

Chance for better facilities

WE wish to respond to Tom Minogue's letter from last week (*Press*, 24th June).

We recall Tom submitted a letter on 5th November 2009 headed "How long before Pitreavie is used for housing?" registering his concerns for the development of sport at Pitreavie in respect of council promises.

Fife youths could have been enjoying this indoor facility as Fife bowlers have done inside their indoor stadium at Abbey-view had we received more support than that experienced during our efforts to develop the academy.

The opportunity to get the academy up and running at Spencerfield, adjacent to Inverkeithing High School, allows us to engage with the high school for both sporting and educational experiences.

As a not for profit charitable trust, all profits after costs would be covenanted back to the community through the trust board. Sir Alex Ferguson recognises the benefits this indoor facility will bring to the wider Fife youth and his name would never be used to promote any idea of wrongdoing as you have intimated.

Your statement, Tom, re "stewards of the 60 year lease", is incorrect. Perhaps you should revisit your letter of 5th November 2009 where your references were more accurate.

As for Councillor Dempsey, the reason we as a charity are now looking to Spencerfield for our indoor sports academy is quite simply the effort and time spent trying to develop this facility at Pitreavie continually came unstuck due to your council's lease and, in particular, clause 6 document. Had we received the support from Pitreavie stakeholders we are now getting from the Alf Stewart Foundation then we would already have the academy.

At Spencerfield we would be able to deliver through a series of sporting curriculum classes, healthy bodies and minds and create an environment which will answer many questions posed why our national sports teams do not secure the success other countries do in European and World events.

Quite simply we do not have the facilities. Do you really want to see the benefits to be achieved through this academy being lost to our youth throughout Fife?

Would you and other councillors be willing to meet with us to discuss our national strategy for the development of "grassroots sport" in Fife and throughout Scotland?

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