

ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT
DECISION NOTICE - REFUSED

To: Dundonald Gymnastics Club (DGC) SCIO SC048271

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: Tuesday 25 June 2019

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Dundonald Gymnastics Club (DGC) SCIO SC048271 on Thursday 7 February 2019 in relation to Muirhead Activity Centre, 59 Central Avenue, Troon KA10 7AZ

South Ayrshire Council has decided to **refuse** the asset transfer of Muirhead Activity Centre and car park under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to Dundonald Gymnastics Club on the grounds that the benefits of the existing use outweigh the value of the alternative proposals made by Dundonald Gymnastic Club. The specific reasons for the decision are as follows:

1. The feasibility and cost of relocation of the services elsewhere and the lack of a guarantee from officers that existing users could be accommodated in this facility or any local facility;
2. The proposal failed to demonstrate sufficiently that there would be enhanced local services or that the local community would be served or accommodated by the proposals for other uses in the application;
3. The lack of evidence to show that the benefits for the other parts of the community excluding the gymnastic community would be delivered and in the time periods set down in the application;
4. More weighting and more detailed consideration should have been applied to the local community objections, the number, type and specific issues raised by the significant objectors in the local community than Dundonald Gymnastic Club who represent a community of interest as a sporting club; and

5. There was a lack of consideration of whether the Muirhead Activity centre, as the second most used community facility, was the most appropriate Council facility and a failure to explore with the Applicant alternative Council venues that might offer a better alternative for the club.

This decision was made after a thorough evaluation process against pre-determined criteria outlined in the Leadership Panel report of 11 June 2019.

Right to review

You have a right to apply to the Council to review this decision.

Guidance on making a review is available within the Guidance for Community Transfer Bodies (Section 17 and 18) and a supplementary note relating to South Ayrshire Councils review process has been provided for your consideration.

Any review must be made in writing to Sarah Baird, Team Leader, Community Asset Transfer, South Ayrshire Council at cat@south-ayrshire.gov.uk by Tuesday 23 July 2019 at 4.45pm which is 20 working days from the date of this notice.



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