

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

28th April 2008

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman).

Labour Group

Councillors Pabla and Shepherd.

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Brown.

Officers

S. Batchelor (Head of Leisure and Community Development), C. Mason (Facilities and Development Manager), S. Wright (Leisure Centre Manager) and D. Townsend (Democratic Services Officer).

Representative of Etwall John Port School

Governors

B. Whyman, M.B.E (Vice-Chairman).

Officers

M. Crane and P. Kenerdell.

Representative of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Bambrick.

In attendance

R. Morrow.

EL/26. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Hood (Representative of Derbyshire County Council), M. Alflat (Director of Community Services) and Mrs. Bussell and Mrs Wedgebury (Community Group Representatives).

EL/27. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January 2008 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/28. **USAGE INFORMATION**

The Leisure Centre Manager submitted a report that included a breakdown of public usage of the swimming pool, squash courts and tennis courts for the financial years 2003/04 to date.

It was also noted that 8 candidates had attended the second Amateur Swimming Association Level 1 Teachers Certificate course over the Easter holidays. A Level 2 course was planned for during the August holiday period, and a further Level 1 course was planned for October 2008.

In addition, the second children's Learn to Swim Programme Gala was held in April, and 11 candidates had attended a course leading to the National Pool Lifeguard Qualification during the months of March /April.

The Leisure Centre Manager confirmed that there were many new customers attending the Leisure Centre, asking questions with regard to what was happening with the existing building. Mr. Whyman asked if decommissioning costs were included within the current budget. It was requested that a report entitled 'Decommissioning Costs' be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

EL/29. **PROGRESS REPORT – NEW LEISURE FACILITIES, JOHN PORT SCHOOL**

A report was submitted providing information on progress in delivering the capital works, and addressing the revenue issues surrounding the new build project.

It was confirmed that excellent progress had been made with the funding package and that work had now started on site, with scheduled completion in July 2009. Progress had also been made in delivering issues identified as requiring consideration, about the future revenue and management needs of the Centre. A series of joint meetings had been held, at which the following issues had been considered:

- Time requirements in the individual elements of the new facility from key stakeholders.
- Time requirements and impact on revenue of any grant giving bodies, particularly Badminton England.
- Staffing arrangements for the new site.
- Options for building cleaning and maintenance.
- Energy use and payment.
- Arrangements for managing equipment.
- Arrangement/options for managing catering and health and fitness provision.

From these discussions and using figures provided from other facilities and historical information, a draft budget had been developed. Representatives of John Port School were considering the implications of this draft budget and further meetings were planned. It was confirmed that a final revenue estimate should be available by the next meeting of the Joint Management Committee.

B. Whyman asked that the legal position of the County Council be established. The Chairman agreed that a legal view should be sought on their involvement, and that the expected revenue stream from local primary schools use also be confirmed. B. Whyman understood that the position with regards to the £250,000 paid previously by the County Council was still unresolved. The Facilities and Development Manager agreed to get a legal opinion of the position of the County Council, plus confirmation of the exact position with regards to the commuted sum.

EL/30. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January 2008 were received.

STAFFING ISSUES (Paragraph 1).

A report was noted which gave an update on the current staffing issues and it was agreed that a further advert be placed for a vacant position.

J. L. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN