

DISABILITY ACCESS REPORT SUMMARY

During 2006/07 we were requested to review the need and requirements to provide disabled access to the upstairs area of the Clubhouse.

Approaches were made to two companies to quote for providing chair lift access using either of the two stairways. The quotes received were £3,950 from Acorn Stairlifts and £4,335 from Advanced Stairlifts.

The Club Council were satisfied with these quotes and subsequently made an approach to South Ayrshire Council regarding installation permission. A survey was carried out by SAC who reported that permission would be refused on the grounds that the stairways would be unsuitable for exit in the case of emergency evacuation.

Investigation was then carried out into what other form of access could be made available.

Two lift companies were approached (Omega Lift Co and Pickering Lifts) and surveys were carried out.

Their summary was that an internal personal lift was not possible due to the construction of the building. Their proposal therefore was that an external platform lift (non goods) could be installed at the south end of the building adjacent to the locker room entrance, with upper floor access being knocked through the existing window of the front bar area. An estimated cost of providing such a lift would be £22,500 plus VAT, plus an approximate provision of £5,000 for other building works.

The Council decided that as a result of these costs it could not at this time provide such facilities.

Should the members decide that such facilities should be provided the provision will have to be made through the introduction of a levy. A one year levy, excluding juniors, would cost members approx £49 (£56 if VAT included in figure).