

New Sports Pavilion for Moffat Community

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The Beechgrove Sports Partnership is pleased to announce that a contract has been let to demolish the existing run down pavilion at Beechgrove Recreation Ground, previously servicing the local bowling club and tennis club, and build a fully accessible replacement pavilion that will additionally be available for private and community lets.

A site start is scheduled for mid September with anticipated completion by the fourth week in February, 2023. The completion of the new pavilion will coincide with the return of normal sporting events at the recreation ground in 2023 after several years of disruption due to the pandemic. In particular it will enable the return of open bowling competitions and the South of Scotland tennis championships to Beechgrove which will be warmly welcomed by members and the local community.

The Beechgrove Sports Partnership is a registered charity set up in 2014 with the objective of increasing participation in Sports in Moffat and the surrounding area particularly amongst young people. The provision of a replacement pavilion at Beechgrove was central to that objective and allied with the recent provision of 6 new floodlit all weather tennis courts, this development is anticipated to see participation in local sport flourishing.

“Sport has been played at Beechgrove since 1872 and the deterioration of the existing pavilion was threatening that tradition which was central to the health and wellbeing and amenity of the town in general,” said Andy Armstrong, chair of the partnership. “Work began with Dumfries and Galloway Council and the local sports hub as far back as 2014 largely because of the essential need to provide a new pavilion, and although it has been a long, Covid affected haul, the board trustees are more than delighted that we have achieved our funding goal and are now able to engage a Dumfries contractor, Molplant Construction Ltd, to deliver the new pavilion in time for the playing season in 2023”

“The new pavilion will also be available for wider use and we anticipate making it available for let to community groups and for private use and functions. The Beechgrove Sports Partnership would like to take this opportunity to thank our funders for their assistance over the years and of course their financial support without which the building of this new community facility would not be possible.”

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