
BRAIDFIELD CAMPUS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services advising the Committee on the current status and future proposals for Braidfield Campus.

On the motion of Councillor McGlinchey, seconded by Councillor McAllister, after discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services and the Head of Service (Resources) in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed to approve the following motion:-

Committee agrees recommendations 8.1, and 8.2.

Committee notes that the community sports facilities which are part of the PPP schools project will not become available to our schools, or to the community until September 2010 – almost a year and a half away.

Committee believes that it is West Dunbartonshire Councils duty to provide the best possible opportunities to the community – and especially our young people – to participate in sporting activity, and notes that doing so will help us meet national outcomes 3, 4, 5, and especially 6 in our single outcome agreements with the Scottish Government.

Committee further notes that without appropriate staffing, changing, toilet, and lighting facilities the Braidfield pitches will **a)** not be of use to younger groups of children, or those with additional support needs who may not be able to take full responsibility for opening and securing the site, and for all health and safety, as would be required, and; **b)** the facility would be at greater risk of early closure due to possible health & safety compromise, or vandalism, as outlined in the report.

With this in mind, committee expresses its wish that the Braidfield pitches remain available to the public, with full facilities, until the Clydebank High, and St Peter the Apostle pitches become available. Committee asks for a report with option appraisals to be brought forward to the May council meeting outlining the estimated cost of providing janitorial staff, changing, toilet, & lighting facilities for the Braidfield pitches until the sports pitches at both St Peter the Apostle and Clydebank High are complete and available for the schools and the wider community to use.