

## **Question 12: Fuller narrative regarding discussions and offers to user groups by SAC**

Communicated with current user groups to discuss what may happen if the activity centre is approved for transfer and what options may be available as an alternative.

**Petanque Club** – Explained to the club representative that the transfer was still to be considered and what the process for that was i.e. assessment and recommendation by advisory group to the Council's Leadership Panel.

We were advised that sprung flooring is not suitable for the sport of petanque and therefore the proposed changes to the MAC flooring will prevent petanque play.

We discussed alternative options including Troon Youth Centre and agreed that Troon Walker Halls may be a potential alternative venue. Important factors for the club in any alternative venue are car parking and accessibility. The club were keen to explore Walker Halls.

As a result, we organised a visit and a trial session for the group at the Halls to establish if it would be suitable for their needs. It was confirmed that this space, on the day/time the club requires could be made available for them.

The group members felt this venue would not be suitable to their needs and the wish to remain at the MAC at this time unless another more suitable venue could be identified for them. We confirmed we would update the group post-decision of the Council should the transfer be approved.

**Dance Stars Troon** - Explained to the representative that the transfer was still to be considered and what the process for that was i.e. assessment and recommendation by advisory group to the Council's Leadership Panel.

We discussed alternative options including Dundonald Activity Centre, Marr and Struthers Primary. Marr and Dundonald are currently available for the day and time this group requires accommodation and Struthers would be explored as an option should the asset transfer be approved. The representative advised that Marr and Struthers would be preferable alternative venues, subject to cost.

At the time of discussion the representative confirmed that should the MAC transfer be approved they would wish to commence use of the alternative venue/s for school term resuming in August. We confirmed we would update the representative post-decision of the Council should the transfer be approved.

**Ayr United Football Academy** - We spoke with Ayr United Football Academy who delivers walking football and kinderkicks at the MAC. Explained to the representative that the transfer was still to be considered and what the process for that was i.e. assessment and recommendation by advisory group to the Council's Leadership Panel.

We advised that there is a potential to relocate to Marr which is available on the days/times they require.

At the time of discussion they would consider Marr as a suitable alternative venue, subject to MAC transfer and we confirmed we would update them post-decision of the Council should the transfer be approved.

**Sports Development Gymnastics & Netball** - Spoken with Team Leader Sports Development in Council to talk through current position on asset transfer request and options that maybe available to relocate to Marr or Troon Youth Centre which are available on the days/times they require.

We agreed to speak again post-decision in relation to potential delivery venues for the sports development programmes in Troon.

At the time of discussion they would consider Marr as a suitable alternative venue, subject to MAC transfer and we confirmed we would update them post-decision of the Council should the transfer be approved.

**Badminton** – met two different badminton group representatives individually. Explained to the representatives that the transfer was still to be considered and what the process for that was i.e. assessment and recommendation by advisory group to the Council's Leadership Panel.

We advised one group that there is a potential to relocate to Marr which is available on the evening sessions they require. We were unaware that they used the MAC for an hour every Thursday afternoon; therefore we would look into alternative options for the afternoon session if the MAC transfer is approved.

At the time of discussion they would consider Marr as a suitable alternative venue and other suggestions, subject to MAC transfer and we confirmed we would update them post-decision of the Council should the transfer be approved.

We advised the other badminton group that as they play during the day, Marr is not an option, Dundonald Activity Centre may be an option subject to school use during day; however Troon Youth Centre and Scout hall is available as an alternative venue, but doesn't fully meet their requirements for two courts at the same time. A further alternative is Whittlets Activity Centre. We are also exploring the potential for another Council venue, subject to being able to permanently mark the floor for badminton.

At the time of discussion they would consider suitable alternative venue/s and other suggestions, subject to MAC transfer and we confirmed we would update them post-decision of the Council should the transfer be approved.

**Jo Jingles** – have relocated from MAC to St Meddans Church Hall and no discussion therefore required.

**Handball** - have relocated from MAC to Marr and no discussion therefore required.

**5 a-side football** – spoke with one user and advised that they can be accommodated for their football day/time on a Thursday at Marr however they do not want to move from the MAC. Spoke with another user and due to lack of players they have cancelled their recurring booking.

**Squash** – attempted to make contact with the recurring squash booking on a Wednesday night, however they were uncontactable. Alternative venue is available at Dundonald Activity Centre.

In addition, there is one dance group and two exercise groups (metafit and aerobics) that may be accommodated within the new delivery model by DGC or at one of the other local venues; however we were unable to make contact with them.

#### **Question 15: Latest report on SAC progress on CAT e.g. number being processed**

**Since January 2019:**

Expressions of interest received - 7

Valid asset transfer requests received- 1

Assessment stage - 0

Transfer agreed - 0

Rejections - 1

Withdrawals - 0

Review stage - 1

Appeal stage – 0