

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 29TH MAY 2002

PAVILION AT MORTON PARK, KILMAURS

Report by the Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the current condition of the pavilion at Morton Park, Kilmaurs and seek approval for its demolition.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The pavilion at Morton Park, Kilmaurs is a stand-alone unit with two changing rooms serving a public football pitch. The facility was badly damaged by vandals several years ago and has never been utilised by East Ayrshire Council.
- 2.2 Various discussions regarding improvements to the facility have taken place with a local football club, however it has not been possible to agree a programme of suitable works to bring the pavilion back into use.
- 2.3 At the meeting held on 10TH April 2002, the Committee agreed to continue discussion of this report to allow further consultation with local groups to take place.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The pavilion is in poor condition and continues to decline, security measures have been put in place but the building remains a target for vandals. The property does not currently comply with Health and Safety legislation.
- 3.2 Technical Services have carried out a condition survey of the building and have identified significant problems with all aspects of the facility with expenditure of at least £30,000 required to bring the building back to an appropriate standard. This sum would cover repair work only further funding would be required for disabled access and improvements to insulation etc.
- 3.3 At a public meeting held on 1st May 2002, it was agreed that more time would be given for local groups to assess the potential of a project to refurbish the pavilion and investigate funding opportunities.

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4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Repairs and improvements to the pavilion would cost an estimated £50,000. Demolition would cost £4,000.

5. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 The pavilion at Morton Park, Kilmaurs is in poor condition and represents an ongoing risk for the Council. The cost of refurbishment is prohibitive, particularly when it is considered that the pavilion serves only one football pitch and therefore has limited potential use.
- 6.2 Demolition of the pavilion is therefore considered the most appropriate way forward.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree in principle to the demolition of the pavilion subject to no group coming forward to refurbish the facility.

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20th March 2002

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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AGENDA