

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 23 JANUARY 2002

FOOTBALL PITCHES IN THE NORTHERN AREA

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the local committee of the range of football facilities within the northern area provided by the Council's Community Services Department with specific reference to the associated running and maintenance costs and charging policy.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Northern Area Local Committee meeting of 31 October 2001 discussion took place on the range of leisure facilities with particular reference to football pitches on offer and the relevant running costs. It was agreed to ask the Director of Community Services to supply further relevant information. This report now provides the information requested at the meeting.

3. FACILITIES, RUNNING COSTS, USAGE, INCOME AND CHARGE SETTING PROCEDURES

- 3.1 Until April 2001, costing for facilities were held globally. However, from April 2001, to allow more accurate monitoring of income and expenditure, facilities have been recorded on an individual basis. The following are therefore costed from April to September 2001 and then multiplied pro-rata in line with seasonal variations. Management costs are not included in these figures.

3.1.1 Cocklebie Park, Stewarton

Grounds Maintenance costs	£2646.00
Building Maintenance costs	£3030.00
Running costs (cleaning/keyholder/heating, etc)	£1580.00
TOTAL COST	£7256.00
Anticipated Income	£760.00
Annual Cost	£6496.00
Number of games played	82
Subsidy per game	£79.22

3.1.2 **Dunlop Pavilion**

Grounds Maintenance costs	£2646.00
Building Maintenance costs	£1280.00
Running costs (cleaning/keyholder/heating, etc)	£1580.00
TOTAL COST	£5506.00

Anticipated Income £68.00

Annual Cost £5438.00

Number of games played 8

Subsidy per game £679.75

3.1.3 **Fenwick, King George Playingfields**

Grounds Maintenance costs	£2646.00
Building Maintenance costs	£4760.00
Running costs (cleaning/keyholder/heating, etc)	£1580.00
TOTAL COST	£8986.00

Anticipated Income £532.00

Annual Cost £8454.00

Number of games played 46

Subsidy per game £183.78

3.1.4 **Morton Park, Kilmaurs**

Grounds Maintenance costs	£2646.00
Building Maintenance costs	-
Running costs (cleaning/keyholder/heating, etc)	-
TOTAL COST	£2646.00

Anticipated Income £246.50

Annual Cost £2399.50

Number of games played 40

Subsidy per game £59.99

3.1.5 **Strandhead, Stewarton**

Grounds Maintenance costs	£2746.00
Building Maintenance costs	£1874.00
Running costs (cleaning/keyholder/heating, etc)	£2083.00
TOTAL COST	£6703.00

Anticipated Income (excluding mother & toddlers) £52.00

Annual Cost £6651.00

Number of games played 10

Subsidy per game £665.10

3.2 Charges for the hire of football pitches for year 2001/2002 are as follows:-

Under 18's per match	£8.50
Soccer 7's per match	£4.25
Over 18's weekends	£15.00
Over 18's weekday and training	£9.00

3.3 Charges are set on an annual basis by the Council. Prices are benchmarked against the Scottish average and against other local competition. Prices are set so as not to preclude use by low income groups.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Not Applicable

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 That all football pitches in the northern area receive a significant level of subsidy per game.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA