

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 13 SEPTEMBER 2000**

#### **LEISURE FACILITIES IN THE KILMARNOCK SOUTH AREA**

##### **Report by the Director of Community Services**

### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the Council's Leisure facility provision in the Kilmarnock South Area.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A report into the Council's Leisure facility provision was requested following the Local Committee meeting on 2 February 2000.
- 2.2 The initial request referred to the Councils proposals for leisure facilities/games halls in the area. There are no proposals for this type of facility to be provided in the Kilmarnock South Area. The Council has limited resources available for new facility development and the Councils Leisure Strategy has identified a new indoor swimming pool in Cumnock as its top priority followed by facilities for Stewarton and possible new developments at Queens Drive/Scott-Ellis to serve the whole of Kilmarnock.
- 2.3 The Council provides a range of Leisure facilities and activities via two departments, Community Services which is responsible for sports pitches, parks and open spaces, some community halls, play areas and seasonal facilities and the Department of Educational and Social Services that is responsible for some community facilities and youth services. This report focuses on the facilities currently provided in the Kilmarnock South Area, however it should also be recognised that facilities such as the Galleon Leisure Centre, which is funded by the Council but managed by a Trust, serve the communities that make up Kilmarnock South.

### **3. CURRENT PROVISION**

- 3.1 Community Centres
- 3.1.1 The Bellfield Community Centre provides a wide range of activities for local clubs and organisations, particularly Sports Clubs.

- 3.1.2 The Shortlees Community Centre provides a regular weekly programme of sports and leisure activities.

### **3.2 PLAY PARKS**

- 3.2.1 Play Parks are provided at Carron Avenue, Cessnock Place, Ken Road, Bellfield, Knowhead Road, Lainshaw Avenue, Loreny Drive, Fleming Street, The Salvation Army Hall, Burnpark and Riccarton Park.
- 3.2.2 There are no plans to expand or improve the current play park provision. Current resources are fully utilised across East Ayrshire repairing damaged equipment and occasionally replacing equipment which has been damaged beyond repair.
- 3.2.3 The level and quality of play park provision varies across East Ayrshire with some communities better provided for than others. Play parks are regularly inspected and repairs undertaken as quickly as possible. Vandal damage is a serious problem in play areas and often leads to equipment being removed for safety reasons without being replaced.

### **3.3 SPORTS PITCHES**

- 3.3.1 Football pitches are provided at Bellfield and Riccarton Park.
- 3.3.2 Pitches are maintained as part of the Councils grounds maintenance contracts. Improvements to pitch drainage and pavilions are carried out as resources allow, however funding for this type of project is very limited.

### **3.4 OTHER FACILITIES**

- 3.4.1 Caprington Golf Course is maintained and managed by the Council and requires considerable annual investment to maintain appropriate standards and reasonable prices for golfers.
- 3.4.2 During school holiday periods additional children's activities take place at the Bellfield Community Centre and Shortlees Community School.
- 3.4.3 The Bellfield Bowling Green is provided by the Council.

## **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Nil

**5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Nil

**6. CONCLUSIONS**

6.1 The Council provides a wide range of leisure activities/opportunities in the Kilmarnock South Area however resource limitations dictate that there are no plans to develop new facilities in this area in the foreseeable future.

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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