

**Fwd: Proposal to acquire two tennis courts at Arrol Drive, Seafield,Ayr from South Ayrshire Council as a Community Asset Transfer.**

Ayr Lawn Tennis Club <ayrlawntennis@gmail.com>

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Email response from Cllr Dowey.

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: Proposal to acquire two tennis courts at Arrol Drive, Seafield,Ayr from South Ayrshire Council as a Community Asset Transfer.

To: Ayr Lawn Tennis Club <ayrlawntennis@gmail.com>

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Hi Yvonne

Yes you have my full support for this transfer.

Martin

**From:** Ayr Lawn Tennis Club <ayrlawntennis@gmail.com>

**Sent:** 18 January 2021 20:12

**Subject:** Proposal to acquire two tennis courts at Arrol Drive, Seafield,Ayr from South Ayrshire Council as a Community Asset Transfer.

Dear Councillor,

**Proposal to acquire two tennis courts at Arrol Drive, Seafield, Ayr from South Ayrshire Council as a Community Asset Transfer.**

I am writing to you as Secretary on behalf of the Committee of Ayr Lawn Tennis Club which is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation number SCO49014. The purpose of the club is to provide tennis facilities for the members and the community of Ayr. The club owns their grounds at 4 Southpark Road, Ayr where there are three all-weather artificial clay tennis courts with an active senior and junior membership.

Since 1996 the club has also managed and operated the two tennis courts at Seaford owned by South Ayrshire Council. This has provided benefits to the local community by providing tennis facilities for the general public without any costs being incurred by the Council in time and expenditure.

Unfortunately, the court surfaces have now deteriorated to such an extent where they are virtually unplayable and they urgently need resurfaced. The club is restricted at present with only three courts of their own and wish to expand their activities by owning the two courts at Seaford.

For some time the club has been in discussions with the Council whereby the club could obtain ownership of the courts as a Community Asset Transfer under the Community Empowerment ( Scotland ) Act 2015. In their application the club would also be applying to the Council Advancing Community Assets Fund for a capital grant to resurface the courts and install a user-friendly Smart Access Gate Entry System. Thereafter if the application and funding is approved, the facility would be solely managed, maintained and financed by Ayr Lawn Tennis Club.

The improved facility would be an attractive asset for the area and community to develop the growth of tennis participation and would promote public health and social well-being. It would be a condition of any asset transfer that the land will be used at all times as tennis courts and the public will have access to the facility.

The club will shortly be submitting a formal Stage 2 application for the Community Asset Transfer to the Council but my reason in writing to you is to request a letter of support for the application. I hope that you can see fit to support this proposal and your assistance and cooperation in this matter would be very much appreciated. Should you need any more information please contact me.

Yours sincerely

 (Club Secretary )

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