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Cabinet Meeting 9th September MUGA facility in Gamlingay

Dear Council,

I would like to submit a question for the above Cabinet meeting that takes place this week.

I represent Gamlingay Football Club and would like to ask the following question be asked to Cabinet at the meeting. Unfortunately due to work commitments and holidays both I as Vice Chair and Brian Culverhouse as Chair of the club are unable to attend in person hence our need to submit this written question.

"Council are being recommended to implement the building of the MUGA on the GVC site rather than adjacent to the GVC to allow the management of the facility by the Community Centre. Do the Council believe that given the recent efforts, by a number of parties to ensure the delivery of this project continues that reverting back to the GVC is the correct decision, when at a time the GVC should be actively supporting the Football Club it has refused.

Gamlingay Football Club desperately need support for changing facilities for it's teams while the Community Centre is out of use and the GVC have refused to assist in supporting the Club by renting changing facilities to us. This does not strike us, as a club, to be the actions of a "community" minded GVC. We believe the likely outcome of this decision will be a facility that is not fully utilised to its maximum potential and far from becoming a community facility will be a GVC facility with limited community use through the year.

The drive needed to make this facility a success has been demonstrated in recent months as the community has taken this project on to ensure delivery at a time when the GVC was under review. We believe the Cabinet would be better placed to make the decision to let the Community Centre manage the facility and therefore drive this project to maximum potential which we do not believe the current GVC are able to do".

Would Cabinet care to comment?

Could we also ask for a written response to our comments.

We look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Lewis Girdwood Gamlingay Football Club Vice Chair and Treasurer