

To: Fintry Sports Club Committee

Subject: Proposed Lease

Dear Dougie,

We are writing on behalf of Fintry Community Council in response to your request for further clarification regarding our proposal for a 25-year lease, with a review after 15 years.

The Community Council has given careful consideration to the proposed lease, taking into account the needs of the Sports Club, the long-term interests of the village and our responsibility to protect community land for future generations.

Following discussions between members of the Community Council and our solicitor regarding the proposed lease, advice was provided in relation to the proposed 25-year term. This advice, together with information and guidance received from Stirling Council and the Scottish Government, informed the Community Council's consideration of the appropriate lease arrangements.

Having considered the advice available, the needs of the Sports Club and our responsibilities to the wider community, the Community Council concluded that a 25-year lease, with a review after 15 years, was an appropriate proposal to take forward. This proposal was formally considered through the Community Council's decision-making process and approved by a vote. It therefore represents the Community Council's considered position on the matter.

In reaching this decision, the Community Council sought to balance the Sports Club's need for security to operate, plan for the future and pursue funding opportunities with its responsibility to safeguard the land for the benefit of the children and people of Fintry.

The land was gifted for sporting and recreational purposes for the benefit of the children and people of Fintry. The Community Council therefore has a responsibility to consider both the present needs of the Sports Club and the interests of the wider community, ensuring that this legacy is protected for future generations.

We recognise that the Sports Club may have different preferences regarding the proposed lease terms. However, the Community Council has considered the matter carefully and reached its position following consideration of the advice and information available to it.

The Community Council has received advice, considered the information available and reached its own decision through the appropriate decision-making process. We trust that this letter provides sufficient clarification of the basis for that decision.

The Community Council believes that the proposed 25-year lease, with a review after 15 years, provides a reasonable basis for securing the Sports Club's future while protecting the interests of the wider community.

The discussions to date have provided an opportunity for the respective positions to be explained and considered. The Community Council's intention is now to progress matters towards the preparation of a formal lease reflecting the proposed terms, subject to legal drafting and the necessary final agreement between the parties.

We therefore hope that we can now move forward constructively with the preparation of the lease, rather than continuing to revisit the basis of the Community Council's decision. We remain committed to working with the Sports Club to bring this matter to a conclusion and establish a clear and workable arrangement for the future.

We trust that this clarifies the Community Council's position and provides a basis for progressing to the next stage.

Yours sincerely,

Fintry Community Council