



To Whom It May Concern,

Date: 1st December 2017

**COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER APPLICATION FOR RIVERVIEW FOOTBALL PITCHES, MONIFIETH BY
MONIFIETH ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB SCIO (MAFC)**

You may already be aware that MAFC are pursuing a creation of an all-weather playing multi sports pitch at Riverview Pitches in Monifieth. As part of this process, the Club need to have a long term lease on the land and buildings or own these outright. The Club currently have a lease with Angus Council and we have submitted a Community Asset Transfer application to extend this to 99 years so we can progress with our plans for a local, affordable, self-financing community sports resource which will achieve the aims shown below:

- MAFC will deliver more grassroots football for children aged 5-19.
- 270+ children participants - 15% rural participants, increasing to over 300 by 2019
- Further sport, such as rugby training can be offered on the all-weather surface.
- Increased capacity to provide walking football for senior members of the community.
- Increased capacity to expand education through football for children with additional support needs (ASN).
- Increased capacity to offer sport as a diversion to teenagers involved in anti-social behaviour.
- All weather surface will allow links to school pupils, offering sport on a Friday afternoon when school ends.
- Pavilion redevelopment will allow space to increase community use for groups such as baby sensory, coffee mornings, education for parents, coaches and children's football parties.
- Giving the community a facility and legacy to be proud of and aligned with other areas and local planning. Raise community aspiration and opportunity (volunteering, employment etc)
- Promote social inclusion through sport, recreation and education.
- Promote healthy living and tackle inequality
- Build social capacity and a sense of place

This project's main aim is to increase and improve sporting facilities for young people. The project will allow children and youths to use the sporting facilities all year. It will allow MAFC to expand and continue to deliver education on life skills through sport.

It will allow MAFC to deliver further training for local youths, providing recognised coaching qualifications and life skills to advance into further education and employment, and also allow young people to develop their athleticism in a quality environment, maximising their potential to go onto a higher/professional level.



The additional use of the facility will also reduce the opportunities for anti-social behaviour in the car park, which is an area of concern currently.

The remaining land will be utilised as football pitches and communal open space, with better provision and directions allowing more appropriate access for other users, including dog walkers.

MAFC took part in a charrette for the Monifieth/Sidlaws area which indicated a need for improved local use sports facilities and large multi-use areas for indoor events. At present the local communities travel distances to use sports facilities similar to the one planned. Other similar 3G surfaces are constantly booked, restricting use and showing demand for expansion in the area.

Monifieth/Sidlaws area is often seen as a forgotten suburb of Dundee. However, its community is vibrant with an increased demographic through growth in house building (up to 400 houses being built). As the largest club in the area MAFC recognises the need for providing well managed sports facilities for the current and growing communities.

MAFC have recently opened an online survey, open to the public and publicised via our social media pages, asking for opinions on the service MAFC provide and the facilities available now and for the future. Initial responses showed significant support for improved facilities.

For this project to become a reality, MAFC require your support for the Community Asset Transfer application which will be considered by Angus Council on 18th December 2018. If you can support this exciting community project, please insert your name and address below and indicate your support or objection to the application. Completed letters can be returned to:

Many thanks for your support.

NAME		Feel free to include any comments you may have.
COMPANY NAME (if applicable)		
ADDRESS (INCLUDING POST CODE)		
SIGNATURE		
DATE		
I/We support the MAFC Community Asset Transfer Application.	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)	