

## **Appendix 13:**

### **List of information requested by Dundonald Gymnastics Club (DGC) to South Ayrshire Council (SAC).**

#### **Item 1**

##### **Request by DGC:**

List of 30 MAC user groups referenced during Leadership Panel Meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2019.

During the hearing Councillor Saxton asserted the presence of 30 user groups at MAC, refuting the work carried out by SAC in identifying 14 user groups. The Change.org Petition – Save Muirhead Activity Centre (Appendix 8) refers to '12 or so other clubs' which is in line with correspondence received by attributable groups during the consultation process.

##### **Information provided from South Ayrshire Council:**

At Leadership Panel, members are aware that they must have regard to the content of the report, and not to extraneous comments. Remarks may be made at Panel which are not followed up, or founded upon, as in this case. The Council does not hold the information that DGC ask for and is unaware of the nature of any consultation that Councillor Saxton may ,or, may not, have carried out. Any consultation that he may have carried out would fall within the category of his own constituency casework and as such Councillor Saxton would be the data controller of this information.

All bookings for Activity Centre are held within a diary and on a spreadsheet detailing which activity has been booked which allows the Council to determine whether or not an activity is statutory or non-statutory, for recording purposes. The Council do not hold user group lists or a list of people using a centre and the information provided to DGC in relation to MAC user groups was an extract from these bookings.

An extract of hall usage spreadsheet for MAC was provided to DGC on 23/11/18 and was also used by the Council in identifying potential displacement. A further check was undertaken by the asset transfer team in mid-May to the Councils sports & culture operations team to check that 5 months on, the information being worked with was still an accurate reflection of the group usage at the MAC. No additional group usage was identified and this was reflected in the numbers provided within the Leadership Panel report and by officers presenting the Panel paper.

## **Item 2**

### **Request from DGC:**

2014 Review of MAC when previously considered for closure. Applicant understands that at this time, centre opening hours and staffing levels were reduced to address losses and ensure centre remained open. It is requested that response includes

- Reasons for consideration of closure
- All financial and usage information leading to decision
- Recommendations made regarding continued usage

### **Information provided from South Ayrshire Council:**

There does not appear to be any written reference held to the potential of closure of Muirhead Activity Centre during the period 2014. It may have been that in considering budget savings a Council working group may have undertaken an initial scoping exercise of centres as a potential budget saving that never then developed into a proposal that would come to a Council panel for consideration. As the Head of Service and Service Manager in 2014 are no longer with the Council we are unable to establish if that would have been the case or not.

## **Item 3**

### **Request from DGC:**

SAC Current plans to address to losses of £73,121.83 per annum based on 2018/19 accounts and backlog maintenance of £142,168.

### **Information provided from South Ayrshire Council:**

The £73,121.83 loss would be absorbed within existing service budgets. The Council would address the backlog maintenance through the capital programme. In terms of Muirhead Activity Centre this work would require to be programmed over a number of years.

## **Item 4**

### **Request from DGC:**

Details of any current SAC Lets who have a guarantee of continued access to their let at same time, same place, same price.

### **Information provided from South Ayrshire Council:**

Currently the Council have a wide range of lets for a broad range of activities across South Ayrshire venues such as brownies, gymnastics, walking football, etc. These lets are regular bookings at the lettable rate who require to know that they have the same time same place venue each week to do their activities – these are not lets that have been given a guarantee by the Council of continued access at same time/same place/same price. We also have lets that are booked on an ad hoc basis for one off events.

As part of the ongoing review of halls/centres/pitches lets we advise that the Council are looking at lets by geographical area and will be considering rationalising the number of individual properties to ensure the Council is making best use of the buildings that are open. This may mean that we relocate certain activities to suitable alternative properties in due course and with full consultation with our users.

The review will also look at our current fees and charges which may mean an increase in certain types of let fees (i.e. where a commercial/profit making business run activities) or a reduction in let fees for others (where they are providing a vital service which helps the Council deliver its objectives).

## **Item 5**

### **Request from DGC:**

MAC 2019 Q1 and Q2 financial income and expenditure

### **Information provided from South Ayrshire Council:**

The Council's financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March, therefore the income & expenditure Jan, Feb, Mar 19 are already included within the annual running costs of the Centre (£73,121.83) as detailed in Appendix 3 of the Leadership Panel report on the 11 June 2019. With regard to the income and expenditure for Apr, May, June 19, the Council advise that the payments in April, May and June would not provide an accurate assessment of the annual income and expenditure due to the Council's payments process.

We can confirm that based on the current information the Council holds, there is no pattern of significant income increase or significant increase in community usage identified, that would suggest the user group information presented in the Leadership Panel report was not an accurate reflection of the current usage position.

## **Item 6**

### **Request from DGC:**

MAC 2019 Q1 and Q2 usage, detailing all user group participation levels and associated income generated.

### **Information provided from South Ayrshire Council:**

Attendance figures\* for Muirhead Activity Centre for the period January-June 2019 supplied to DGC

2019	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Muirhead	3078	2716	2969	1845	1821	2362	14791

Note that the usage figures provided above only show the statutory performance indicators (SPI's) at the MAC i.e. indoor sporting activities. They do not include non-statutory indicators (N-SPI's) i.e. everything else that is not counted within SPIs, including all outdoor sporting activities and non-sporting activities. A copy of the Council's Performance Indicator Guidelines was provided to DGC

After-school club is a non-statutory indicator and therefore not included in the Q1 & Q2 figures. Birthday parties are considered a statutory indicator and are included in the figures in the table. Gala days, fun days, meetings etc. are logged as non-sporting events and not counted in statutory performance indicators and therefore not included in the above table.

Associated income generation is addressed at Item 5.

## **Item 7**

### **Request from DGC:**

Demographic of MAC current usage.

### **Information provided from South Ayrshire Council:**

As most of the people who use the Muirhead Activity Centre are not members, it is not possible to provide this information.

## **Item 8**

### **Request from DGC:**

List of 'events' run in MAC including number of recorded birthday parties 2018/2019.

### **Information provided from South Ayrshire Council:**

In 2018/19 there were 54 birthday parties generating 2767 attendances. The Muirhead Tenants and Residents Association held a summer gala day event and a Christmas fun day.

## **Item 9**

### **Request from DGC:**

Minutes from Leadership Panel Meeting – Date June 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

### **Information provided from South Ayrshire Council:**

The minute of the Panel meeting had not been cleared and published by the Council by the closing date for request for review of 23/7/19.

The minute of the Leadership Panel of 11th June is now available <http://ww20.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/ext/committee/committeepapers2019/Leadership%20Panel/11%20June%202019/LP%20Mins%2011%20June%202019.pdf>

## **Item 10**

### **Request from DGC:**

SAC Assessment of Status Quo as per Section 10.8 Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

### **Information provided from South Ayrshire Council:**

The CAT Advisory Group of the Council undertook a robust assessment of DGC's asset transfer request including socio-economic impacts, value to the Council in existing use as an activity centre and consideration of best value. As the group considered it to be a strong to very strong submission, this was the basis for a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the asset transfer request to the Leadership Panel.

In line with the Council's process, the Leadership Panel considered and discussed the panel report and did not agree with the officer assessment and recommendation and decided that based on the information provided, the benefits of the existing use as an Activity Centre outweigh the value of DGC's proposal. Therefore the consideration of the benefits of an alternative proposal i.e. continue as existing use, were assessed at that Panel meeting by members in attendance.