

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

This is an asset transfer request made under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

Section 1: Information about the community transfer body (CTB) making the request

1.1 Name of the CTB making the asset transfer request

Dundonald Gymnastics Club (DGC)

1.2 CTB address. This should be the registered address, if you have one.

Postal address:

(redacted)

1.3 Contact details. Please provide the name and contact address to which correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request should be sent.

Contact name: (redacted)

(redacted)

We agree that correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request may be sent by email to the email address given above. *(Please tick to indicate agreement)*

You can ask the relevant authority to stop sending correspondence by email, or change the email address, by telling them at any time, as long as 5 working days' notice is given.

1.4 Please mark an "X" in the relevant box to confirm the type of CTB and its official number, if it has one.

	Company, and its company number is	
X	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), and its charity number is SC048271.	

	Community Benefit Society (BenCom), and its registered number is	
	Unincorporated organisation (no number)	

Please attach a copy of the CTB's constitution, articles of association or registered rules.

1.5 Has the organisation been individually designated as a community transfer body by the Scottish Ministers?

No

Yes

Please give the title and date of the designation order:

1.6 Does the organisation fall within a class of bodies which has been designated as community transfer bodies by the Scottish Ministers?

No

Yes

If yes what class of bodies does it fall within?

SCIO

Section 2: Information about the land and rights requested

2.1 Please identify the land to which this asset transfer request relates.

You should provide a street address or grid reference and any name by which the land or building is known. If you have identified the land on the relevant authority's register of land, please enter the details listed there.

It may be helpful to provide one or more maps or drawings to show the boundaries of the land requested. If you are requesting part of a piece of land, you must give a full description of the boundaries of the area to which your request relates. If you are requesting part of a building, please make clear what area you require. A drawing may be helpful.

Muirhead Activity Centre

59 Central Avenue

Troon

KA10 7AZ

2.2 Please provide the UPRN (Unique Property Reference Number), if known.

If the property has a UPRN you will find it in the relevant authority's register of land.

UPRN: L418

Section 3: Type of request, payment and conditions

3.1 Please tick what type of request is being made:

for ownership (under section 79(2)(a)) - go to section 3A

for lease (under section 79(2)(b)(i)) – go to section 3B

for other rights (section 79(2)(b)(ii)) - go to section 3C

3A – Request for ownership

What price are you prepared to pay for the land requested? :

Proposed price: £1

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request.

3B – request for lease

What is the length of lease you are requesting?

NOT APPLICABLE

How much rent are you prepared to pay? Please make clear whether this is per year or per month.

Proposed rent: £ per

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to be included in the lease, or to apply to the request in any other way.

3C – request for other rights

What are the rights you are requesting?

NOT APPLICABLE

Do you propose to make any payment for these rights?

Yes

No

If yes, how much are you prepared to pay? Please make clear what period this would cover, for example per week, per month, per day?

Proposed payment: £ per

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request.

Section 4: Community Proposal

4.1 Please set out the reasons for making the request and how the land or building will be used.

This should explain the objectives of your project, why there is a need for it, any development or changes you plan to make to the land or building, and any activities that will take place there.

Dundonald Gymnastics Club (DGC) proposes to operate Muirhead Activity Centre primarily as a gymnastics facility. It will include a specialist gymnastics floor area and tumble track and additional areas for use of bars, vault and beam training.

A permanent specialist facility is needed to for the following reasons:

Satisfy existing demand for participation in gymnastics

DGC currently has a membership in the region of 400. We further provide recreational gymnastics to another 180 children per week across after school clubs in South Ayrshire and East Ayrshire. We have a waiting list of 200 hundred with continuous demand for places across all the venues we utilise.

Satisfy existing demand for increased training hours in the sport

DGC currently provides access at participation levels to preschool gymnastics and recreational gymnastics. It further provides access to competitive gymnastics through Floor and Vault, Team Gym and Women's Artistic gymnastics which require the use of more specialist equipment. Current restricted access to training hours means that access to all levels of the sport is restricted and the club is unable to provide its membership with additional hours to enjoy the sport and has to restrict the number of participants who have access to the competitive groups.

Diversify opportunities in the sport of gymnastics

The sport of gymnastics provides structured programs for participation in the sport from 12 months old to adult. Disciplines in the sport include Women's and Men's Artistic Gymnastics, Team Gym, Sports Acrobatics, Freestyle, Floor and Vault, Tumbling, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Aerobic Gymnastics, Adult and Disability Gymnastics. The current provision in the local area is very much focussed around recreational gymnastics and low level competitive floor and vault gymnastics. The lack of specialist facilities is restrictive to broadening access and maximising engagement in the sport with the benefits to the individual this involves.

Provision of Performance Sport and Supporting Talented Athletes

DGC is the only club in South Ayrshire developing gymnasts on the British Elite Performance Pathway. Over the past 10 years the club has been part of the development pathway of 7 Scotland squad gymnasts of which 2 went onto achieve British Squad selection. The club has 2 former members who are continuing their development at Glasgow School of Sport. The club currently retains the current 9-year-old Scottish Champion. The current Women's Artistic Under 13 Scottish Champion and recent Men's Artistic Commonwealth Bronze medallist are both former DGC gymnasts now training with City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club.

The current facilities and restricted training times require that DGC transition its performance athletes to City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club as early as 10 years old in order that they can sustain training programs in excess of 20 hours per week with access to the right equipment. This places big demands on the gymnasts and their families who require to support the cost and logistics of travelling to Glasgow to support training times. DGC operating out of the proposed facility would allow for the retention of these talented athletes in South Ayrshire until transition to Glasgow School of Sport.

Maximising Asset for the Community

Development of the facility will further allow for the provision of strength and fitness equipment along with a dance studio / meeting room / education area. This will allow

for facility usage for a diverse range of activities complimentary to the general set up of the training and studio areas.

Objective 1 (Linked to People): Maintain and develop the people involved in the club to ensure a strong sustainable infrastructure for the club. Grow the number of coaches, volunteers and officials involved in the delivery of gymnastics. Through succession planning ensure the club is able to maintain its aspiration of providing a world class product at all levels of the club and can react to meet demand. Attract and develop sports professionals in the delivery of a diverse range of sports, health and wellbeing activities complimentary to the facility.

Objective 2 (linked to Clubs): Establish a dedicated facility for Dundonald Gymnastics Club with the capacity to maximise the opportunity for people to be involved in the sport of gymnastics combined with the capacity to operate an effective performance development club. To provide a base club to support gymnastics development throughout South Ayrshire with a coaching team capable of delivering a programme of gymnastics for the club, schools, community sports hub and the local authority throughout the region reflecting the diverse range of participation opportunities that the sport can provide.

Objective 3 (linked to Gymnasts): To provide world class access to the sport of gymnastics at all levels to ensure gymnasts enjoy the sport in a fun and rewarding environment. Provide gymnasts the opportunity to benefit from involvement in gymnastics, maximising their own gymnastic potential with access to performance pathways. For participants to enjoy the physical literacy, health and wellbeing benefits of being involved in sport.

Objective 4 (linked to Community): To continue to operate in accordance with the National and Local sports strategies. Regenerate an existing leisure facility in an innovative way which compliments and diversifies access to sporting activities available in the local area. To increase participation in sport & leisure which will improve the quality of life of individuals and communities, improve wellbeing, counter anti-social behaviour, promote social inclusion, raise self-esteem, increase confidence and widen horizons.

Maintain community access to individuals, local groups and organisations in non-sporting activity including quality child play, children's parties and meeting room.

DGC defines its community based on both interest in its core function and geography in terms of maximising the local populations access to complimentary activity. Gymnastics is its primary function with Health and Fitness, Social Wellbeing being some of its key drivers in building a vibrant community in the area it serves.

The community will predominantly access the centre by booking into timetabled structured coach / instructor led activities. This reflects the specialist nature of the

equipment proposed in the centre and having appropriate health and safety considerations in place.

As part of this structured access approach the management of the centre will be proactive in working with the full range of defined community partners and design a program of activities that works for as many people in the community as possible. There will be 3 initial priorities in this regard

- * Encourage and introduce access to disability sport within the centre
- * Implement 'Freestyle' gymnastics on weekend evenings targetting local youth in positive diversionary activity
- * Liaison with education department re range of access opportunities including hard to reach groups engagement with education.

It is further planned to have less structured 'Drop in' style access available to the general public via timetabled 'kids play' sessions and availability to book hours for childrens party's.

In the medium to long term it is planned to develop the internal layout of the centre to accommodate a high quality studio room that could accommodate a wider range of activities and further expand community access.

The charging structure for the centre will develop during the planning stage for opening with cognisance taken of the industry standards for non-gymnastics activity and due consideration for long term booking verses individual hours access.

Gymnastics pricing is detailed in the financial projections and is based on existing charges operated by DGC.

Benefits of the proposal

4.2 Please set out the benefits that you consider will arise if the request is agreed to.

This section should explain how the project will benefit your community, and others. Please refer to the guidance on how the relevant authority will consider the benefits of a request.

Economic Development.

13 self-employed coaches rising to 22 employees across coaching, administration and management of proposed services.

3 x full time employees and 1 x full time apprentice

Increased footfall to provide boost for local neighbouring retail and food outlets.

Create a new asset for Troon with a specialist sports facility enhancing the mix of excellent sports provision at the redeveloped Marr College with planned changes to the building layout maintaining the opportunity for complimentary community use.

Dundonald Gymnastics Club is a 400 member club providing opportunities for children of all ages to participate in pre-school, recreational and Women's Artistic Gymnastics.

The club utilises 13 self-employed coaches paid in line with industry rates based on qualifications, responsibilities and experience. We further access other sports professionals including sports physiotherapy, dance and specialist strength and conditioning work required for maintaining performance athletes.

The club has SCIO with 5 trustees with an appointed Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Child Protection Coordinator.

A single permanent facility will provide the opportunity to move to the full and part time employment of existing coaches where relevant. Increased capacity will provide for new job opportunities within the gymnastics structure including an apprentice under a new British Gymnastics backed apprenticeship scheme. It is further proposed that access to complimentary activities within a permanent facility will provide job opportunities in other areas such as supervision of child play activity and party's, dance classes and access to a range of health and fitness providers.

It is proposed to operate daytime and evening, 7 days a week and it is anticipated that increased footfall at the premises will provide opportunities to boost existing retail and food outlets that neighbour the facility.

Longer term plans include consideration of expansion to accommodate a café and physiotherapy suite again providing addition job opportunities in the local area.

Public Health

The impact of sport is clearly defined and outlined in South Ayrshire Council local sports strategy. Participation in sport & leisure improves the quality of life of individuals and communities, it improves wellbeing, counters anti-social behaviour, promotes social inclusion, raises self-esteem, increases confidence and widens horizons.

British Gymnastics has a comprehensive range of gymnastics and activity based products designed to cater for all interested in the sport of gymnastics or physical activity and caters for all from cradle to grave.

This combined with the maximisation of complimentary health and wellbeing activities within the facility and the new hard court and all-weather surfaces at Marr College, fits strongly with the local strategy vision to provide sport and leisure for all.

Social Wellbeing

Opportunity to build on current interaction with Active Schools program.

Opportunity to build on the implementation and growth of South Ayrshire Schools Gymnastics Competition

Opportunity to provide positive diversionary activities for young people in the local area working with local community in reducing antisocial behaviour.

Opportunity to interact with schools in provision of activity catered for under Pupil Equity Fund

Opportunity to work effectively with Troon Community Sports Hub

Provision of access for disability sport.

It is proposed to tap into as wide a local demographic as possible which caters for the social wellbeing of all the community. A strong sustainable club needs to have diverse activities that brings people together and creates a strong community spirit.

The opportunity to build on our work with education, active schools and community sports hub can further support learning and provide positive diversionary activities for all, particularly in hard to reach groups. Access for all with programs for all ages, sex, ethnicity and those with disability.

A full-time facility with sports professionals provides a strong base to engage with partner agencies e.g. Health, Education, community groups to provide positive structured disciplined activities that equip participants with essential life skills for maintaining social wellbeing.

Environmental Wellbeing

Muirhead Activity Centre is a long-standing facility and part of its community. A financially sustainable club will allow for the maintenance of the premises inside and out.

Long-term sustainability will involve positive environmentally conscious decisions based around running costs there will a requirement to upgrade heating, insulation and lighting and maintain the fabric of the building ensuring the building operates in harmony with local residents as well as the community it services.

Environment is a key delivery theme in attaining the government vision that the people of Scotland will enjoy more active and healthier lives. Better designed environments encourage physical activity.

Restrictions on use of the land

4.3 If there are any restrictions on the use or development of the land, please explain how your project will comply with these.

Restrictions might include, amongst others, environmental designations such as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI), heritage designations such as listed building status, controls on contaminated land or planning restrictions.

None Known

Negative consequences

4.4 What negative consequences (if any) may occur if your request is agreed to? How would you propose to minimise these?

You should consider any potential negative consequences for the local economy, environment, or any group of people, and explain how you could reduce these.

The proposed equipment set up will mean that the centre will no longer be available for hard court sporting activities.

This asset transfer request is submitted at a time when newer and better sized hardcourt provision is now online at the regenerated Marr College facility.

In addition, the new artificial, floodlight pitches are available on the Marr College grounds for football, hockey and rugby access.

It is envisaged that access to these facilities by relevant displaced groups will mitigate any negative consequence of the proposed change to activity within the centre.

The proposed plan is to create a dance studio / meeting room / education room within the facility. This will allow for continued community use for a range of activities that are not necessarily sport based.

The gymnastics facility will also be able to be used for excellent kids play facilities and children's parties. It is hoped that this ensuring community access will mitigate any local concerns that the centre will not be available for community use.

Gymnastics is one of the highest participation sports in the country with Olympic and World Championship success by British and Scottish Gymnasts contributing to its ever-increasing popularity.

South Ayrshire currently has no dedicated gymnastics facility or matted 'soft' facility. The presence of the proposed facility in South Ayrshire provides an opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to not just gymnastics but to other sports who would benefit from high quality matted facilities.

It is hoped that the centre will become a centre of excellence in gymnastics and part of a recognised centre of sporting excellence alongside the tremendous work of clubs operating at the Marr College facility.

Furthermore, despite the significant sporting backdrop, the project seeks through studio provision to provide quality community access areas and proactively target community engagement to make the centre a vibrant part of the local community.

Capacity to deliver

4.5 Please show how your organisation will be able to manage the project and achieve your objectives.

This could include the skills and experience of members of the organisation, any track record of previous projects, whether you intend to use professional advisers, etc.

Dundonald Gymnastics Club DGC is a 400-member club providing opportunities for children of all ages to participate in pre-school, recreational and Women's Artistic Gymnastics.

The club operates out of a main facility at Dundonald Activity Centre with satellite facilities at Daily and Monkton.

The club further provides coaches for after schools clubs at Dundonald, Barassie and Girvan Primary Schools.

The club utilises 13 self-employed coaches paid in line with industry rates based on qualifications, responsibilities and experience.

The club funds all coaching training and benefits from having a qualified UKCC Level 1 and Level 2 tutor to deliver training and maintain coaching standards.

The club historically has run with a management committee of 6 members with an appointed Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Protection Coordinator and 3 general members.

The committee works along with the Head Coach to ensure the operating practices and procedures of the club adhere to the basic standards outlined by the governing body and the club operates for the benefit of all participants.

The club operates a 20 hour per week program. It currently has a credit turnover of (redacted) per annum.

The club owns its own equipment valued at £(redacted) currently on site at Dundonald Activity Centre. It has additional equipment in storage offsite and would be immediately able to operate at full capacity in the new facility.

The club has built itself gradually to its current capacity over a 10-year period. In addition to the provision of high participation levels it is also now one of the most successful performance development clubs in Scotland with gymnasts training anywhere from 1 – 20 hours per week. The club has built a strong brand within the three Ayrshire regions based on Recreational and Women's Artistic Gymnastics provision.

The existing membership and waiting list provide a strong base to move forward and develop not just the existing gymnastics provision but to develop untapped areas of the sport including Team Gym, Tumbling, Men's Artistic and Freestyle gymnastics. It can develop this based on expert knowledge of the sport and a proven ability to introduce and sustain quality sport access.

The club has developed significant specialist experience in the sport of gymnastics with strong links to the National Governing body and a range of sporting and dance professionals required in producing performance athletes.

It has further strong links with City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club and Glasgow School of Sport to ensure athlete focussed pathway programs are maintained.

This provides a strong base to build the sustainability of the facility, using reliable professional partners to assist in the provision of a range of quality sport, health and wellbeing activities.

The trustees of the SCIO bring a range of experience to the project with a range of management experience including Aeronautical Engineering, NHS, Charity and Care Sector, Business owners in care and hospitality sectors and Lean Management Consultancy in both Aviation and Financial Sector.

Section 5: Level and nature of support

5.1 Please provide details of the level and nature of support for the request, from your community and, if relevant, from others.

This could include information on the proportion of your community who are involved with the request, how you have engaged with your community beyond the members of your organisation and what their response has been. You should also show how you have engaged with any other communities that may be affected by your proposals.

In defining the clubs community it is important to acknowledge its existing community, built over 10 years of the clubs existence, in addition to new and

potential community partners the club would seek to engage with in operating the proposed permanent facility.

Dundonald Gymnastics Club is already part of a significant community defined primarily through interest in the sport of gymnastics.

Its current membership demonstrates its delivery of access to the sport of gymnastics to participants throughout Ayrshire.

The club's community includes the register of gymnasts on its waiting list and strives to accommodate them in participation at the earliest opportunity.

The club's community is further defined by the partners with whom it engages:

Active Schools / Education

The club currently works with South Ayrshire Active Schools in the delivery of after school clubs at Barassie and Dundonald catering for up to 100 participants per week. The club initiated and supports the South Ayrshire Schools Gymnastics competition currently attracting 300 participants per year. This support involved engagement with schools to provide CPD delivery to teachers interested in participating and class delivery support in any SAC Primary and Secondary requesting support in participating in the event at Regional or National Level.

Scottish Gymnastics

This is the National Governing Body of which the club's coaches and gymnasts are registered members. Our club officials volunteer to work with the NGB, serving as Judges, Technical Panel members, Board Advisory Groups and providing coach education under the accredited UKCC program.

City of Glasgow Gymnastics Club / Glasgow School of Sport

The club works with these partners in developing gymnasts who participate in the sport at an elite level. This partnership working also provides mentoring support to club coaches to help ensure the highest levels of coaching practice being maintained.

Sporting / Health and Fitness Professionals

In delivering gymnastics coaching at a range of levels the club engages with local professionals in support of its programs. This includes Pilates instructor, Strength and Conditioning specialists, physiotherapy and choreographer. The existing partners provide a further platform to develop a range of activities.

The facility proposal creates an opportunity to build on the existing community. It provides an opportunity to expand access to the community who have an interest in

gymnastics and further seeks to engage with partners in local geographical community interested in engaging in the general public health and social wellbeing aspects of the proposal.

Troon and Muirhead Local Community

The long-standing local community based around the facility in addition to the wider Troon Resident Community.

Troon Community Sports Hub

DGC is an existing member of the Community Sports Hub and seeks to be able to make a greater contribution to its work from a locally based facility. The proposed facility is adjacent to the recently redeveloped Marr College facility and associated all weather pitches providing an opportunity to sports to work together in the provision of sporting excellence in our local area.

Education

The proposed facility is situated in close proximity to 2 primary and 1 secondary school and the club would seek to develop strong relationships with these partners in provision of access to our young people.

Existing Membership

Existing waiting list

National Governing Body - Scottish Gymnastics

Sports Scotland

Troon Community Sports Hub

South Ayrshire Active Schools

South Ayrshire Local Schools

South Ayrshire Sports Development

Glasgow City Gymnastics Club

Glasgow School of Sport

Muirhead Community Police

DGC has various levels of working partnership working with all of these partners and it is proposed as part of the process to secure the asset transfer that we will provide evidence of community support in the following ways

Survey evidence from our membership and waiting list on the proposal.

Letters of support from representatives of groups or bodies based on the facility proposal.

The support of Muirhead Residents Association and Local Councillors are also vital to the proposal. It is proposed that full consultation is undertaken with these community members throughout the process to both ensure the acceptability of the proposal and listen to feedback which may enhance the proposal for the benefit of the community the facility will serve.

Section 6: Funding

6.1 Please outline how you propose to fund the price or rent you are prepared to pay for the land, and your proposed use of the land.

You should show your calculations of the costs associated with the transfer of the land or building and your future use of it, including any redevelopment, ongoing maintenance and the costs of your activities. All proposed income and investment should be identified, including volunteering and donations. If you intend to apply for grants or loans you should demonstrate that your proposals are eligible for the relevant scheme, according to the guidance available for applicants.

Based on a nominal asset transfer fee the club anticipates no funding issues regarding the actual asset transfer.

The club currently utilises an identical facility at Dundonald and has further equipment stored in various locations to accommodate an immediate move with no initial requirement for extensive redevelopment.

In the short term additional equipment would be purchased using funds the club has available for this purpose.

In the medium and long term, we would seek to undertake internal alterations to make the facility suitable for the full business plan including reconfiguration of squash court, office, storage, kitchen and existing changing areas.

We may further seek to raise the height of the changing room area of the premises to provide for greater flexibility of use. The development of specialist pitted areas are also planned.

It is planned to raise funding through operation of a successful business model that provides scope for reinvestment and combine this with applications for funding through grants or loans at the appropriate time.

Current funds being considered are;

Social Investment Fund

Robertson Trust Capital Projects and Employment

Cooperative Community Fund

Cashback for Communities

Funding Scotland

Weir Trust

People Post Code Trust

Garfield Weston Foundation

Woodward Charitable Trust

Signature

Two office-bearers (board members, charity trustees or committee members) of the community transfer body must sign the form. They must provide their full names and home addresses for the purposes of prevention and detection of fraud.

This form and supporting documents will be made available online for any interested person to read and comment on. Personal information will be redacted before the form is made available.

We, the undersigned on behalf of the community transfer body as noted at section 1, make an asset transfer request as specified in this form.

We declare that the information provided in this form and any accompanying documents is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Name (redacted)

Address (redacted)

(redacted)

(redacted)

Date (redacted)

Position (redacted)

Signature

Name (redacted)

Address (redacted)

(redacted)

(redacted)

Date (redacted)

Position (redacted)

Signature

Checklist of accompanying documents

To check that nothing is missed, please list any documents which you are submitting to accompany this form.

Section 1 – you must attach your organisation’s constitution, articles of association or registered rules:

SCIO Constitution – DGC (attached)

Full DGC Policies and Procedures list attached

Section 2 – any maps, drawings or description of the land requested

Documents attached: See attached list.

Section 3 – note of any terms and conditions that are to apply to the request

Documents attached: See attached list.

Section 4 – about your proposals, their benefits, any restrictions on the land or potential negative consequences, and your organisation’s capacity to deliver.

Documents attached: See attached list.

Section 5 – evidence of community support

Documents attached: See attached list.

Section 6 – funding

Documents attached: See attached list.