

Community Asset Transfer	Community transfer body (CTB); Monifieth Local History Society SCIO (34053)	Type of request, Lease for 3-5 years
<p>Application No: Former Access office, Monifieth / Monifieth Local History Society</p> <p>Location: Former Access office, 81 High Street, Monifieth, Angus, DD5 4NR</p> <p>UPRN: 7864 unit 001</p> <p>Proposal: Proposal of Application</p> <p>The request is for lease of the property for 3-5 years.</p> <p>The group are actively seeking and are in urgent need of spacious accommodation that conforms to modern standards and norms (disabled access, toilet facilities) which will enable MLHS efficiently to continue to pursue the multi-dimensional activities relating to the history of Monifieth.</p>		
<p><u>Community Benefit (from application submitted)</u></p> <p>By 2004 many community - based organisations in Monifieth were in urgent need of premises that could serve as hubs for their activities. The Monifieth Local History Society met this challenge by negotiating a 5 year lease of dilapidated premises at 55 High street Monifieth. These premises were renovated and refurbished by members of MLHS with generous support of members of the community, local businesses and lottery funding. The establishment of a focus for MLHS activities began to attract generous gifts and loans of objects of relevance to the heritage of Monifieth and environs.</p> <p>It was understood by the donors that these objects would be in place on permanent display within the burgh. Thus, in recognition of this important community –led initiative the premises was named” The House of memories” and it was to remain open daily and to be available free-of-charge to all visitors.</p> <p>Over the years the collection of objects has increased leading to almost insupportable pressure of the limited space available for the pursuit of all the varied services provided by MLHS to diverse groups and interests, local schools, retirement homes and local, national and international visitors.</p>		
<p><u>Benefits of Proposal (from application submitted)</u></p> <p>The lease to the Monifieth Local History Society (MLHS) of the requested premises would provide a centrally located, easily identified and accessible and welcoming venue for visitors interested in all aspects of local history and heritage.</p> <p>More specifically the availability of open internal space would allow a flexible and dynamic approach to the display material; permanent standing displays as well as specific topic-related displays (i.e. The World Wars; Industry: Education; Transport Social Activities.</p> <p>The adjoining rooms are highly suitable for small-group activities (e.g. private study and</p>		

research, genealogical studies; reminiscing therapy for senior members of the community, discussion groups on topics of local historical interest led by MLHS members for schools and other groups).

The availability of more spacious accommodation will provide an attractive venue for the formal lecture programme on topics of local and national historical interest which are an important component of the educational remit of the MLHS.

The House of Memories needs to be located in new premises to meet its role as a proven tourist attraction and to accommodate the flow of visitors who have been influenced by the increasing interest in issues relating to local heritage. The envisaged increase in visitors to the House of Memories will also prove a timeous stimulus to the High Street commercial and service outlets

Capacity to Deliver (from application submitted)

The Monifieth Local History Society (MLHS) was established in April 2004 as a community project which was to be managed and financed by the members of the MLHS. The main objectives of the MLHS is to function as a repository of memorabilia and a focus for the propagation and support of interest in the local history, material culture and heritage of Monifieth and its environs. To this end, the permanent displays of objects of local historical interest forms a vital resource in addition to the open house consultation made available to visitors on a daily basis and free of charge. The proven success of this aspect of the service to the community of MLHS is provided entirely by members of the Society acting on an entirely voluntary basis.

MLHS members are of varied ages and backgrounds and skills and are actively engaged on a variety of relevant tasks in the broad areas of education and fundraising.

The educational work includes local historical research and provision of programmes of lectures to groups and organisations social events which bring together all age groups.

The quality of the aforementioned activities has received recognition in the form of Awards for Services within the community; The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, Tayside 2016; Historic Scotland Spotlight on MLHS (May – June issue of Historic Scotland) Service to the Community Award to the House of Memories (Rotary Club of Monifieth and District); Nationwide Award for Voluntary Endeavour (Nationwide Building Society); Angus Ambassadors Award (Angus Ahead Campaign); MLHS Recognition for Adult Learning (Grampian TV).

The acquisition of better facilities would enable these nationally-recognised and award winning services to be expanded for the benefit of the community by the MLHS volunteers and supporters.

Funding (from application submitted)

As befits a community-owned and led project the bulk of the running costs of the House of Memories are met by the steady flow of generous donations and contributions from members of the community and local business. This income has been enhanced by Funding for Services (2013-2016) by Angus Council and also by fundraising activities of the members of the Monifieth Local History Society (e.g. the estimated income from this source is

estimated at £7,000 for 2017). We foresee that this funding stream, namely voluntary contributions and fundraising activity, will continue to support the running costs of the House of Memories in its prospective new location. The audited accounts of MLHS will be made available on request.

In addition to the funding model given above the MLHS intends to explore sources of funding by submitting applications to relevant organisations that are deemed to be appropriate; Lottery Fund; Heritage Community Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland Heritage Funding (the MLHS is to be featured in the May-June 2018 issues of the Historic Scotland magazine) Tesco (firm offers of support from Tesco Monifieth “Bags for All” and Ground Funding schemes). These approaches will be augmented by social media-based Crowd Funding initiatives.

We are confident that these currently operational and prospective funding initiatives will continue to support the House of Memories and it’s locally, nationally and internationally recognised activities.

<p>Scoring from Council Assessment</p> <p>Community benefit (Score out of 90)</p> <p>51.2</p>	<p>Proposed price as set Community transfer body;</p> <p>£350 per month</p>
<p>Financial Assessment (Score out of 52)</p> <p>27.16</p>	<p>What are the rights you are requesting?</p> <p>1) permission to be granted for MLHS to allow at their discretion the use of the small meeting rooms by selected community organisations.</p>

The diagram below shows the outcome from the best value assessment based on the community benefit and financial assessment scores. This shows a score in the green area meaning the proposal is likely to represent best value.

