

## APPLICATION FOR ASSET TRANSFER FORM (17.12.19)

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### 1 Eligibility

1.1 Are you applying for a CAT under part five of the CEA(Scotland) Act 2015:

**Yes**

1.2 Criteria for eligible application:

Non-profit Group: **Yes**

CTB has a Constitution: **Yes**

CCB has at least 20 members: **Yes**

CTB has a bank account: **Yes**

Application will benefit East Dunbartonshire: **Yes**

All necessary enclosures can be submitted: **No, the Trust has not been established long enough – Do not have six recent minutes – Do not have audited accounts.**

### 2 Asset details

2.1 Name: **Antermony Loch**

2.2 Is it on EDC Asset Register: **Yes**

2.1 Asset Register Ref No.: **000132047973**

2.4 Price offered: **The Trust will be happy to negotiate a fair and reasonable price with East Dunbartonshire Council.**

### 3 Contact Information:

3.1 CTB Name: **Antermony Development Trust (ADT)**

3.2 Contact person:

Position: **Secretary**

Address:

Phone:

Email:

### 4 Community transfer Body (CTB) information

4.1 What does the CTB do? Describe your CTB overall aims and objectives. Tell us what your CTB was set up to do and/or summarise the actual activities that your CTB undertakes.:

**Antermony Development Trust (ADT) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), Registration Number: SC049258. The Trust has been set up by a group of individuals with a keen interest in preserving and protecting Antermony Loch, its water quality and natural environment. It is proposed to develop the Loch, its access and amenities further, as a community recreational facility for both anglers and non-anglers alike.**

4.2 Where does the CTB meet: **Antermony Loch**

4.3 Please give details of which community/communities your CTB works with or supports. Your CAT request can be made on behalf of a community of interest or a community of place.

**Cairnie Angling Club has been leased the fishing rights to the Loch for the best part of a century. However, as a fishing club, their ability to realise their ambitions are inhibited. The Club presently has 215 members of whom: 31 are under 16, 58 over 65 and 18 over 80. The Loch provides an excellent recreational facility for a wide spectrum of age ranges, but presently it is not attracting many female or disabled members. The reasons given are the condition of the access road, restricted parking and lack of toilets. Despite these restrictions, the Loch has welcomed school and scout groups, and has had a longstanding relationship with the Community Service teams, working under the Criminal Justice Unit. Several offenders have been welcomed into the angling club and have recognised their involvement as a key role in their rehabilitation and feeling of belonging to a community.**

**With ownership of the Loch, under a charitable trust, many of the above concerns will be**

able to be addressed, with plans to improve access and facilities. These improvements will enable the Loch to act as a community anchor: to facilitate a greater role in supporting the health and wellbeing of the community in a protected and thriving natural environment.

4.4 Details of assets the organisation currently owns, lease manages or uses:  
**None, however our collaborative body, the Caurnie Angling Club has managed Antermony Loch for 76 years.**

4.5 Does Constitution allow you to:  
Take ownership of an asset: **Yes**  
Employ Staff: **Yes**  
Fundraise: **Yes**

4.6 Do you have agreement of your CTB to undertake Asset Transfer: **Yes**

## 5 Financial Information

5.1 Please provide details of how your community project will be funded in the short and long term. \*  
Outline details of any grant applications that are relevant to this CAT request and, if these are not confirmed, when you expect to be informed of the outcome. Projects with annual financing over £10,000 will be expected to submit a business plan (and may be eligible for Business Gateway support). All projects need to provide audited accounts for the past two years.  
**In the short term the Trust will be supported by the Caurnie Angling Club, which has provided an initial donation of £200. We intend to lease the recreational and sporting rights to the loch to Caurnie Angling Club, which will provide regular income to the Trust. Further funds for the Trust will be raised from membership subscriptions, donations and grants. We are also being supported by advice from COSS, which is based at the Development Trust Association (Scotland) who have indicated that they will provide support for business planning.**  
There are no grant applications in the pipeline at present, although it is likely that an application to Awards for All may be submitted in future. Since the Trust has not yet been in existence for a year, audited accounts are not available.

5.2 Please give details of any funding you receive / have received from East Dunbartonshire Council within the last two years. \*  
**No funding has been received nor has been requested from East Dunbartonshire Council.**

## 6 Partnership Working

6.1 Have you identified opportunities to work collaboratively and build partnerships? \*  
**Yes, the trust is pursuing collaborative arrangements with other local community groups. Caurnie Angling Club is the main collaborator in this endeavour and currently by far the majority of the Members of the Trust, are regular anglers at the Loch. They are by far the largest single stakeholder and thus community collaborator in this endeavour. However contacts has also been made with local community councils in order to secure and lever other collaborations and maximise associations with other local community groups with similar interests in preserving the Loch.**

6.1 If your CTB is acting as the lead applicant for a partnership application, please give the name(s) of the partner organisation(s)/group(s) and the main contact name(s):  
**None**

6.2 Please give details of any other voluntary organisations you will be/are working with, who are not partners in this bid. This may include organisations that will provide specialist advice or support, such as East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action (EDVA), Development Trust Associations etc. Also, if applicable, please list if you have links with a National Body or National Governing Body:

**COSS**

6.3 Please detail the links you have with East Dunbartonshire Council Services (if any) and detail what these are and the Teams / Officer(s) you deal with:

**Estates**

**Community Planning and Partnerships**

**Grants Advisory Committee**

**Criminal Justice Unit**

## **7 Details of Request for CAT**

7.1 Why is your CTB requesting the ownership, lease or management of this asset? Do you have evidence of need for your proposal? What is the purpose and objectives of your community project? What benefits do you envisage and how would you measure if these have been achieved?

**Despite its success, for nearly 100 years the Caurnie Angling Club has been dependent on permission from others such as private landowners, water boards and councils, for access to waters, in order to pursue their sport. For most of the past 76 years, access to Antermomy Loch has not been threatened, however in the last 14 years, this has not been the case. Without access to the loch, Caurnie Angling Club would not survive, going the way of many other local angling clubs. In short order Antermomy Loch would be acquired by a commercial fishery, which would follow other local commercial fisheries and stock it exclusively with the cheap non-native rainbow Trout and Central Scotland would lose one of its last few lochs, which have traditional fly-fishing fishing for native brown trout, as a priority.**

**Austerity over the last decade in particular has not been kind to community groups, nor, indeed, to the health and well-being of the demographic, who enjoy the use of the Loch on a regular basis. We are also passionate, that vital community assets such as the Loch should be preserved for future generations, including the flora and fauna that thrive there.**

**Plans to improve the infrastructure have been inhibited to this point. Community ownership is necessary in order to make Antermomy Loch much more accessible to a wider community membership, particularly women (the club has one female adult member) and disabled people (the club has provided a purpose built 'wheelyboat' with paths and ramps to enable wheelchair access, which has hardly ever been used). Improvements to access, parking and the provision of toilets will, we feel, also encourage more of the local community to visit and enjoy one of the most beautiful locations in East Dunbartonshire.**

**Measures of success would be: increased female and disabled membership of the angling club and regular visits to the loch by local community groups.**

7.2 Does the identified asset have any Built and/or Natural Environmental designations located within or in close proximity to its boundaries? Please refer to Appendix 3 for additional information and if you are unsure please contact the Council Sustainability Team to ask.

**The asset does not have any national designations, however it does have local authority environmental designations.**

- 7.3 Will people use the asset or do people currently use the asset (this can include staff)?  
If you are unsure please contact the Council to ask.  
**Yes. The asset has been used continuously for the past 76 years by the local angling club and by local nature lovers.**
- 7.4 Have you received any legal, technical or professional advice on your proposals, including any risk assessments? Please give details of which organisations/services have provided the advice, and details of any expertise within your membership.  
**Yes. We are seeking the advice of the Scottish Government's Community Ownership Support Service (COSS). Amongst the membership is a wide range of academic, scientific, administrative, managerial, financial and technical expertise.**
- 7.5 What are the main risks associated with your project and how do you plan to mitigate these?  
**The main risk, associated with the project, is failure to obtain asset transfer.**
- 7.6 Please outline if your organisation has a policy or procedure in regard to the following?  
Child Protection: **Yes**  
Vulnerable Adults: **Yes**  
Health and Safety: **Yes**  
First Aid: **Yes**  
Insurance: **Yes**
- 7.7 Are you intending to make any alterations to the building or land? If so, please refer to Section 2 of Environmental Screening form regarding 'Wider Sustainability Considerations':.  
**Yes**
- 7.8 Details of proposed alterations:  
**Improvements to access and facilities for females, disabled and other local community groups.**
- 7.9 Please give details about who will use the asset? Who are the existing and target markets for your proposal?  
**The main users will continue to be the local angling club, which hopes to diversify its membership. Additional users will be other local community groups and individuals.**
- 7.10 Please give details of how this facility will be of benefit to your CTB. A template business plan is available if you are considering a larger scale asset transfer request.  
**Continued, improved and more diverse use of the facility, with improvements being funded by self-generated finance and grants.**
- 7.11 Have you consulted the community?: Detail results of community consultation exercises undertaken (including the methodology used, the results and the conclusions you are drawing from this) and plans for further consultation. Outline your knowledge of other similar existing community services and facilities in the area.  
**Yes. The tenant angling club has voted to support the Trust at its Annual General Meetings for the past four years. Discussions regarding closer ties have been initiated with Campsie and Milton of Campsie Community Councils. From these it is hoped to form ties with local community groups such as, Scouts, Guides, Boys Brigade, youth clubs, care homes and environmental groups.**

7.12 Please indicate which strategic objective(s) you will support and provide a brief statement detailing how you will achieve this:

Economic development:

**Increased footfall in MoC & surrounding areas, benefiting local businesses.**

Regeneration:

**Improvements to the access track, parking and toilet facilities.**

Public health:

**The asset is a major outdoor recreational facility, wider useage will increase the health benefits to a wider community.**

Social wellbeing:

**Angling is the major participation sport in the UK and the angling club has members ranging in age from 6 to 90+. If the request is granted a more diverse group of users, particularly females and the disabled, are likely to be attracted to using the facility.**

Environmental wellbeing:

**Antermoney Loch will continue to be preserved from commercial exploitation and to be a haven for wildlife, with a variety of ecosystems.**

Whether agreeing to the request would be likely to reduce inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage:

**Yes. Currently the angling club, which is open to all and which has not refused membership to anyone for at least 40 years, is extremely affordable, costing the equivalent of less than one tenth of the cost of fishing on a commercial fishery.**

7.13 How will you fund the project and ensure its future sustainability?

(This may include income generation through lettings, hire of facilities, charges, etc.).

**It is the intention of the Trust, to lease Antermoney Loch to the Caurnie Angling Club.**

7.14 Please demonstrate how your organisation has the capacity and experience to manage the facility. If your community project includes staff then please submit job descriptions for these staff outlining the required qualifications, experience and competences alongside rate of pay and how this will be paid.

**The current trustees of the Trust are also members of the angling club committee, which, as tenants since 1943, has an exemplary record of stewardship. This experience is available to the Trust.**

**Currently it is not intended to employ any staff, nor is a future need for paid staff foreseeable.**

**8 Enclosures – These will be emailed separately.**

ADT Constitution: **Yes**

Most Recent Bank Statement: **Yes**

Six recent minutes of ADT: **No**

Copy of most recent audited accounts: **No**

Annual Report of ADT: **No**

**ADT has been in existence for five months, so it does not have: Six recent minutes, audited accounts nor an annual report.**