

# **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Report by Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services**

**Social Justice Committee: 14 June 2006**

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**Subject: Haldane United Football Club**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** This report is to seek the Committee's agreement to authorising a free let of the premises located at 2a Manse Drive, Haldane, Alexandria to the Haldane United Football Club.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1** The Haldane United Football Club was formed in 1998. The team consists of approximately 20 players aged 16 years and over. They are affiliated to the Scottish Football Association (SFA) and they play in the West of Scotland Amateur Football League.
- 2.2** In 2004 the coach of this team formed a team for young people, aged 16 years and under. There are approximately 10 local young people who regularly play in this team.
- 2.3** The Haldane United Football Club received two small grants from the Lottery's "Awards for All" to start up the teams. Both teams are sponsored by local business for their equipment, track suits, and football strips.

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The teams use the Balloch Veteran Bowling Green, however, they are competing with other groups for the facilities, and the facilities are not suitable for their needs.
- 3.2** The team wishes to use 2a Manse Drive as a changing facility and install a wet room with showers in the large toilet area at their own expense. This is subject to planning permission and a building warrant being issued.
- 3.3** The property was originally a rent sub-office and later used by the Haldane Tenants and Residents Association but is currently unoccupied. The property is held in the Housing Revenue Account with no rental charge attributed to it and is surplus to requirements.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1** If the Committee agrees to a continuation of a nil rent charge, there will be no financial implications to the authority.

**5. Personnel Issues**

**5.1** There are no personnel issues.

**6. Conclusion**

**6.1** Supporting these two football teams provides a benefit to the Haldane community, in particular keeping the adults and young people fit and healthy and providing positive and constructive activities for the young people.

**7. Recommendation**

**7.1** The Committee is asked to approve the free let of the premises at 2a Manse Drive to Haldane United Football Club, subject to planning permission and a building warrant being granted for the proposed upgrading of this facility at no cost to the Council.



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**Date: 23 May 2006**

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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Ward 20 Haldane/Kilmaronock/Jamestown
<b>Appendix:</b>	None
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
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