

Appendix 13b

Support from the Public Consultation Process in relation to: Appeal by Blantyre Soccer Academy to South Lanarkshire Council's decision to refuse a Community Asset Transfer for the Jock Stein Facility, Hillhouse

1. I think it is a great shame the Blantyre Soccer Academy were not successful in their application for asset transfer of Jock Stein. I know that BSA are an organisation with great ambitions to improve the local community. You only need to look at what they have done with the Community Hub at Birch Place, Blantyre in regards to the garden area that is available for the community to use. I have no doubt BSA would have the same ambition and determination to improve the Jock Stein facility which would in turn benefit the wider community.

I believe that Asset Transfer projects can be hugely successful for all concerned. A great example of this is EKYC who took on a SLC facility and has made great use of the facility and has made further investment to improve it.

There is no doubt in my mind, Asset Transfer of the Jock Stein to Blantyre Soccer Academy would be great benefit to all concerned.

Regards
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