

Update on Lochgilphead Joint Campus

1. SUMMARY

This report advises members on progress in relation to the operation of Lochgilphead Joint Campus and the Mid Argyll Sports Centre

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note the report.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. Members will recall that an update has been provided in regard to certain ongoing issues at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. The main issue was the remedial works to the two half size grass pitches, which are nearing completion.

3.2 In regard to the two half size grass pitches, works to complete the drainage on the pitches have now been completed. There was a period of stabilisation and growth and one pitch (that closest to the car park) has now been confirmed as playable and available for use from 21 June 2010. The remaining pitch has been a little slower to stabilise and the grass to take and it is expected that this pitch will be made available for use by mid July.

3.3 The Special Project Team have, in accordance with the previous instruction from the Local Area Committee, liaised with Councillor Philand in regard to the proposal that interested Community groups might combine to form a legal entity to hold and operate, on a non exclusive basis, an Entertainment License in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. This might allow organisations to utilise the facility for “entertainments” under the umbrella of that legal entity with no requirement to obtain one off entertainment licenses. A meeting of parties from interested Community groups has been convened and moderated by Councillor Philand and the Special Project Team. The local interest groups have yet to confirm whether they wish to proceed on the basis outlined.

3.4 Operational Services continue to successfully develop and deliver the services on offer to the community and users of MASC.

The addition of a throwing circle and long jump pit has been completed and is now available for use by all MASC users and in particular Mid Argyll Athletic Club.

We understand that following the availability of the grass pitch, Mid Argyll Athletic Club held an event which utilised the newly completed grass pitch,

throwing circle and long jump pit, the outcome was a very successful day.

MASC report significant increases in the number of members;
Membership at time of move (Sept 2007) 58
January 2010 180
June 2010 264

4. CONCLUSION

The work to complete the drainage on the pitches has been completed. One pitch is available for use and the remaining pitch should be made available for use by mid July. MASC continues to make good progress in service delivery to the local community.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy : None at present.

Financial: None at present.

Legal: None at present.

Equal Opportunities: None at present.

Personnel: None at present.

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