

## **Torridon Primary School Update**

Highland Council's Education Committee met last week and agreed to the formal closure of the school. The full reports submitted to this meeting can be accessed via this webpage [https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/893/schools\\_-\\_general\\_information/24/school\\_consultations\\_and\\_closure\\_proposals](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/893/schools_-_general_information/24/school_consultations_and_closure_proposals)

Scottish Ministers now have an 8 week period during which they can review or 'call in' the decision. So a final decision is not due until later in the year.

## **Repurposing of the school**

As difficult as the above decision is, it is not unexpected, so we continue to move forward with the feasibility study which will hopefully secure the school buildings for the community. We are pleased to announce that Highland Councils 'Highland Strategic Local Advisory Group' also met last week and have approved our request for £17,075.00 of funding towards the feasibility study for the repurposing of the school. We are now waiting to hear from the Scottish Land Fund about our application for the additional funds which we need to carry out this work. But for now it is very exciting to be awarded our first funding, and take a big step towards making the project happen.

## **Other news**

We have submitted an expression of interest to Highland Councils Community Regeneration Fund for £40500. This funding is for a development officer who would potentially help to deliver other priorities identified in the Community Development plan. We expect to learn if we are to be invited to submit a full application for this funding in late October.

You can view documents and the full development plan at <https://www.tkcc.scot/communitydevelopmentplan>

Please remember that at this stage no decision has been taken about what the school will be repurposed as or who would run the repurposed facility. That's the reason for doing the feasibility study.

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On behalf of the Development Plan Sub Committee