

Hi

I am writing to submit my support for DGC taking over the Muirhead Community Centre.

First from a personal note, my daughter trains with DGC and although she is progressing well through the Elite pathway she is somewhat restricted in that the hrs that she is required to do are limited as they do not have the permanent facilities. If the gym was permanently set up this would offer more training hrs which is what she needs going forward. This would also mean that she would no longer have to travel to other gymnastic clubs to fulfil the hrs of training required.

DGC have quite clearly set out a business plan to include the community. They are not taking anything away, in fact they will keep the centre going and will encourage inclusion of the wider community.

Everyone is entitled to their opinions, that is why we live in a democracy but without reading the full business plan no one can make an informed decision against the club taking over the centre. Some of the reasons against in petitions are simply not true, people only hear what they want to hear. Not only will the club keep the centre open but will provide the community with access to the facilities for different activities. This will also give children the opportunity to experience all the equipment in gymnastics and encourage healthy lifestyles.

The Government are very much driven in reducing the obesity rates, promoting inclusion for all, encouraging healthy choices and the club will offer their expertise in this field to help combat the very real and worrying future morbidities, diabetes, heart disease and cancers by providing a base for young children and adults to get fit.

The centre either closes with the community having no access or it transfers to DGC who will promote and encourage the wider community to join in and be part of a club should they choose to do this.

The financial benefit to the wider community would be immense.

Please consider this email when you all meet to discuss whether this goes ahead or not.

Everyone who lives in Ayrshire, in particular those within South Ayrshire Council that can influence decisions, has a responsibility for ensuring that children are given every opportunity to become involved in sport and provide the knowledge and skills that will set them up for a healthy lifestyle in years to come.

It is very possible that a gymnast born and trained in Ayrshire will become a champion and represent their country, what a proud moment that would be!

Kind Regards

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