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13/12/2016

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Dear Ms Thewliss,

Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to our Chairman here at Cowdenbeath FC, Donald Findlay QC. Donald has requested me as club secretary to look into the matter and then to respond to you.

I must admit this is the first time in my experience that Breastfeeding has been raised as a matter with ourselves. We have had no established policy or position on Breastfeeding. However, we have no problem in agreeing that Cowdenbeath FC are willing to be a Breastfeeding Friendly Club at its matches at Central Park as per your request.

Thank you for your best wishes for the remainder of the season and best wishes for the forthcoming festive period.

Yours Sincerely,

David Allan Secretary - Cowdenbeath FC





Aberdeen Football Club plc PITTODRIE STADIUM, ABERDEEN AB24 5QH

29th November 2016

Alison Thewliss MP Glasgow Central Constituency Office 33 London Road Glasgow G1 5NW

Dear Ms Thewliss

Subject: Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

We refer to your letter dated 23rd November 2016 to our Chairman on the matter identified above and note the contents therein.

Aberdeen Football Club is a family friendly club with stadium facilities made available for various aspects of personal needs, including those you refer to specifically in your letter.

Furthermore, our AFC Community Trust (Charity reference SC044720) promotes all forms of socially inclusive activities within its portfolio of programmes and we therefore have no difficulty in accommodating the needs of those individuals wishing to breastfeed at our stadium.

Yours in Sport

George K Yule M.Univ. (Abdn) Executive Vice Chairman

From:

lain Jamieson < IJamieson@celticfc.co.uk>

Sent:

22 February 2017 15:17

To:

THEWLISS, Alison

Subject:

Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

Categories:

Actioned by David

Dear Alison,

We received a letter from your office to our Chairman Ian Bankier enquiring about Breastfeeding at Football Grounds.

In response to your question, I can confirm that Celtic Park is a breastfeeding friendly ground, which I hope helps.

Thank you for your interest in Celtic Football club and your kind wishes

Best Regards

lain Jamieson



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27 November 2016 10:59

To:

THEWLISS, Alison

Cc:

Heather Allan (HA@excelsiorstadium.co.uk)

Subject:

Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds.

Dear Ms Thewliss,

I refer to your letter to our Chairman Mr Tom Wotherspoon.

The Club leases the facilities at Excelsior Stadium in Airdrie so it would not be fair for us to make a specific declaration on their behalf.

However it is a discussion that we have had with them and both the stadium and the club acknowledge that this is a policy we agree on.

The steward are aware to direct any such requests to the main reception where we will be able to facilitate this.

Yours sincerely, Ann Marie

Ann Marie Ballantyne

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Sent:

09 December 2016 14:45

To:

LINDEN, David

Subject:

FW: Breastfeeding

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Sent: 09 December 2016 14:18

To: THEWLISS, Alison <alison.thewliss.mp@parliament.uk>

Subject: Ref: Breastfeeding

Dear Alison,

Thank-you for your note regarding infant feeding and inequalities.

Here at Annan Athletic FC we pride ourselves in our involvement in the community, we are pretty unique in Scottish football, the club is run by volunteers, although we are technically owned 100% by the fans we are going through the process to formalise the process which will see us become a community benefit society - not sure what the hierarchy of football might think of that but too bad.

At Galabank we have a social club integrated into the ground, there are events happening regularly such as birthday parties, anniversaries, wedding receptions, christenings, etc. Quite often there will be four generations present. Breastfeeding is not something we have needed to address formally as we have never had any complaints or issues raised in the past, we are unaware of anyone ever being stopped breastfeeding on our premises. We have no problems whatsoever declaring the ground and associated premises as breastfeeding friendly....the added bonus if attending one of our matches...all children under 12 get free access.

Best Regards Henry From: Arbroath FC [mailto:afc@gayfield.fsnet.co.uk]

Sent: 18 January 2017 12:51

To: THEWLISS, Alison <a i representation alison.thewliss.mp@parliament.uk >

Subject: Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

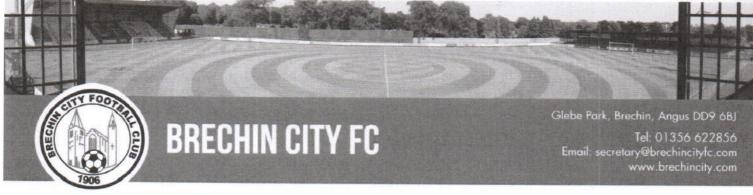
Dear Alison

I refer to your recent letter regarding Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds. Given that Arbroath FC is a community club we would be delighted to be included on your website as a participating club.

Thanks Again

Regards
John Christison

Chairman Arbroath F.C.



Alison Thewliss MP 33 London Road Glasgow G1 5NW

Date: 20 January 2017

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Dear Alison,

Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

Thank you for your letter of 16^{th} January. I cannot recall seeing your earlier letter, I do note that the postal address is slightly incorrect.

The Management Committee of Brechin City F can confirm that we regard our Club and our ground at Glebe Park as open to all supporters and that in this regard we would endeavor to provide appropriate facilities for anyone wishing to breastfeed should this be required and in any case our staff will support anyone requiring assistance if needed.

We have no hesitation in declaring our ground as being breastfeeding friendly.

I trust this meets with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Kerguson.

Chairman







DUNDEE

From:

THEWLISS, Alison

Sent:

01 December 2016 11:02

To:

LINDEN, David

Subject:

FW: Dundee FC Infant Feeding and Inequalities

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To: THEWLISS, Alison <alison.thewliss.mp@parliament.uk>

Cc: Tommy Young <Tommy@dundeefc.co.uk>
Subject: Dundee FC Infant Feeding and Inequalities

Ms. Thewliss,

Thank you for your letter dated 23 November 2016 regarding Infant Feeding and Inequalities. Your request to declare our ground breastfeeding friendly can certainly be granted as we at Dundee Football Club would consider ourselves already a breastfeeding friendly Club. Although, until now, have never been prompted to say so publicly. As a matter of course, it has never been brought to my attention that we have had any issues with regards to breastfeeding in Dens Park and do not have any data that would suggest this is an issue within our overall organization. It is our opinion, as a family friendly Club, that as long as the feeding takes place in a safe manner we see no issue with a child being nourished in the ground. Thank you for bringing this issue to light and good luck in your endeavours.

All the best,



MCSPORRAN, Sandra

DUNDEE UTO

From:

Riki Grauer < Riki.Grauer@dundeeunitedfc.co.uk>

Sent:

16 January 2017 16:13

To:

THEWLISS, Alison

Cc:

lan Low; Nigel Smith

Subject:

Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

Dear Alison

In response to your recent letter, we are fully supportive of your campaign and are delighted to declare Tannadice a breastfeeding friendly football ground.

Kind regards,



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LINDEN, David

From:

THEWLISS, Alison

Sent:

07 December 2016 13:41

To:

LINDEN, David

Subject:

FW: Breast Feeding Friendly Football Clubs

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Sent: 07 December 2016 10:19

To: THEWLISS, Alison <alison.thewliss.mp@parliament.uk>

Cc: Kieran Koszary <kierank@falkirkfc.co.uk>; Stephanie Todd <steftodd@gmail.com>

Subject: Breast Feeding Friendly Football Clubs

Dear Alison,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd November about breast feeding friendly football grounds.

I am delighted to report to you that our Board considered this matter yesterday and we have agreed to be a 'Breast Feeding Friendly Ground'.

Best wishes.

Doug

DOUG HENDERSON

CHAIRMAN: FALKIRK FOOTBALL CLUB

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From:

THEWLISS, Alison

Sent:

24 January 2017 09:16

To:

LINDEN, David

Subject:

FW: Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

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Sent: 24 January 2017 09:02

To: THEWLISS, Alison <alison.thewliss.mp@parliament.uk>

Subject: Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

Morning

Your recent letter was noted at our Board Meeting last night and we are happy to add Station Park to your list of Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds.

Regards

David McGregor Secretary Forfar Athletic FC From: Warren Hawke [mailto:warren@mortoncommunity.net]

Sent: 30 January 2017 12:17

To: THEWLISS, Alison <alison.thewliss.mp@parliament.uk>
Subject: Re: Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

Alison.

Thanks for the email

I am delighted to confirm that we would like to back this initiative and declare Cappielow Park a breastfeeding friendly zone.

The club would actively support any mother who is wanting to feed their child on our premises either during a game or during one of our club or community projects.

Best wishes Warren Hawke

GMFC Chief Executive

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MCSPORRAN, Sandra

From:

Les Gray <Les@fitzroywm.co.uk>

Sent:

24 January 2017 16:22 THEWLISS, Alison

To: Cc:

Les Gray

Subject:

Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

Hi Alison

I refer to your letter of 16th Jan 2017 with regard to the above and can say that we as a club are happy to be considered as being breast feeding friendly.

Kind Regards

Les Gray Chairman Hamilton Academical FC

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31st December 2016



Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

Dear Alison

Thank you for your letter of 23rd November regarding breastfeeding friendly football grounds.

Montrose Football Club fully supports the progressive work being undertaken to ensure that sporting facilities are safe spaces in which women can feel comfortable whilst breastfeeding.

As a club with strong roots in the local community, we pride ourselves on our family friendly and inclusive ethos, and as such we are pleased to declare Links Park Stadium a breastfeeding friendly area.

I wish you every success with your awareness raising efforts in regards to this issue.

Yours sincerely

John D Crawford

Chairman

Montrose Football Club

MOTHERWELL

From:

Alan Burrows < Alan.Burrows@motherwellfc.co.uk>

Sent:

25 November 2016 13:18

To:

THEWLISS, Alison

Subject:

Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds I Motherwell F.C.

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Hi Alison.

RE: Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds and letter to Jim McMahon (Chairman) dated 23 November

I thought I would send you an email, rather than a formal letter, purely to make it easier to publish the results on your website.

I wasn't fully aware about the recent developments at Ayr United FC in relation to changes at Somerset Park, but welcome them and would be keen for Motherwell FC to follow suit.

As you know, Motherwell FC is a engaging, fan-focused community entity who puts huge onus in making Fir Park Stadium as welcoming as we can be for families.

As a result, I have today made contact and reached out to the Lanarkshire Breastfeeding Initiative (LBI) for help, support and advice with a view to making Fir Park officially Breastfeeding Friendly. Together with my Community Trust GM Dawn Middleton, Stadium Manager Alan Marshall and Fan Engagement Manager Ryan Murrant, we will aim to take this forward as quickly as possible.

Kindest Regards,

Alan Burrows Chief Operating Officer



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Thursday 19th January 2017 Reference: Breastfeeding

Dear Alison,

I can declare that Queen of the South Football Club's ground, Palmerston Park, Dumfries, DG2 9QJ is a breastfeeding friendly ground.

Yours Sincerely,

William Hewitson Chairman

Queen of the South FC

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Ms Alison Thewliss MP Glasgow Central Constituency Office 33 London Road Glasgow G1 5NW

19th December 2016

Dear Alison

Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

As you will know Queen's Park FC play all their 1st X1 home matches at Hampden Park. I am pleased to be able to inform you that Queen's Park matches are breastfeeding friendly as is our youth training facility at Lesser Hampden.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Christine Wright.





18th January 2017

Alison Thewliss MP

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Dear Alison

Breast Feeding Friendly Football Grounds

I have been passed your letter dated 16 January 2017 for reply. I am pleased to inform you that Ibrox Stadium was awarded a Breast Feeding Welcome award by GGC NHS Scotland in February 2014.

This was welcomed amongst many of the Family friendly initiatives that have been put in place here at the Stadium.

Kind Regards

Elizabeth Kay CMIOSH

Health and safety Manager

On behalf of Rangers Football Club

Ross County

From: Peter Swanson < peter.swanson@ergscotland.co.uk>

 Sent:
 25 November 2016 12:59

 To:
 THEWLISS, Alison

Subject: FW: Breastfeeding Friendly Football Ground

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From: Peter Swanson

Sent: 25 November 2016 12:56

To: 'alison.thewlis.mp@parliament.uk'
Cc: roy.macgregor@gegroup.com

Subject: Breastfeeding Friendly Football Ground

Dear Alison,

Our Chairman, Roy MacGregor has asked me to respond to your recent letter regarding breastfeeding at our football ground.

We are more than happy to Declare the Global Energy Stadium as being Breastfeeding Friendly and at present we recognise the requirement and also have a modesty area if women require this .

Peter Swanson

Director of Operations

Ross County Football Club Global Energy Stadium Victoria Park

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31st January 2017

Dear Alison,

G15NW

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to Gordon Thompson, our Chairman, regarding Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds. I am delighted to respond on the Club's behalf.

Our position is clear, breastfeeding is a right, not a privilege. A mother should never require permission from anyone to sustain an infant. Therefore to answer your question directly, we are of course delighted to declare Ochilview Park as breastfeeding friendly.

Regards

lain McMenemy Director











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MCSPORRAN, Sandra

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Office <office@stirlingalbionfc.co.uk>

Sent:

18 January 2017 17:39

To:

THEWLISS, Alison

Subject:

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Alison

I refer to your letter of 16 January 2017.

Firstly my apologies for the belated response but I don't recall seeing the original.

Stirling Albion has no objection to being referred to as a "Breastfeeding Friendly" *Club* but we do not own the Stadium and the question regarding the status of the Ground would need to be referred to our Landlord, Stirling Council.

Irrespective of this, I am aware of the Equality Act 2010 which makes it illegal for anyone to ask anyone breastfeeding to leave a public place and it goes without saying the Stirling Albion would live within the terms of this Act.

Regards,

Stuart

J Stuart Brown Chairman

Stirling Albion FC

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28th November 2016

Dear Ms Thewliss

Breastfeeding Friendly Football Grounds

I write with regards to the above and to advise that at present Dumbarton Football Club unfortunatley do not have any facilities at our Castle Road premisies. I can confirm that as we are in the process of building a new stadium that this will be something that we will endevour to include in our new stadium plans.

I can confirm that I will forward your letter to our planning co-ordinator who will in turn look into an option for a breast feeding friendly area.

Yours sincerely

Alan Jardine, Chairman

Dumbarton Footbal Club



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23 December 2016

Dear Alison

Many thanks for your letter dated 23 November regarding the Breastfeeding (Scotland) Act 2005 and the actions recently taken by Ayr United to declare its ground as breastfeeding friendly.

Heart of Midlothian FC takes enormous care to ensure that facilities at Tynecastle Stadium are family friendly and enhance the match day experiences for all supporters. Whilst doing so, we have an obligation to also consider potential risks that supporters may encounter amongst crowds which are currently averaging 16,500 per home match. This naturally includes the physical environment and noise encountered by mothers and young babies amongst a vociferous and vibrant atmosphere. The suitability of this environment is, of course, a matter for individual risk evaluation by parents. However, in our Supporters Charter we specifically state that we do not encourage bringing very young babies to the stadium for all of the afore-mentioned reasons.

Given this stated position and the fact that we currently have no specific facilities for the comfort of breastfeeding mothers, we do not feel that we could credibly sign up to declare Tynecastle Stadium as being breastfeeding friendly... that said, should parents elect to bring babies we would certainly provide every support practicable.

Yours sincerely

Ann Budge

Chairwoman & Chief Executive







