

# Charity Reorganisation – Summary of Application

## Type of Scheme

Tongue Village Hall Committee (SC014656) has applied to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) for approval of a reorganisation scheme for a transfer of the property of the charity (after satisfaction of liabilities) to another charity under section 42(3)(b) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act).

The trustees propose to transfer the assets of the charity to: Tongue Village Hall (SC055319). The recipient body is a Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation (SCIO).

## Reasons for reorganisation/Background to Reorganisation

The purposes of the charity are:

*'The purpose of physical and mental education and recreation, and social, moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreation or otherwise as may be found expedient of the inhabitants of the said Village without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions.'*

The trustees consider the purposes to be outdated and say they do not reflect the modern-day activities of the charity.

They also consider that the current governance framework, put in place at the time the charity was established in 1980, is now unnecessarily complex and creates uncertainty as to who is in control of the charity between the Trustees and the Management Committee, and is likely to cause confusion in the future.

The trustees wish to benefit from a modern incorporated legal structure which is clear, readily understandable and has purposes that reflect the 2005 Act and best practice.

## Reorganisation conditions

The trustees suggest that the following reorganisation condition is met:

*'42(2)(a) (ii) can no longer be given effect to (whether or not in accordance with the directions or spirit of its constitution) and*

*42(2)(a) (i) have been fulfilled as far as possible or adequately provided for by other means,*

The trustees suggest the conditions are met because:

The purposes currently refer to providing 'physical and mental recreation', and 'moral and intellectual development' through the medium of 'reading rooms' and 'library'. The trustees state that the activities of the charity have evolved over the years taking into consideration related social and economic changes in society since the 1980s.

Additionally, the existing purposes of 'physical and mental training', 'moral and intellectual development', 'reading rooms' and 'library' are already provided for by other means. For example, The Highland Council (through Highlife Highland) provides a library service and therefore the provision of a library and reading rooms is no longer required to be provided by the hall.

The modern School Campus in Bettyhill, provides a more suitable space for physical activities in their gym.

## **Reorganisation outcomes**

The trustees suggest that the following reorganisation outcome is met:

*39(1)(b)(i) that the proposed reorganisation scheme will enable the resources of the charity to be applied to better effect for charitable purposes consistently with the spirit of its constitution, having regard to changes in social and economic conditions since it was constituted*

The trustees suggest the outcome is met because:

Transferring the charity's assets to the new SCIO will allow the activities of the charity to continue under a modern legal structure with charitable purposes more reflective of how the charity operates currently, taking into account the needs of the community, considering social and economic changes since it was first constituted.

The SCIO will manage the Tongue Village Hall as a focus for community activities, to provide and organise recreational facilities to alleviate social exclusion, improve health and wellbeing, and create a modern gathering space for community events.

## How to make a representation in relation to the proposed reorganisation scheme

Any person may make a representation to OSCR either supporting or opposing this proposed reorganisation scheme. Should you wish to make a representation, you may do so by writing to OSCR providing the following information:

- Your name and address
- The name of the charity concerned
- The nature of the representation and reasons for it

These are the terms of Regulation 5 of the Charities Reorganisation (Scotland) Regulations 2007).

Representations should be sent to OSCR by post or email

Postal: OSCR  
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Riverside Drive  
Dundee  
DD1 4NY

Email: [info@oscr.org.uk](mailto:info@oscr.org.uk)

Representations can be made up to 14 days following the end of the publication period. The latest date for the receipt of representations is **05 October 2026**

We cannot accept representations via social media channels.

Copies of any representations will be provided to the applicant charity for comment. If you do not wish the charity to be provided with your personal details, please indicate this in your representation.

Personal details will otherwise be disclosed to the applicant charity.

Please contact us by email or by telephone on 01382 220446 if you have any questions about the submission of a representation.

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**25 August 2026**