

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2001

### FOOTBALL PAVILIONS AND PITCHES

#### Report by Director of Community Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the committee of the current situation with regards to the use of the football pavilions and pitches in the northern area.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Morton Park, Kilmaurs was refurbished prior to re-organisation, however, within six months of these works being carried out it attracted extensive vandalism causing its closure for public use. Since that date funding has not been available to re-instate the pavilion to a standard that will meet health and safety guidelines and has therefore remained closed.

- 2.2 Due to the high demand on football pitches, the park itself has remained open for those who wish to use it and make their own arrangements for changing facilities.

- 2.3 In January 1999 an agreement was reached with Kilmaurs Glencairn Boys Club that they would refurbish the pavilion to a standard acceptable to the Council. The cost of this to be borne by the club. The pavilion would be retained by the Council and once upgraded would again be made available to the wider community.

Despite sterling efforts by the boys club it became apparent that major capital works in excess of £20,000 would be required to be invested to ensure the building would meet current health and safety standards.

The club was therefore unable to satisfy the terms of the agreement and the keys were returned to, and are currently held by, Community Services.

- 2.4 Pitches also exist at Strandhead, Stewarton, Cocklebie, Stewarton plus eleven-a-side pitches at Dunlop and Fenwick.

In season 2000/2001 the demand for pitches were as appendix one.

#### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The pitches and pavilions at Stewarton, Dunlop and Fenwick will remain open for public bookings.

- 3.2 The Morton Park pavilion will remain closed, however, teams wishing to do so may book the park and make their own changing arrangements.
- 3.3 Pitch allocation for year 2001/2002 is currently taking place. It would appear that the number of clubs registering for 2001/2002 is down on last year and therefore the demand for pitches may not be so high.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Various forms of external funding have been investigated for Morton Park but the refurbishment of a Council owned facility does not fall directly into any of the available categories. Further avenues of funding will continue to be investigated.
- 4.2 Investment in excess of £20,000 will be required if the Morton Park pavilion is to be brought back into public use.

#### **5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Not applicable

#### **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Nil

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-
  - (i) note the contents of this report.

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NIL**

## USE OF PITCHES FOR SEASON 2000/2001

NAME OF TEAM	NO OF GAMES	7 OR 11 A SIDE	PARK
KILMAURS GLENCAIRN BOYS CLUB	19	7-A-SIDE	KILMAURS
KNOCKENTIBER AMATEURS	1	11-A-SIDE	KILMAURS
STEWARTON ANNICK U11s	2	7-A-SIDE	STRANDHEAD
STEWARTON ANNICK U12s	16	11-A-SIDE	COCKLEBIE
	1	11-A-SIDE	DUNLOP
STEWARTON ANNICK U13s	10	7-A-SIDE	STRANDHEAD
	6	11-A-SIDE	DUNLOP
STEWARTON ANNICK U14s	9	11-A-SIDE	COCKLEBIE
	20	11-A-SIDE	KILMAURS
STEWARTON ANNICK COLTS U14s	10	11-A-SIDE	KILMAURS
STEWARTON ANNICK U15s	6	7-A-SIDE	STRANDHEAD
	2	11-A-SIDE	COCKLEBIE
	6	11-A-SIDE	FENWICK
STEWARTON ANNICK U16s	2	11-A-SIDE	COCKLEBIE
	1	7-A-SIDE	STRANDHEAD
STEWARTON ANNICK AMATEUR FC	19	7-A-SIDE	STRANDHEAD
STEWARTON UNITED	2	7-A-SIDE	STRANDHEAD
	26	11-A-SIDE	COCKLEBIE
FENWICK THISTLE	21	11-A-SIDE	FENWICK

<b>AGENDA</b>
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