer, this may include letters of support, copies of surveys undertaken etc. Any other information you consider relevant 	<p>See Business Plan Section 4 and Appendices 10 and 11.</p>
<p>Section 6 Financial information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a copy of the current business plan, copies of the last 3 months bank statements and any evidence of funding or loans secured to date Any other information you consider relevant 	<p>Business Plan (updated November 2023). Three bank statements - from Sept to Nov 2023 inclusive.</p>
<p>Section 8 – Risk/Social Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include any risk analysis/assessment undertaken and how you will counter any risk identified. Any other information you consider relevant 	<p>See Business Plan Sections 2 and 3.</p>