



Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to state that as a local resident I am completely **in favour** of the transfer of Muirhead Activity Centre to Dundonald Gymnastics Club.

At present, the club has to move an enormous amount of equipment every time there is a session. The equipment gets damaged and the club is limited to using things that can be dismantled and stored in the cupboard and container. This situation would be greatly improved if there was a sprung floor and the possibility of a permanent setup. Investment could be made in new equipment, with the knowledge that it would not be damaged when being moved around.

The club has a high number of members travelling from all over South Ayrshire (and beyond) as it is the only place to offer training in bar and beam as well as floor and vault. It is inconceivable that a club with so many members and a long waiting list is unable to find an appropriate base where new talent can be developed and nurtured by its dedicated and professional team.

I am aware that there are other users of the centre but I believe, with careful planning by the council and community, these could be accommodated in other structures (the multi million pound sports centre at Marr for example). My daughter is at Struthers Primary and, as there is massive investment in the new sports facility, I would hope that this could be a possible venue to house clubs displaced by the change in use of the Activity Centre.

As a user of the After School Club, I have a vested interest that this service is still available and am optimistic that it would be provided, either at the centre or in one of the two nearby schools.

In conclusion, In these times of budget cuts and council pressure, I take the pragmatic view that if the asset transfer does not go ahead, then the Muirhead Activity Centre will be, sooner or later, lost to the community anyway. It is only by sheer luck and good timing that Dundonald Gymnastics Club are willing to take it over and run it as a first class facility for a hugely popular sport.

Yours Faithfully,

