Tain Rifle and Pistol Club

Community Asset Transfer Scheme (CATS) Application Form

Section 3A – Request for ownership

Following the recent valuation provided by Bell Ingram of £32,000.00. We should like to make our case for this amount to be reduced by 30% down to £22,400.00.

We appreciate that there is timber on the land and that it does have a commercial value. However, we are not wishing to realise this value and are not making this application to purchase the land for any commercial money-making reasons. Also, we have no intention of wide scale tree planting in the future. The trees would only be cut when health and safety issues occur.

The trees, left as they are, provide a very useful sound reducing effect from the noise of the gun fire.

The club land and the surrounding area makes for a very pleasant and attractive view. This is not only enjoyed and appreciated by our club members but also by the many people who share this area with us, such as runners, walkers and dog walkers. We would continue to act as responsible custodians of the land so that this enjoyment can continue for as long as our club is in existence.

Before the commencement of our first lease there were many cases of rubbish being dumped on the land, creating all sorts of problems. Since we have been resident no further incidents have been reported.

Not only does our club happily co-exist with all the local human community we are also very animal and bird friendly and provide something of a sanctuary for them. They seem to have become very tolerant of the noise associated with a rifle range. We have seen may different species over the years. (See 4.2)

<u>Section 3B – Request for lease</u>

a) & b).

We shall negotiate this separately with Ruairidh Maclennan.