

# ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

## DECISION NOTICE - AGREED

To: Neil Simpson, Community Hub Development Manager

Address: Catalyst Vineyard Church, 49 Gilcomston Park, Aberdeen, AB25 1PN

**20 September 2021**

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by **Catalyst Community Regeneration Company** on **20 November 2020** in relation to the former **Mearns Community Centre, 148/152 High Street, Laurencekirk, AB30 1BL**.

**Aberdeenshire Council** ("the Council") has decided to **agree** to the request.

The reason for this decision is as follows:

The Council are satisfied that the transfer of the former Mearns Community Centre to Catalyst Community Regeneration Company will allow them to expand on their current outreach activities in the Mearns by creating a community hub to support the activities of the Catalyst Church as a place of Christian worship, for use as a base for events and also to provide a facility that community groups are able to hire.

The attached document specifies the terms and conditions subject to which we would be prepared to **transfer ownership** of the former Mearns Community Centre to you. If you wish to proceed, you must submit an offer to us at the address below **by 19 March 2022**. The offer must reflect the terms and conditions attached and may include such other reasonable terms and conditions as are necessary or expedient to secure the transfer within a reasonable time.

### **Right to Review and Appeal**

If you are dissatisfied with the decision contained in this Decision Notice you may apply to the Council to review this decision in which event the Council are obliged to carry out a review of the case.

Any **application for review** must be made in writing to the Council at Kincardine & Mearns Area Office, Viewmount, Arduthie Road, Stonehaven, AB39 2DQ **by 18 October 2021**, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice.

In the event of the Decision Notice which is issued following your making an application to the Council to review this decision is to your dissatisfaction you are entitled to appeal to the Scottish Ministers. Guidance on making an application for review and appeal is available at [www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer](http://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer).

**Bruce Stewart**  
**Area Manager Kincardine & Mearns**