

# **COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST**

## **GALSTON LIBRARY**

Application by

**Corner Cupboard**

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### **CORNER CUPBOARD PROPOSAL OVERVIEW**

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#### **BACKGROUND**

The Corner Cupboard was set up as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic had a direct effect on the income of a large proportion of the general population. This is highlighted as in 2020 when the Corner Cupboard was set up 58% of Scottish adults reported that the pandemic had a financial impact on their household. Many people became unemployed. Highlighted by the figures unemployment rose to 4.5% in 2020 compared to 2019 where the number fell to 3.6%. And as a food larder we saw the effects of this as the level of unemployment rose the need for our service also grew substantially and week after week we received new members. After 2 years and many food parcels and families fed we have grown significantly. The Corner Cupboard now has over 330 members many of which are families.

#### **PROPOSED USE OF THE BUILDING**

Our main goal for this building is to expand our operation. We are currently operating at capacity and we would love to help more people. This expansion would also allow for us to stock more products our members ask us for. Currently we are limited by the amount of food and household items we are able to stock due to a lack of space and lack of space to store excess stock. As a food larder we currently mainly stock canned and dry food as we do not have the capacity to hold as much fresh food and household items, which is part of our expansion plan.

Additionally, as the building currently has a kitchen we would like to use it to expand our services. One of the ways in which we would like to do this is by having a weekly soup kitchen. This would be open to any member of the public as well as our members. This would allow us to use the food we currently store as well as reduce our food waste making the Corner Cupboard more sustainable.

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Moreover, we would like to preserve the history of the library by keeping the reading spirit alive. We would also keep a section of books for families or individuals to borrow. We also would offer book groups for a variety of ages to encourage reading.

### **COMMUNITY BENEFIT**

This would help the community in a multitude of ways. It would firstly allow us to help our current members by providing more food and household items we currently are not able to stock. Additionally, it would allow us to add more members and allow us to help more individuals and families and our goal is to help as many people as possible so no person in Ayrshire goes hungry. Additionally, by adding these services we could help many people in different ways by providing hot meals to people who may not usually have them. Moreover, we would like to do our bit for the environment by reducing the amount of food waste

### **SUMMARY**

In summary if given the opportunity we believe we are able to do good for our community. This would allow us to give back to our community in a variety of ways. As mentioned above food scarcity is a current and prevalent issue across the country. And we would like to mitigate this as much as possible. We are hoping to expand our current operation and help more people and we feel that if we got this opportunity we would be able to do this. To conclude we believe that we can do good for the people of Ayrshire and we want to give back to them.

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