

Troon OiR

Opportunities in Retirement

12 August 2019

To South Ayrshire Council by e-mail

Dear Sirs

**Notice of Application for Internal Review
Muirhead Activity Centre and Car Park**

Troon OiR wish to reiterate the objection raised to the transfer of the Muirhead Activity Centre to Dundonald Gymnastics Association in October 2018. This Club provides a single activity interest and wishes to reconfigure the premises for their sole use. This would be damaging to the Muirhead and wider community. It is vital that South Ayrshire Council retain use of the centre for child/adult participation in exercise and social interaction which would be totally negated by the loss of community use.

The OiR utilise the centre on Friday mornings for badminton. This is an over 50s group under the Troon OiR umbrella. One of our aims is to arrange interests that keep older people active and engaged with others to alleviate social isolation. If the Muirhead centre transferred to a private operator who would not allow lets for use of the centre this activity is likely to be discontinued as there is no alternative hall locally with two badminton courts.

The centre is used by many groups including Muirhead Tenants and Residents Association for various child, young adult and adult activities and social occasions which are attended by residents in Muirhead and the local area. Many young people are 'off the streets' participating in sports/activities which adds to the importance of the centre. Affordability and inconvenience of travel are likely to prevent many utilising any alternative venue even if it could be found, which the initial investigation into this issue revealed did not exist.

Yours faithfully


**Secretary
Troon Opportunities in Retirement**
