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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing in my capacities as trustee of Kincardine O'Neil Public Hall Trust, trustee of Kincardine O'Neil Playing Field Trust, and as the owner of Brussels Cottage in Kincardine O'Neil.

I understand there are ongoing discussions in the community of Kincardine O'Neil about the desirability of building a new village hall and other facilities on the land owned by the two Trusts. My position is as follows.

As a trustee I have an obligation to act in the best interests of each of the Trusts. It is evident however, that the Trusts may not be able to meet the future needs of the community which they were intended to serve.

As such, the Trusts would welcome a formal proposal from the Kincardine O'Neil community for a new model of ownership and management of the land under one body – if that is what the community wants.

To ensure that the original community uses intended for the land are safeguarded, any such plan must be fully costed, financially viable, and ensure that the land as a whole would be

- protected for use by the community in perpetuity and for the purposes that it was originally gifted i.e. for public recreation and a public hall
- owned and managed by a single registered charitable organisation or community interest company which represents the views, and fulfils the needs, of the local community.

For the avoidance of doubt, this could result in direct community ownership of the land without my ongoing involvement.


Any such plan which might be agreed between the Trusts and the community would ultimately require consent from the relevant regulatory body/bodies for example, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Separately, I am the owner of Brussels Cottage which retains some rights over the land in question as a 'benefited property'. I confirm I am prepared to fully discharge these rights in order that there is no conflict or impediment to any plan brought forward by the community.

Edward Bradford, who I expect to succeed me in the above Trustee positions and as owner of Brussels Cottage, is in full agreement with the position outlined above.

I hope this letter is helpful in providing some clarity to the issues currently being discussed both formally and informally within the community.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Bradford Esq.

To: Secretary, Kincardine O'Neil Community Association  
Secretary, Kincardine O'Neil Village Hall  
Secretary, Kincardine O'Neil Bowling Club