Assynt Community Council, REDACTED BY HIGHLAND COUNCIL

28th November 2023

To whom it may concern,

Assynt Community Council has recently been approached by the Elphin, Ledmore, Knockan Community Association Limited (ELKCAL) requesting our support for their plans to buy Elphin Community Hall from the Highland Council via its Community Asset Transfer scheme. All Councillors believe this would be an extremely worthwhile venture.

Over the years Elphin community has been proactive in addressing the needs of its local residents and any visitors to the area. As well as the weekly Craft and Food Markets during the summer, which are always well-attended, many local groups use the facility on a regular basis such as the Toddler Group and Craft Circle. As the focal point in a thriving village, the Hall also serves as the venue for most entertainment and celebratory events as well as local community presentations.

The point has now been reached where the layout of the building needs rearranging and its heating system and other general facilities need refurbishment. With these issues in mind, it would make sense if ELKAL were allowed to take over the ownership of the building. Assynt Community Council are happy to formally give them its support and wishes them every success in this exciting new venture.

Yours respectfully on behalf of Assynt Community Council,

Phil Jones (Secretary)

Copy letter to be sent to **REDACTED BY HIGHLAND COUNCIL**