

Melvich Community SCIO

Update for Melvich Community Council:
16th May 2023

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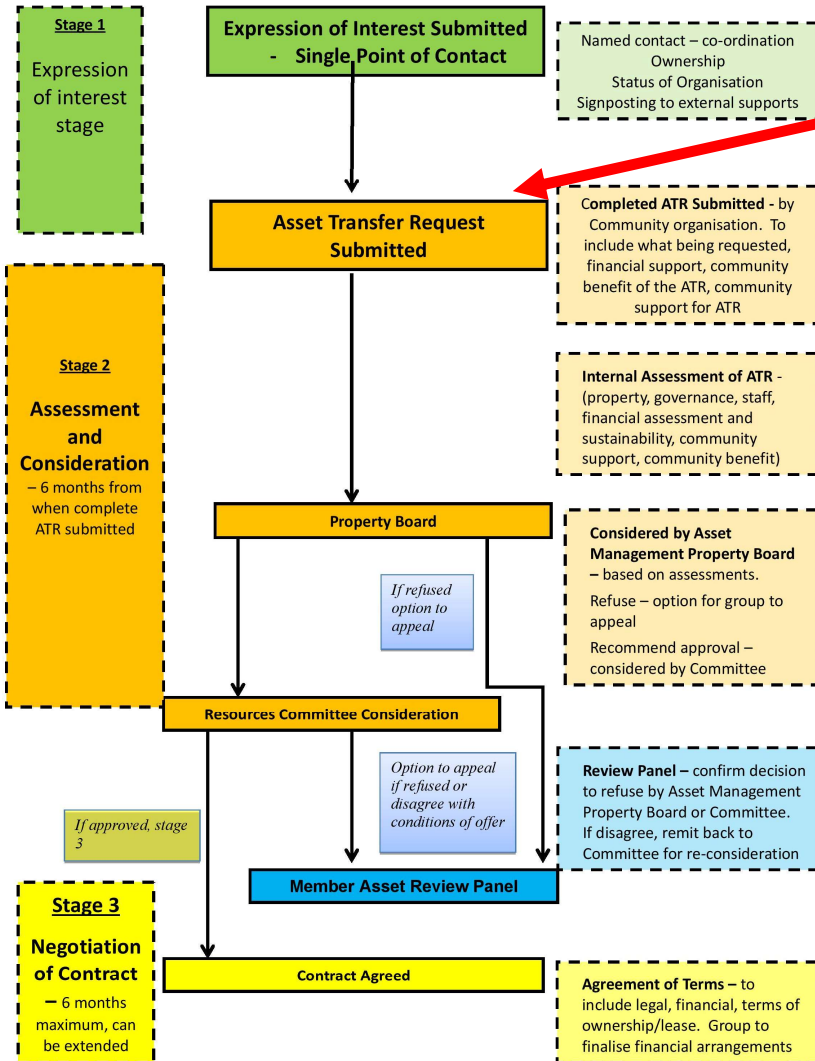


Melvich Community Hub project

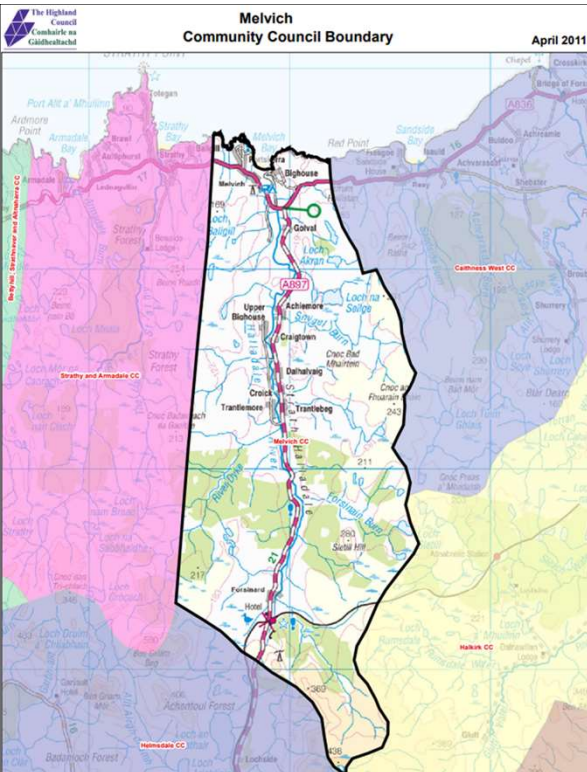
- Community Asset Transfer request for Melvich Public toilets going through due process (Application submitted 16/05/2022).
- Working to deliver outputs required for RIBA Stage 1. This stage should be complete ~ Summer 2023.
- Once RIBA Stage 1 is complete then we will be preparing / issuing an invitation to tender (ITT) for RIBA Stages 2-4 to provide updated cost comparisons and better demonstrate value for money. ITT likely to be issued in ~Autumn 2023.

Portskerra Play Park

- Community Asset Transfer (CAT) application submitted for Portskerra Play Park on 15/11/2022.
- Not yet shown on Highland Council CAT website page (16/5/2023). Process flowchart shows that Highland Council have 6 months to complete the “Assessment and Consideration” stage from submission of the CAT request.
- **Work on Invitation to tender (ITT) for play park equipment ON HOLD** until uncertainties in lease/ownership issue resolved.
- **Lease/ownership of the site is on the critical path** – can’t secure grant funding or issue ITT without this matter resolved.
- Children in our community council area will be having another summer with no play park being available to them locally 😞

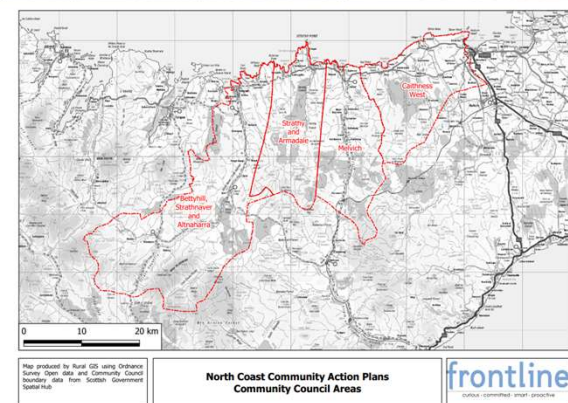


https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/17215/community_asset_transfer_flowchart



Community Action Plan

- As mentioned previously, preferred independent consultant selected to perform the work had been selected for Melvich Community Council area.
- Caithness West CC, Strathlyon and Armadale CC and Bettyhill, Strathnaver and Altnaharra CC have indicated that they wish to be added in as additional scope on our contract. Revised pricing received for delivery of CAPs for the 4 CC areas.
- **Discussions ongoing with Local Energy Scotland in relation to grant funding the 4 CAPs.**
- Formal contract award will be made as soon as grant funding for the CAP is confirmed.
- Programme for delivery of the CAP will be finalised with contractor once commencement date known (awaiting grant funding).





MOOV in May



MOOV Run / Walk Group

Wednesdays - 5pm

Meet at The Halladale

Join us on a Wednesday for a walk and/or run up to 5km (3 miles) in the local area.



MOOV Dip

Sunday mornings

The Shore, Portskerra

Come along for our weekly sea swim. Take a look at the MOOV Facebook page for timings each week or call 07961 076918



MOOV Walk: Clachan Burn

with Picnic at Loch Mòr

Sunday 21st May - 11am

Meet at the layby just to the east of Bettyhill for this 8km / 5 mile walk. Dogs on leads and children welcome. Bring a picnic!



Melvich Off Out Ventures (MOOV)

- New sub-committee formed.
- Can be contacted at moov@melvichcommunityscio.org
- Starting 17th May 2023 – the MOOV run/walk group
- Sunday mornings – the MOOV dip
- 21st May 2023 – MOOV walk
- All welcome to attend these free events.



Community events and fundraising:

- Photo competition for 2024 calendar ongoing (See <https://melvichcommunityscio.org/latest-updates-1/f/photography-competition-for-2024-calendar> for more info).
- Held Quiz night on 21st April 2023 at Halladale Inn and Whist on 28th April 2023 at Reay Hall.
- Next Whist nights 9th June and 23rd June 2023 – both at Reay Hall.
- Community Growing Project will be meeting again soon to discuss the coming growing season.
- More events being planned but if you want to get involved and help out then please get in touch.
- Melvich Community SCIO will have a presence at the Melvich Community Council Fun Day on 28th May 2023.



Any comments / questions ?



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