

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

North Lanarkshire Council

This Community Asset Transfer request form must be completed to make a formal request. This form will help you to make sure you include all the required information.

You should read the asset transfer guidance provided by the Scottish Government before making a request. The council may also provide additional guidance on scheme.

You are strongly advised to contact the council and discuss your proposals before making an asset transfer request.

When completed, this form and supporting documentation should be sent to communitymatters@northlan.gov.uk

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

Section 1: Information about the community transfer body (CTB) making the request

1.1 Name of the CTB making the asset transfer request

North Lanarkshire Muslim Woman & Family Alliance
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1.2 CTB address. This should be the registered address if you have one.

Postal address: [REDACTED]

1.3 Contact details. Please provide the name and contact address to which correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request should be sent.

Contact name: [REDACTED]
Postal address: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Telephone: [REDACTED]

√We agree that correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request may be sent by email to the email address given above. *(Please tick to indicate agreement)*

You can ask the relevant authority to stop sending correspondence by email, or change the email address, by telling them at any time, as long as 5 working days' notice is given.

1.4 Please mark an "X" in the relevant box to confirm the type of CTB and its official number, if it has one.

	Company, and its company number is	
X	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), and its charity number is	SC045588
	Community Benefit Society (BenCom), and its registered number is	
	Unincorporated organisation (no number)	

Please attach a copy of the CTB's constitution, articles of association or registered rules.

1.5 Has the organisation been individually designated as a community transfer body by the Scottish Ministers?

No

Yes

Please give the title and date of the designation order:

1.6 Does the organisation fall within a class of bodies which has been designated as community transfer bodies by the Scottish Ministers?

No

Yes

If yes what class of bodies does it fall within?

Information about the land and rights requested

1.7 Please identify the land to which this asset transfer request relates.

You should provide a street address or grid reference and any name by which the land or building is known. If you have identified the land on the relevant authority's register of land, please enter the details listed there.

It may be helpful to provide one or more maps or drawings to show the boundaries of the land requested. If you are requesting part of a piece of land, you must give a full description of the boundaries of the area to which your request relates. If you are requesting part of a building, please make clear what area you require. A drawing may be helpful.

We wish to apply for asset transfer part of the property known as Janet Hamilton Centre
Langloan Street, Coatbridge, ML5 1HH

Proposal Summary

Total Site Area: Approx. 9.62 acres
as per the valuation report.

Gardener's Storage: Approx. 110 m² combined.

Building 1: Approx. 303 m²
Renovation needed.

Car Park Area: Approx. 800 m²

Building 2: Approx. 438 m²
Deemed unusable, to be demolished and rebuild.

NOTE: Area w/o defined purpose:
Within the highlighted area
(open space, pathway, greenery are)
Approx. 2.16 acres

NLMWA Total Area Proposed:
2.75 acres



1.8 Please provide the UPRN (Unique Property Reference Number), if known.

If the property has a UPRN you will find it in the relevant authority's register of land.

UPRN: N/A

Section 2: Type of request, payment, and conditions

2.1 Please tick what type of request is being made:

for ownership (under section 79(2)(a)) - go to section 3A

for lease (under section 79(2)(b)(i)) – go to section 3B

for other rights (section 79(2)(b)(ii)) - go to section 3C

3A – Request for ownership

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

Proposed price: £1

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request.

We would draft a mutually acceptable agreement about the following amenities

The SHARED ACCESS TO CARPARK, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS, RIGHT OF WAY TO OWNERS OF ANY OTHER PARTS OF THE FACILITY EG. THE RUNNING TRACK.

We would also be providing and calculating the REDUCTION ON MARKET VALUE IE. MARKET VALUE LESS COMMUNITY BENEFIT

3B – request for lease

What is the length of lease you are requesting?

n/a

How much rent are you prepared to pay? Please make clear whether this is per year or per month.

Proposed rent: £ per

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to be included in the lease, or to apply to the request in any other way.

3C – request for other rights

What are the rights you are requesting?

We are requesting 2.75 acres of land (**THAT currently COMPRISES THE TWO BUIDLINGS of JANET HAMILTON CENTRE AND COATBRIDGE OUTDOOR CENTRE THAT ARE CONNECTED BY A CORRIDOR, THE SURROUNDING GROUNDS TO WEST, THE CARPARK ETC ETC**) situated on the site to provide services to the wider community. We will allow shared access and shared running cost, maintenance, and security to the running track group (to whomever will own it). We are requesting to fully own the carpark area; we will allow other party to use the carpark.

We are submitting a request for the allocation of 2.75 acres of land to facilitate the provision of services to the wider community. Our vision is to create a vibrant and inclusive space that caters to the diverse needs of our community members. In line with this vision, we are committed to promoting shared access and collaborative management of the full site.

Specifically, we propose share access of the main entrance and pathway to accommodate a running track group or to whomever will own the other portion of the land. This collaboration will extend to sharing the running costs, maintenance responsibilities, and security measures, (of the shared spaces) ensuring the sustainable operation of the track for the benefit of all stakeholders involved.

Additionally, we are requesting full ownership of the carpark area within the designated land parcel. However, we are open to allowing other parties to utilise the carpark, thereby maximising its utility and facilitating ease of access for visitors to the community hub.

By fostering partnerships and promoting shared access to facilities, we aim to create a thriving community hub that serves as a hub of activity, engagement, and empowerment for all members of the community.

Proposal Summary

Total Site Area: Approx. 9.82 acres
as per the valuation report.

Gardener's Storage: Approx.
110 m² combined.

Building 1: Approx. 303 m²
Renovation needed.

Car Park Area: Approx. 800 m²

Building 2: Approx. 439 m²
Deemed unusable, to be demolished
and rebuild.

NOTE: Area w/o defined purpose
Within the highlighted area
(open space, pathway, greenery are)
Approx. 2.16 acres

NLMWA Total Area Proposed:
2.75 acres



Do you propose to make any payment for these rights?

Yes

No

If yes, how much are you prepared to pay? Please make clear what period this would cover, for example per week, per month, per day?

Proposed payment: £ per
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Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request.

Section 3: Community Proposal

3.1 Please set out the reasons for making the request and how the land or building will be used

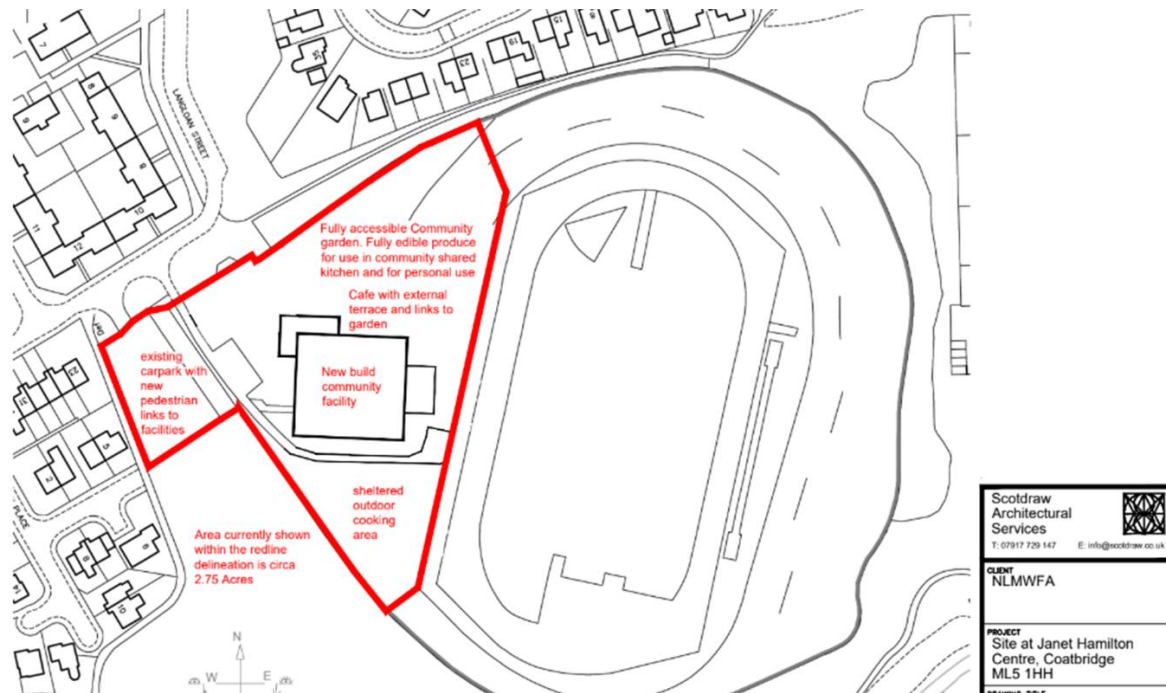
CREATING A NEW, CUSTOM-BUILT FACILITY AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

All buildings and land requested by North Lanarkshire Muslim Women and Family Alliance (NLMWA) will be utilised in alignment with the charitable objectives of our organisation, as outlined in our constitution, our organisation core drive.

NLMWA is dedicated to serving the community of North Lanarkshire, particularly minority ethnic women and youth, with a focus on empowerment, inclusivity, and social cohesion. With a track record of over 30 years, NLMWA has emerged as a vital source of support and opportunity for individuals and families facing various challenges.

In line with Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, NLMWA is requesting the transfer of the Janet Hamilton Centre and the associated 2.75 acres of land. We are committed to utilising this space to enhance community cohesion, provide essential services, and create a vibrant hub for all residents, including the substantial local ethnic minority population.

Below drawing is our proposed New Community Hub area:



The Janet Hamilton Centre buildings are unwelcoming, unattractive and in a state of severe disrepair. It is currently not an asset to the wider community and no renovation will make these structures into a viable and sustainable venue for multifunctional community use.

If successful in this asset transfer application, our intention in **Phase 1** is to demolish both buildings and clear away some of the trees in the area identified in the 2.75 acres of land we have specified to allow for both a new building and land that can be used by the community garden to provide sustainable food production and be a venue for outside events.

Phase 2 of our plan will be to work with our community, the communities surrounding the site and wider communities of interest who need space, to inform and influence the design of a bespoke, purpose-built community hub.

Phase 3 Funding the build of a new purpose-built building that will allow for accessibility and equality of access.

Our primary purpose will be to utilise the space to provide culturally appropriate services and opportunities for the large population of ethnic minority community who live within North Lanarkshire who are currently underserved.

We also recognise that if it takes a long time to secure funding for a new build, we will use the site for green space, community growing and will bring in attractive modular buildings in which to undertake activity in the meantime

We are also committed to integration and inclusion and the building will be designed with and for the wider community bringing new opportunities where there are currently very few.

The building project will provide immediate opportunities as we would work to ensure that contractors provide community benefits as part of their proposals. A committee will be

established to develop outline ideas of what the community needs and how the build project could deliver these benefits.

By exercising our right under the Community Empowerment Act, we aim to foster an inclusive environment where every community member feels welcome and supported, thereby contributing to the social and economic well-being of North Lanarkshire.

Preservation of Culture and Revitalisation of Community

The acquisition of the Janet Hamilton Centre represents more than just a transfer of ownership; it signifies the preservation of culture and the revitalisation of community spaces. NLMWA is committed to preserving the historical significance of the Janet Hamilton Centre it once has, ensuring that it remains a beacon of community pride and identity. NLMWA aim transforming the Janet Hamilton Centre into a new hub of community activity and empowerment.

Empowerment Through Partnership

NLMWA recognises the importance of partnership working in achieving its goals. By collaborating with local businesses, community groups, educational institutions, and public sector agencies, NLMWA will create a network of support and opportunity for individuals of all backgrounds. NLMWA will work with various stakeholders to provide a range of services and activities, including IT training, counselling and support services, employability programs, and cultural events.

Partnership





Partnerships with other organisations are a crucial aspect of our strategy to ensure we provide what is most needed. We have established and continue to nurture strong partnerships to enhance our service delivery:

Project in Pipeline with Generations Working Together (GWT): This project promotes intergenerational learning, an essential part of lifelong learning, where people of all ages learn together and from each other. Beyond knowledge transfer, it fosters reciprocal learning relationships between different generations and helps develop social capital and social cohesion in our ageing societies. A funding application, after consulting with our members, has been submitted.

Community Catalysts Project: In partnership with North Lanarkshire and funded by Museums Galleries Scotland, this two-year initiative involves collaboration with the Summerlee Museum to make museums more accessible and representative of the community. This includes activities, new displays, and other engagement methods.

Partnership Projects with FACIC: Over the past eight years, we have engaged in numerous joint initiatives with FACIC, including a Male Youth Group, Learning and Befriending for mixed marriage couples, and an annual Connecting Community Open Day in partnership with public sector organisations.

Healthy Curry Project with Glenboig Development Trust: This project, involving the Coatbridge Consortium, is in the planning stages and aims to promote healthy eating within the community.

"Traces of Empire" Project: Now in its second year, this project is in partnership with WSREC and Historic Scotland. It involves our female members working towards an exhibition at Glasgow Cathedral in 2025.

The level and nature of support for NLMWA's stewardship of the new hub are robust and multifaceted. With sustained community involvement and collaborative efforts with local

stakeholders, we are poised to create a centre that truly reflects and serves the diverse needs of North Lanarkshire.

Creating Jobs and Training Opportunities

Upon construction of the new community hub NLMWA will require dedicated staffing to ensure the smooth operation of the services. Key positions such as project manager and administration staff will be essential to oversee day-to-day activities, coordinate partnerships, and provide administrative support.

Project Manager: The appointment of a skilled project manager will be crucial in overseeing the implementation of NLMWA's vision for of the new community hub. This individual will be responsible for strategic planning, resource allocation, and stakeholder engagement, ensuring that all initiatives are executed efficiently and effectively. The project manager will work closely with the board of trustees to set objectives, monitor progress, and evaluate outcomes, thereby ensuring the successful realisation of NLMWA's goals.

Administration Staff: NLMWA will require administrative staff to support the day-to-day operations of the new community hub. These roles may include administrative assistants, receptionists, and clerical staff responsible for managing inquiries, scheduling appointments, maintaining records, and providing general support to visitors and program participants. By establishing a dedicated administrative team, NLMWA will ensure that the Centre operates smoothly and efficiently, thereby enhancing the overall experience for staff, volunteers, and community members alike.

Café: The Café in the community hub will not only generate employment opportunities for local residents but also provide valuable training and skill development in hospitality and customer service.

Through the creation of these job opportunities, NLMWA will not only provide valuable employment opportunities for local residents but also contribute to the economic vitality of the community. Additionally, by investing in skilled professionals and support staff, NLMWA will strengthen its capacity to deliver high-quality programs and services, thereby maximising its impact on the community and fostering long-term sustainability. NLMWA aims to foster economic resilience and community prosperity. This café will also provide special rebate to our elderly section of the society and provide the attendees socialising and networking opportunity as well.

Improving Community, Health, and Well-being

The services offered by NLMWA are designed to address the diverse needs of the community, including mental health and social isolation. Drawing on evidence from the Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy and other sources, NLMWA recognizes the urgent need for interventions that promote mental well-being, social connectedness, and outdoor engagement. Through programs focused on healthy living, community engagement, and outdoor activities, NLMWA will create opportunities for individuals to improve their physical and mental health while strengthening social bonds and community cohesion.

NLMWA's proposed new community hub aligns with broader efforts to address the complex socioeconomic challenges faced by communities like the one in Drumpellier and Langloan Area (S01011578). By leveraging the Centre as a hub for community engagement and empowerment, NLMWA aims to foster positive outcomes in key areas such as income, employment, health, education, and overall quality of life.

Scottish Policy Act on Mental Health and Wellbeing: NLMWA recognises the importance of mental health and wellbeing in the overall health of the community. In alignment with the Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027, NLMWA's initiative at the new community hub will prioritise initiatives aimed at promoting mental wellbeing and resilience. This includes providing access to supportive services, promoting social inclusion, and creating opportunities for meaningful engagement with others and the natural environment.

Addressing Socioeconomic Challenges: The community served by the new community hub reflects many of the socioeconomic challenges outlined in the data from the 2020 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) report. The area is in the first quintile and falls within the second decile for multiple domains, making it among the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland overall. With a total population of 761 people and 200 individuals experiencing income deprivation, there is a clear need for targeted interventions to improve economic stability and reduce financial hardship. NLMWA's proposed programs and services will provide valuable resources and support to individuals and families facing economic adversity, including job training, financial literacy education, and access to employment opportunities.

Promoting Employment and Economic Opportunities: With 92 individuals identified as employment deprived from SIMD data, NLMWA's initiative will prioritise initiatives aimed at promoting workforce participation and economic empowerment. Through partnerships with local businesses, educational institutions, and training providers, the new community hub will offer training programs, job placement services, and entrepreneurship support to help individuals overcome barriers to employment and achieve financial independence.

Enhancing Health and Wellbeing Outcomes: The health domain ranking of 848 highlights the significant health challenges faced by the community, underscoring the need for accessible and culturally appropriate healthcare services. NLMWA's initiative will prioritise initiatives aimed at improving health outcomes, including preventive care, health education, and access to mental health and substance abuse services. Additionally, the Centre will serve as a hub for recreational activities, fitness programs, and wellness initiatives designed to promote physical and mental wellbeing among community members of all ages.

Fostering Social Inclusion and Community Cohesion: In light of the community's high crime rate and challenges in social cohesion, NLMWA's initiative will prioritise initiatives aimed at fostering social inclusion and community cohesion. Through collaborative partnerships, cultural events, and community-building activities, the new community hub will provide a safe and welcoming space where community members can come together, connect with one another, and build meaningful relationships across diverse backgrounds and experiences.

By addressing these multifaceted challenges and promoting holistic wellbeing, NLMWA's initiative at the new community hub has the potential to make a meaningful and lasting impact on the health, prosperity, and vitality of the community served. Through targeted interventions, collaborative partnerships, and a commitment to equality and social justice, NLMWA aims to

create a brighter and more hopeful future for all residents of the new community hub and beyond.

Inclusion and Diversity

Inclusion and diversity are fundamental principles that guide NLMWA's work. By providing a safe and welcoming space for all members of the community, regardless of background or identity, NLMWA aims to foster a culture of respect, understanding, and mutual support. NLMWA are committed to providing accessible areas for community groups and events, NLMWA will ensure that the new community hub is inclusive and accessible to individuals of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

The acquisition of the Janet Hamilton Centre by NLMWA represents a transformative opportunity to become a new community hub as the heart of our community. Through perseverance, partnership, empowerment, and inclusivity, NLMWA will create a vibrant and thriving hub of activity, opportunity, and well-being for the benefit of all.

We would specifically be catering for one of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of our society including refugees and asylum seekers whose cultural and social needs are usually not met by the usual services available in the community. One such example is the lack of access to an outdoor open space for these individuals and families, living in high-rise flats, which hampers their cultural needs of socialising by the use of barbecue parties. Several refugee families have repeatedly asked us about availability of such spaces. This lack of facility is leading to lack of social networking and bonding between individuals of this community. To gauge the importance of this need it would not be out of place to highlight the fact that up to 400 refugees that live in Coatbridge; most of them at walking distance from the centre we are applying for.

References

Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027 - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)

SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation)

Asset transfer - Community empowerment - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)

Benefits of the proposal

3.2 Please set out the benefits that you consider will arise if the request is agreed to.

This section should explain how the project will benefit your community, and others. Please refer to the guidance on how the relevant authority will consider the benefits of a request.

By acquiring, demolishing and purpose building a community hub, NLMWA aims to empower the community by providing them with a platform to make decisions and shape the future of their community. Through extensive community engagement and involvement, the Centre will become a focal point for collaboration, innovation, and collective action, ensuring that the needs and aspirations of the community remain at the forefront of all endeavours.

NLMWA's initiative will contribute to making North Lanarkshire a better place to Live, Learn, Work, Invest, and Visit, in line with the overarching goals outlined in "The Plan for North Lanarkshire." By creating a welcoming and inclusive community hub, the Centre will foster a sense of belonging and pride among residents, ultimately enhancing overall quality of life and wellbeing.

Through the establishment of a robust community-led project, NLMWA will create a sustainable model for community development and resilience. By reinvesting generated benefits back into the project, the new community hub will continuously improve its services and infrastructure, leaving a lasting impact on the community.

NLMWA's initiative will promote social wellbeing by providing opportunities for community members to connect with nature, benefit from outdoor activities, and access educational resources on environmental stewardship. By improving access to green spaces and encouraging responsible use, the Centre will contribute to enhanced public health outcomes and community cohesion.

Through the provision of volunteer and employment opportunities, as well as free and low-cost services tailored to local needs, NLMWA's initiative will help reduce inequalities of outcome stemming from socioeconomic disadvantage. By actively involving the local community in decision-making processes, the Centre will foster strategic growth and development rooted in the needs and aspirations of residents.

Where to communities opt for it, a Café area will create new business opportunities, provide jobs, and offer training opportunities for local residents. This initiative will not only stimulate economic activity within the community but also enhance visitor experiences of the area.

NLMWA's proposal reflects the passion and commitment of the local community to make best use of this area for the benefit of current and future generations. NLMWA seeks to reignite community enthusiasm and engagement, ensuring that there will be a Centre that can be a cherished community hub for years to come.

NLMWA Links to National Outcomes

POVERTY

NLMWA recognises the profound impact that poverty can have on individuals and families within our community. As part of our commitment to addressing this pressing issue, we are dedicated to providing essential services that are accessible and affordable for all residents, particularly those experiencing financial hardship. Our goal is to alleviate the burden of poverty, promote social inclusion, and create pathways to economic opportunity for all members of our community.

One of the key ways in which NLMWA addresses poverty is by offering essential services at little to no cost. From food assistance programs with our partnership with foodbanks, and business that cater specific dietary requirement we provide vital resources that help meet the basic needs of individuals and families facing financial insecurity. By removing financial barriers to accessing these essential services, we ensure that everyone in our community has access to the support they need to thrive, regardless of their economic circumstances.

In addition to providing direct assistance, NLMWA also works to address the root causes of poverty and inequality within our community. Through advocacy efforts, community outreach, and partnership collaborations, we strive to raise awareness about the systemic issues that perpetuate poverty and work towards systemic change. By advocating for policies and programs that promote economic equality and social justice, we seek to create a more equitable and inclusive society where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

Furthermore, NLMWA is committed to enhancing the economic well-being of all residents by providing access to resources and opportunities for skill-building, education, and employment. Through job training programs, financial literacy workshops, and career development initiatives, we empower individuals to gain the skills and knowledge needed to secure stable employment and achieve financial stability. By equipping residents with the tools, they need to succeed, we aim to break the cycle of poverty and create a more prosperous future for our community as a whole.

EDUCATION

NLMWA aims to enrich the educational experience to everyone in the community. NLMWA is committed to providing accessible education opportunities to its community, offering a range of programs such as language courses, digital training, and skills exchange initiatives. We will continue to deliver these vital educational resources and strive to enhance them, ensuring that everyone have the opportunity to acquire new skills, expand their knowledge, and pursue their personal and professional development goals.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

NLMWA is dedicated to providing children and young people with diverse and engaging activities that foster positive interactions with the natural environment. In addition to traditional outdoor pursuits, such as nature walks and exploration, our organisation offers innovative initiatives like clean-up projects that bring communities together in environmental stewardship efforts. Through these activities, young participants not only develop a deeper appreciation for nature but also learn the importance of community involvement and environmental responsibility. By empowering children and young people to actively participate in initiatives like clean-up projects, we aim to instil a sense of pride, belonging, and empowerment, enabling them to envision a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

COMMUNITIES

One of our primary focuses is on promoting access to nature and leisure opportunities for all community members. This includes organising guided nature walks, outdoor fitness classes, gardening workshops, and family-friendly events within the local green spaces. By offering a range of activities that cater to different interests and abilities, we ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate and benefit from the restorative effects of spending time outdoors.

Moreover, our emphasis on volunteerism and community engagement serves as a cornerstone of our approach to building a resilient and empowered community. Through volunteer programs, residents are encouraged to actively contribute to the betterment of their neighbourhoods, whether through participating in local clean-up efforts, organising community events, or serving as mentors to younger generations. By fostering a culture of collaboration and collective action, we aim to amplify diverse voices within the community and create a supportive environment where everyone feels valued and empowered to effect positive change.

Our commitment to promoting access to nature, facilitating community engagement, and fostering empowerment underscores our vision of building a vibrant and resilient community where individuals of all backgrounds can thrive and contribute to the common good.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Encouraging active engagement with nature, NLMWA promotes physical and mental well-being through indoor and outdoor activities and environmental immersion. By prioritising health and well-being, we adopt an integrated and person-centred approach to address community needs and achieve positive health outcomes.

NLMWA is committed to ensuring that everyone in the community can enjoy and benefit from the community hub. By safeguarding and enhancing these assets, we contribute to the health, prosperity, and cultural richness of our community, preserving them for future generations.

INEQUALITY

Central to our efforts is the promotion of diversity and inclusion within all aspects of our organisation and activities. We recognise and celebrate the unique contributions and perspectives that individuals from diverse backgrounds bring to our community. By fostering an inclusive culture that values and respects differences, we aim to build a stronger and more cohesive community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

As part of our commitment to promoting equality, we prioritise offering leadership opportunities to local women, who have historically been underrepresented in positions of leadership and decision-making. Through mentorship programs, leadership workshops, and networking opportunities, we empower women to take on leadership roles within our organisation and beyond, driving positive change and inspiring future generations.

Additionally, we are dedicated to providing accessible services that meet the needs of all community members, regardless of their abilities or circumstances. This includes ensuring that our facilities are physically accessible and that our programs and activities are designed to accommodate diverse needs and preferences. By removing barriers to participation and engagement, we strive to create a more equitable and inclusive community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

In line with the principles of the Equality Act, we are committed to actively challenging discrimination, promoting equality of opportunity, and fostering a culture of respect and understanding within our community. By working together to address inequality and promote diversity and inclusion, we can create a more just and equitable society for all residents of North Lanarkshire.

DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

NLMWA recognises the critical role that decent work and economic growth play in building thriving and resilient communities. As part of our commitment to fostering economic prosperity, we are embarking on initiatives aimed at revitalising local economic growth, creating job opportunities, and equipping community members with the skills needed to succeed in the workforce.

The revitalisation of the café within our community centre serves as a catalyst for economic activity, providing a vibrant space for residents to gather, socialise, and support local economic growth. By offering a range of quality food and beverages, the café not only meets the needs of visitors to the community centre but also attracts customers from the surrounding area, contributing to increased foot traffic and sales for nearby shops and businesses. Furthermore, the café provides valuable job opportunities for residents, including positions in food service, hospitality, and customer service, thereby stimulating job creation and economic growth within the community.

In addition to the café, NLMWA is committed to providing space for local businesses and groups to thrive. By offering affordable rental space within our community centre, we empower entrepreneurs to launch and grow their ventures, fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship within our community. These local businesses serve as engines of economic growth, creating jobs, generating revenue, and contributing to the overall vitality of the local economy.

Furthermore, NLMWA recognises the importance of investing in human capital to drive economic growth and prosperity. Through our volunteer programs, we offer skill-building opportunities that enhance employability and equip community members with the tools they need to succeed in the workforce. From job training workshops to mentorship programs, we provide valuable resources and support to help individuals develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to secure meaningful employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency. By investing in the potential of our community members, we not only strengthen our local workforce but also contribute to long-term economic growth and prosperity for all residents of North Lanarkshire.

CULTURE

NLMWA recognises the rich diversity of cultures within our community and celebrates the unique contributions that each individual and group brings to our collective identity. NLMWA is committed to promoting integration, respect, and understanding, we believe that embracing cultural diversity is essential for fostering social cohesion, promoting inclusion, and building vibrant communities.

At NLMWA, we strive to create an environment where all cultures are valued, respected, and celebrated. Through our programs, initiatives, and community events, we provide opportunities for individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds to come together, share their traditions, and learn from one another. Whether it's through cultural festivals, art exhibitions, or interfaith dialogues, we seek to promote cross-cultural understanding and appreciation, encouraging dialogue and collaboration across religious, ethnic, and linguistic lines.

Our commitment to cultural diversity extends beyond mere tolerance to active engagement and participation. We believe that by embracing our differences and learning from one another, we can build stronger, more inclusive communities where everyone feels welcome and valued. By promoting cultural exchange and dialogue, we create opportunities for individuals to broaden their perspectives, challenge stereotypes, and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Furthermore, NLMWA recognises the importance of cultural expression as a means of fostering creativity, self-expression, and personal identity. Through our support for artistic endeavours, cultural performances, and creative projects, we encourage individuals to explore their cultural heritage, express themselves creatively, and share their stories with others. By providing platforms for cultural expression and artistic innovation, we contribute to the vibrancy and richness of our community's cultural landscape, enriching the lives of all who call North Lanarkshire home.

NLMWA is committed to promoting a culture of inclusivity, respect, and appreciation for diversity within our community. By embracing our differences, celebrating our shared humanity, and fostering cross-cultural understanding, we strive to create a more harmonious and vibrant society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

HUMAN RIGHTS

At NLMWA, we are driven by a steadfast commitment to upholding and promoting human rights for all individuals, regardless of their background, identity, or circumstances. Our advocacy work is rooted in the fundamental belief that every person deserves to live with dignity, respect, and equality, and that human rights must be at the forefront of our efforts to create positive change within our community.

Central to our mission is the recognition that human rights are universal, indivisible, and inalienable, applying equally to everyone without discrimination. We firmly believe that all individuals have the right to life, liberty, and security of person, as well as the right to freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly. Moreover, we recognise the importance of economic, social, and cultural rights, including the right to education, healthcare, housing, and work, as essential components of human dignity and well-being.

As a driving force through our advocacy, NLMWA is committed to promoting awareness of human rights issues, advocating for policy changes to address systemic injustices, and providing support and assistance to those whose rights are violated or denied. We work tirelessly to ensure that human rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled in every aspect of our community life, and that individuals are able to live free from discrimination, prejudice, and violence.

Through our programs, initiatives, and partnerships, we seek to empower individuals to assert their rights, amplify their voices, and advocate for justice and equality. Whether it's through legal advocacy, community organising, or public education campaigns, we strive to create a culture of human rights where every person is valued, respected, and treated with dignity and compassion.

In summary, human rights are the driving force behind our work at NLMWA, guiding our efforts to build a more just, inclusive, and equitable society for all. By championing human rights principles and values, we strive to create a world where every individual can live with freedom, dignity, and equality, and where the inherent worth and rights of every person are upheld and protected.

Summary of Benefits Provided by NLMWA

Poverty Alleviation

NLMWA will provide essential services at little to no cost, aiming to alleviate financial strain on low-income households and address inequalities within the community. By offering accessible support and resources, we strive to enhance the economic well-being of all residents.

Education Enrichment

Through partnerships with local educational institutions, NLMWA will enhance educational experiences by providing language courses, digital training, skills exchange programs, and potentially establishing an outdoor learning facility or activity. These initiatives aim to foster lifelong learning and empower individuals with valuable skills for personal and professional development.

Children and Youth Empowerment

NLMWA will offer engaging activities that encourage children and young people to interact positively with the natural environment. This includes initiatives like clean-up projects, outdoor exploration, and environmental stewardship programs, fostering healthy, active, and hopeful individuals who are empowered to pursue their aspirations.

Community Building

Recognising the importance of green spaces and recreational activities for overall well-being, NLMWA will promote access to nature and leisure opportunities for all community members. Through volunteerism and community engagement, we aspire to build a resilient and empowered community where diverse voices are heard, valued, and celebrated.

Environmental Preservation

NLMWA is committed to ensuring that everyone in the community can enjoy and benefit from local natural resources and green spaces. By safeguarding and enhancing these assets, we contribute to the health, prosperity, and cultural richness of our community, preserving them for future generations.

Health Promotion

Encouraging active engagement with nature, NLMWA promotes physical and mental well-being through outdoor activities and environmental immersion. By prioritising health and well-being, we adopt an integrated and person-centered approach to address community needs and achieve positive health outcomes.

Inclusive Space Creation

NLMWA endeavours to create an inclusive and welcoming space for all community members, irrespective of background or identity. By offering leadership opportunities to local women and providing accessible services, we aim to foster social cohesion and reduce disparities within our community.

Economic Empowerment

The revitalisation of the café and provision of space for local businesses and groups will stimulate economic activity, creating job opportunities and supporting local entrepreneurs. Through volunteer programs and skill-building initiatives, NLMWA offers opportunities for individuals to enhance employability and contribute to economic growth and prosperity.

Cultural Expression and Integration

NLMWA celebrates the vibrant and diverse cultures within our community, fostering an environment where cultural expression is embraced and enjoyed by all. NLMWA promote integration, respect, and understanding among different cultural groups, contributing to a cohesive and harmonious community fabric.

Human Rights Advocacy

NLMWA is a driving force in advocating for human rights, ensuring that all individuals are respected, protected, and fulfilled in their rights. Through awareness-raising, legal advocacy, and support services, we strive to create a community where every person can live free from discrimination, prejudice, and injustice.

NLMWA Community Hub serves as a catalyst for positive change, offering a wide range of services and initiatives that aim to enhance the overall well-being, prosperity, and inclusivity of our community. Through collaboration, empowerment, and advocacy, we aspire to create a thriving and resilient community where every individual can flourish and thrive.

Economic and Socioeconomic Benefits of NLMWA Services to Refugees

The North Lanarkshire Muslim Women and Family Alliance (NLMWA) is dedicated to enhancing the well-being and integration of refugees within our community. By providing comprehensive services to 400 refugees, NLMWA not only supports the immediate needs of these individuals but also contributes significantly to the broader economic and socioeconomic landscape of North Lanarkshire.

Economic Benefits:

Local Economic Stimulation:

By engaging 400 refugees in various community programs, NLMWA stimulates local economic activity. Refugees participating in skill-building and educational programs are better equipped to enter the workforce, contributing to local businesses and the economy.

Increased economic activity from newly employed refugees leads to higher local spending on goods and services, benefiting local shops, markets, and service providers.

Reduction in Public Expenditures:

Effective integration services reduce the financial burden on public welfare systems. By helping refugees gain employment, NLMWA reduces their dependency on social benefits and public assistance programs.

Preventive health and wellness programs decrease the need for emergency health services and long-term public health expenditure.

Socioeconomic Benefits:

Improved Social Cohesion:

NLMWA's programs foster a sense of belonging and community among refugees, enhancing social cohesion. This integration helps to reduce social tensions and fosters a more inclusive community, aligning with the council's objectives of promoting diversity and harmony.

Enhanced Community Well-Being:

By addressing the specific needs of refugees, NLMWA contributes to the overall health and well-being of the community. Programs focused on mental health, education, and social integration lead to healthier, more resilient individuals who are better equipped to contribute positively to society.

Educational and Skill Development:

NLMWA offers educational opportunities and vocational training, enhancing the skills and employability of refugees. This investment in human capital translates into a more skilled workforce, driving innovation and productivity in the local economy.

Cultural Enrichment:

The cultural diversity brought by refugees enriches the local community. NLMWA's initiatives promote cultural exchange and understanding, fostering a richer, more vibrant community life that attracts visitors and enhances the cultural landscape of North Lanarkshire.

NLMWA's commitment to supporting 400 refugees provides significant economic and socioeconomic benefits to the North Lanarkshire Council. By facilitating the integration and empowerment of refugees, we contribute to a more dynamic, cohesive, and prosperous community. The council's support for NLMWA's initiatives not only addresses the immediate needs of refugees but also fosters long-term economic growth and social stability, reflecting the council's dedication to building an inclusive and thriving community for all residents.

In addition to the primary benefits outlined above, we have identified further significant advantages that the new community hub will provide. These benefits address the specific needs of 400 refugees in the local area who currently lack adequate space for cultural and recreational activities. Moreover, considering that North Lanarkshire has the second-largest population of ethnic minorities in Scotland, following Glasgow City according to the Scotland Census, this asset transfer will not only cater to the needs of ethnic minorities but also promote inclusive cohesion within the entire community. Below are the expanded benefits and impacts:

Safe Gathering Space: An outdoor area for cultural gatherings, such as BBQs, which are integral to many cultural practices. This will foster a sense of belonging and community among the refugees.

Cultural Integration: Programs and events that celebrate and integrate diverse cultures, helping to bridge gaps between different community groups.

Support Services: Access to resources and services tailored to the unique needs of refugees, including language classes, job training, and legal assistance.

Recreational Activities: Facilities for recreational activities, promoting physical and mental well-being.

Promoting Inclusive Cohesion

This transfer is not solely about meeting the needs of ethnic minorities; it is about promoting inclusive cohesion within the entire community. The new community hub will:

Cultural Awareness: Enhance cultural understanding and tolerance among different ethnic groups and the broader community, reducing prejudice and fostering mutual respect.

Community Engagement: Encourage active participation from all community members in various programs, workshops, and events, strengthening community bonds.

Economic Opportunities: Create job opportunities and support local businesses through increased foot traffic and community engagement in the area.

Educational Programs: Provide educational programs that cater to all age groups, promoting lifelong learning and skill development.

Social Cohesion: Serve as a focal point for community interactions, helping to create a cohesive and supportive environment where everyone feels included.

The Broader Impact on North Lanarkshire

Given North Lanarkshire's significant ethnic minority population, the new community hub impact will extend beyond immediate needs:

Model for Inclusivity: Establish the Centre as a model for how community hubs can promote inclusivity and support diverse populations effectively.

Increased Social Capital: Strengthen social capital by fostering networks of support and cooperation among different community groups.

Enhanced Community Resilience: Build a more resilient community capable of addressing social challenges through collective action and support.

Positive Reputational Impact: Enhance North Lanarkshire's reputation as a welcoming and inclusive place for all residents, attracting more positive attention and potential funding opportunities.

The asset transfer of the Janet Hamilton Centre to NLMWA will significantly benefit refugees and the wider community in North Lanarkshire. It will provide a much-needed safe and welcoming space, promote cultural integration and cohesion, and serve as a beacon of

inclusivity and support for all community members. By addressing these needs, we aim to create a stronger, more unified community that values and embraces diversity.

NLMWA Community Hub will serve as a catalyst for positive change, offering a wide range of services and initiatives that aim to enhance the overall well-being, prosperity, and inclusivity of our community. Through collaboration, empowerment, and advocacy, we aspire to create a thriving and resilient community where every individual can flourish and thrive.

References

[Explore the National Outcomes | National Performance Framework](#)

[Equality Act 2010 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

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[Home | Scotland's Census \(scotlandscensus.gov.uk\)](#)

Restrictions on use of the land

3.3 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 (SSI), heritage designations such as listed building status, controls on contaminated land or planning restrictions.

N/A

Negative consequences

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

You should consider any potential negative consequences for the local economy, environment, or any group of people, and explain how you could reduce these.

The asset transfer of the new community hub previously known as The Janet Hamilton Centre to the NLMWA, is essential to recognise and address potential risks and negative consequences associated with such a transition. We proactively identifying these risks, we aim to ensure a smooth, legally compliant, and successful transfer process. We have conducted a thorough risk assessment covering legal, financial, operational, organisational, community,

environmental, and contractual aspects. Our goal is to mitigate these risks through strategic planning, effective governance, and robust stakeholder engagement, thereby safeguarding the interests of our community and ensuring the long-term viability and success of the new community hub.

Building warrant to demolish the buildings not granted – We would ensure thorough knowledge of the process and provide a defensible case [3 Building warrants to build, convert or demolish - Building standards: procedural handbook \(third edition, version 1.6\) - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Disinformation re NLMWA building a mosque – We will engage with the community to involve and engage them in co-producing plans with us for a community hub.

Lack of any facility while buildings are demolished, and new building being built – It is our understanding that only the boxing club use the buildings currently regularly. They would need to find alternative accommodation. There is intermittent use of the toilets for outdoor sports – we would partner in the hire Portaloo's.

Title and ownership issues because the site will be divided into 2 parts – We will engage a lawyer to ensure that documents are clear and agreed and a MoU of use will be developed.

Architects drawings and planning permission delays – We will work with North Lanarkshire Council's planning department to ensure the process from design to build goes smoothly.

Community and reputational risks – We will continue to go door to door and build relationships.

Contractual risks with building companies resulting in delays – we will engage legal services to ensure that contracts are robust and deliverable.

Financial risks that affect project completion – We have ways of raising funds that will ensure the financial viability of the project.

Damage or loss of any sort for which we are liable – we will risk assess all activities and ensure public liability insurance is maintained to £5 million.

Sustainability of the hub once built – we will develop a clear business plan for sustaining and maintaining the building and area through hall rental management and lets charging.

Lack of cooperation between stakeholders and other parties – We will establish and attend a committee of all stakeholders to work on ways to cooperate.

Removal of trees to make a community garden – We will work with the community to gather views and adapt the design accordingly.

Any descendants of Janet Hamilton Centre & Coatbridge Outdoor Sports Centre may be unhappy with the building being demolished – we will research and identify any living descendants and seek their views and permission.

Maintenance and Upkeep – we have volunteers who will maintain the site.

Change can be difficult for certain sections for the community and there may be some sadness or anger at the demolition – We will engage with and reinforce positive messages around the investment, the future potential and the benefits to the wider area.

Additionally, we have identified further risks and negative consequences that we must consider and mitigate to ensure a comprehensive approach to risk management, please see additional attachment “Section 4 – Negative Consequences”.

Capacity to deliver

3.5 Please show how your organisation will be able to manage the project and achieve your objectives.

This could include the skills and experience of members of the organisation, any track record of previous projects, whether you intend to use professional advisers, etc.

In the initial stages, NLMWA will operate primarily with the help of a dedicated team of volunteers. We have assembled a group of board members and volunteers who bring a diverse and robust skill set, ensuring a strong foundation for the successful launch and continuation of our objectives. Below is a detailed list of the relevant skills and experiences that our team offers:

Directors

Entrepreneurial Leadership: Running successful business management, including staff and volunteer management.

Community Engagement: Extensive experience in planning and organising large community events, with a proven track record in charity-based initiatives and partnership work across public and third sectors.

Specialised Expertise: Backgrounds in working with vulnerable groups including children and families with additional support needs, looked-after children, and mental health strategies.

Regulatory Compliance: Strong understanding of health and safety, safeguarding, data protection (including GDPR & ICO), risk management, and employment law.

Communication and Outreach: Effective communication skills, public speaking, and experience in policy development and crisis management.

Educational and Developmental Initiatives: Experience in coaching, mentoring, and training diverse groups.

Creative and Strategic Planning: Demonstrated ability in the development and management of projects at both local and national levels.

Personal Attributes: Integrity, adaptability, a solution-focused approach, and a strong desire to support community success.

NLMWA has a strong foundation of skilled and experienced directors and volunteers capable of managing and successfully acquiring the Janet Hamilton Centre and overseeing the development of the new community hub. Our team members bring a wealth of expertise across various domains, ensuring we are well-equipped to achieve our objectives.

Skills and Credibility of Our Organisation:

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The board of directors will oversee all aspects of the proposed projects, prioritising the securing of funding to employ staff within the first year. Our comprehensive business plan outlines the roles and responsibilities assigned to both volunteers and future staff to ensure effective management of centre activities and volunteer support.

Volunteers

Diverse Backgrounds: Includes charity workers, business owners, marketing professionals, web developers, social media experts, fundraising specialists, and creatives such as artists and writers.

Technical Skills: Bookkeeping, videography, and digital content creation.

Community-Based Experience: Extensive volunteer experience and previous board member engagements.

Our volunteers bring additional skills and dedication to our projects, ensuring robust support for our initiatives. Their contributions include expertise in marketing, web development, social media, fundraising, and more, enhancing our capacity to deliver impactful services.

Volunteer Engagement:

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NLMWA's directors and volunteers possess a broad range of skills and experiences that are crucial for managing the new Centre. Combined with strong community support and strategic partnerships, we are confident in our ability to achieve our objectives and deliver significant benefits to the wider community.

Section 4: Level and nature of support

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

This could include information on the proportion of your community who are involved with the request, how you have engaged with your community beyond the members of your organisation and what their response has been. You should also show how you have engaged with any other communities that may be affected by your proposals.

Over the past 12 months, NLMWA has engaged extensively with the local community, and NLC to discuss the future of the Janet Hamilton Centre & Coatbridge Outdoor Sports Centre. Through these consultations, we have received overwhelmingly positive support that aligns with NLMWA's mission and goals for the centre.

Community Engagement and Support

NLMWA conducted several community consultations and meetings, gathering input and feedback directly from residents and stakeholders. These interactions have confirmed strong community support for our vision to transform the Janet Hamilton Centre into a vibrant hub for services and activities.

For instance, in our most recent community survey, the majority of respondents expressed enthusiastic support for our plans, highlighting the potential positive impacts on local culture, education, and social cohesion. 313 or 316 were in favour of integration through the use of the site through a multi-purpose site space. 315 or 316 respondents supported the community garden proposal.

Additionally, our consultations with local residents, businesses, churches, schools, and the police, receiving positive feedback and support for our mission and goals.

Engagement Beyond NLMWA Members

Beyond our organisation, we reached out to local businesses and educational institutions. These groups have shown interest in partnering with us for various community-focused programs, further indicating broad-based support.

Engagement with local churches and law enforcement has also yielded positive feedback, with many leaders expressing commitment to collaborate on community safety and inclusivity initiatives.

Response to Specific Initiatives

A proposal to introduce community-led educational and recreational activities received particular acclaim, suggesting a strong desire for such services within the community.

During a public event we did Eid in the Park at the local community, numerous attendees shared their personal stories and connections to the area, reinforcing our commitment to the development of the new community hub.

In our ongoing efforts to address the diverse needs of our community, NLMWA recognises the specific requirements of the refugee group comprising over 300 residents in the high-rise flats surrounding the Janet Hamilton Centre. These residents have a pressing need for accessible outdoor spaces where they can engage in cultural gatherings, such as barbecues and communal events. Currently, the lack of dedicated community space limits their ability to conduct such activities, which are essential for fostering a sense of belonging and cultural expression.

Outdoor Space for Events: The new centre will provide an outdoor space that is specifically designed to accommodate cultural gatherings. This will include facilities for barbecues and other communal activities, offering the refugee residents a venue to celebrate their traditions and strengthen community ties.

Safe and Inclusive Environment: The provision of this space will ensure that the refugee community has a safe and welcoming environment where they can freely express their cultural heritage and build stronger social connections with other community members.

By addressing the specific needs of the refugee residents and incorporating their feedback into our plans, NLMWA aims to create a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive community hub. The Centre will serve as a cornerstone for cultural exchange, social cohesion, and community empowerment, enhancing the quality of life for all residents in the area.

Strategic Engagement with Affected Communities

We have also made efforts to engage other communities that may be impacted by our proposals, ensuring that their needs and concerns are considered. This includes ongoing consultation with neighbourhoods and councils to synchronise our efforts with broader regional plans.

Evidence of Support

Support for our initiatives is not only verbal but has been demonstrated through active participation in preliminary activities and feedback mechanisms. For example, a recent cleanup event organised by NLMWA saw high volunteer turnout, indicating strong community involvement and support.

Continued Commitment to Engagement

Recognising the dynamic nature of community needs, NLMWA is committed to ongoing consultation. We plan to use both traditional and digital platforms to ensure inclusive and comprehensive engagement, allowing us to adjust our strategies based on real-time community feedback.

In conclusion, with sustained community involvement and collaborative efforts with local stakeholders, we are poised to create a centre that truly reflects and serves the diverse needs of North Lanarkshire.

Section 5: Funding

5.1 Please outline how you propose to fund the price or rent you are prepared to pay for the land, and your proposed use of the land.

You should show your calculations of the costs associated with the transfer of the land or building and your future use of it, including any redevelopment, ongoing maintenance and the costs of your activities. All proposed income and investment should be identified, including volunteering and donations. 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.

The price of the asset is set at £1 and we have sufficient funds to cover this.

In advance of responding in full to this section NLMWA would like to highlight the structural disadvantage we face around Islamic financial customs and practices. Over 30 years of delivery we have never had issues with financial viability or cash flow.

The bulk of our funding comes and will continue to come from our members and wider community. The pledges are confidential and do not make providing full income evidence possible in the way that the council may be comfortable with.

3 Phase Plan - Each phase of the project will have a different funding strategy

Phase 1 Demolition of buildings

Without a full structural survey and assessment of asbestos content etc we can only estimate the cost based on average market prices. Working on £120 per square meter, we will need to get detailed quotes but estimate building 1 would cost £36,360 and building 2 would be £52,680 plus VAT to demolish. There will also be the fees associated with the warrant. A budget for £100,000 is being set for phase 1.

Phase 2 Design and Consultation

We will engage an architect to draw up proposals on how the site could be developed. These plans will be put out to consultation to identify a solution that will work for our community, the local communities and wider communities of interest.

Within phase 2 we will need architect fee costs estimated at £25,000, warrant fees for building permission is estimated at £600 plus we would look to engage a project worker for 3 months to provide the community consultancy engagement. The role would be self-employed at £15.50 per hour for 24 hours per week over 3 months at a cost of £5,000 plus marketing and communication resources.

The budget of phase 2 would be £30,600

Phase 3 Buildings and Delivery

Until the design and specification for the building are finalised we will have no definitive sum but the preliminary budget for the build will be £3 million. This is based on the current estimates for building around 500m². Build costs just now are around £4500 at least. That would be £2.25m plus VAT plus fees which brings it to more than £3 million.

As part of the development of this phase we will look to attract regeneration funding in partnership with North Lanarkshire council and provide a fully costed business proposal showing how the usage of the building will generate income through building management, room hire and the development of social enterprises such as outside catering, a community café and other initiatives that have been identified through community consultation.

In summary NLMWA plan to invest £3.5 million into the site for the future prosperity of the area.

NLMWA has always recognised the importance of a robust contingency plan as an integral aspect of our strategic planning. Our organisation is deeply committed to ensuring the continuity and sustainability of our services, regardless of funding fluctuations. Throughout our history, we have consistently managed to deliver essential services to our community, demonstrating our unwavering dedication and resilience.

Despite occasional challenges in securing funding, NLMWA has successfully maintained operations and supported the community's needs through careful financial planning and resource management. This commitment to service excellence, even in the face of financial uncertainty, highlights our ability to adapt and persevere.

To further strengthen our financial resilience, we have identified multiple funding streams that we will pursue, including grants, sponsorships, and community-specific fundraising strategies such as the "Goodly Loan" used within the Muslim community. Additionally, we are advocating for policy changes to recognise and support these community-adapted funding methods, promoting equality and inclusivity in access to resources.

A significant portion of our financial plan includes the annual Zakat (charity) contributions, which are traditionally sent abroad by our community members. Majority of our members have pledged these contributions towards the sustainability of the financial costs associated with

establishing the community hub. This redirection of funds underscores the community's commitment to local development and support.

We have already secured substantial pledges of contributions from our members, with many more expected to commit in the near future. This strong financial backing from our community demonstrates the collective investment and belief in our mission and goals. Additionally, we are exploring crowdfunding opportunities and organising fundraising events to further support our financial goals.

Beyond securing immediate financial resources, we are dedicated to advocating for policy changes that recognise and support diverse and inclusive methods of community finance. We understand that traditional funding models may not always fully appreciate the innovative financial approaches used by different communities. Therefore, we are actively engaging with agencies like the GCVS Glasgow Council Voluntary Sector and DTAS Democratic Finance team to explore and adapt successful models of democratic finance, such as community shares, to better suit the needs of the Muslim community and other underrepresented groups.

This proactive approach to financial planning and our track record of service delivery underscore NLMWA's capacity to manage and sustain the Janet Hamilton Centre and Coatbridge Outdoor Centre, ensuring they thrive as vibrant community hubs.

Our goal is to promote equality and inclusivity in funding practices, ensuring that all communities have equitable access to financial resources. By advocating for these policy changes, we aim to create a more supportive environment for community-led initiatives, fostering socioeconomic benefits for everyone. This dual approach of securing current funding while shaping future financial frameworks underscores our commitment to the long-term prosperity and cohesion of our diverse community.

Funding applications

The Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF)	£ 4,000,000.00	Expressed interest, apply once CAT application is successful
The Community Ownership Fund (Match Funded Capital)	£ 250,000.00	Submit application once CAT application is successful
Investing in Communities Fund (ICF)	£ 150,000.00	Submit application once CAT application is successful
Scottish Power Annual Grant Programme	£ 150,000.00	Apply once funding reopen
NL Community Grants	£ 1,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually
Community Empowerment NL	£ 2,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually
Volunteer NL	£ 3,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually
Community Asset Fund	£ -	Organisational capacity building, to apply once CAT application is successful
Digital Connectivity	£ 5,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually
Employability Fund	£ -	Apply once funding reopen
Aviva Community Fund	£ 25,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually
B&Q Foundation	£ 10,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually
Scottish Forestry Community Fund	£ 5,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually
The Cruach Trust	£ 2,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually
FCC Scottish Action Fund	£ 40,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually
Volant Charitable Trust Small Grants Programme	£ 5,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually
Women's Fund for Scotland	£ 5,000.00	Apply once CAT submitted, thereafter annually

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 31/05/2024

Position Chair

Signature xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Name [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

Date 31/05/2024

Position Treasurer

Signature xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Checklist of accompanying documents

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

Section 1 – you must attach your organisation’s constitution, articles of association or registered rules

Title of document attached:

Section 1 - NLMWFA Constitution updated 2024

Section 1 - Annual Report March 2023 - April 2024

Section 2 – any maps, drawings or description of the land requested

Documents attached:

Section 2 - Area of Land Requested New Layout Proposal

Section 2 - Maps and Area of Land Requested

Section 2 - Valuation Report

Section 3 – note of any terms and conditions that are to apply to the request

Documents attached:

Section 3 - Term and Condition to Apply to the Request

Section 4 – about your proposals, their benefits, any restrictions on the land or potential negative consequences, and your organisation’s capacity to deliver.

Documents attached:

Section 4 – Benefits

Section 4 - Capacity to Deliver

Section 4 - Negative Consequences

Section 4 - NLMWA Business Plan

Section 4 - Proposal

Section 5 – evidence of community support

Documents attached:

Section 5 - Level and Nature of Support

Section 5 - Langloan Community Consultation Summary Report

Section 5 - Age Scotland CAT Support Letter

Section 5 - Foodbank CAT Support Letter

Section 5 - Maggie CAT Support Letter

Section 5 - WSREC CAT Support Letter for NLMWA May 2024

Section 6 – funding

Documents attached:

Section 6 - Funding