

**Beatroute Arts Project** 

285 Wallacewell Road

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To whom it may concern,

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

As a current and regular service user of Beatroute Arts Project as well as my participation in BBI (Balornock Barmulloch Initiative) I write now in support of your Asset Transfer bid to Glasgow City Council to bring this well established and well used venue into community ownership. I strongly support your ambition to continue to grow and further develop this community project and venue.

I have been particularly pleased to see that you have continued to grow your core offerings in terms of art and music for youth — especially since the provision in schools has diminished and indeed disappeared completely from many. It has been marvellous to witness the young people who study music at Beatroute perform at local events. The impact of this on the wider community has been so positive. It has also broadened their decision making in terms of future career opportunities and training in the arts.

To your great credit, you have diversified too. You welcome ALL in our community and I have personally benefitted from you offering a regular, twice weekly yoga class — not something that is on offer anywhere else locally and, importantly, affordable for all. I have noticed that this project has had a tangible effect on a number of locals getting involved in other ways — some real capacity building happening!

You are to be commended for your ongoing conversations with folk - asking local people what local people want. I have seen the expansion of the project. An Asset Transfer would allow further development to be made. I understand that community ownership of the property would mean the ground could be further developed thus allowing integration expansion. We all have a desire that our area will become a dementia aware and dementia friendly community and your location lends itself to an important element of that. Your nearest neighbour organisation is a Centre for Older Adults. By forming a genuine partnership with these service users Beatroute's expertise in music and art will be shared to ease the symptoms of those in our community affected by this disease.

I wish you continued success in your all you do to serve our community.

Yours faithfully



Local Resident