Annexe A

Notes of the Forward Strategy Meeting for Etwall Leisure Centre held on 14th February 2003 at the Leisure Centre

1. Present

Michael Crane Head, John Port School

Frank Briggs Deputy Head, John Port School
Graham Cole Head of Finance, John Port School

Kath Bussell Community Group Angela Wedgbury Community Group

Steve Wright Manager, Etwall Leisure Centre

Councillor Mrs Littlejohn

Councillor Routledge

Alan Beastall

Derbyshire County Council

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Councillor Chris Rose
Councillor Bob Southern
Councillor Geoff Evens
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Ian Reid
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Malcolm Roseburgh
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Chris Mason
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Apologies were received from Councillor John Lemmon and Kevin Stackhouse

- 2. After introductions Ian Reid put forward the following objectives for the meeting
 - A common understanding of the history of the project so far
 - An understanding of what each stakeholder wants from the project
 - An agreed vision
 - An outline project plan
 - Stakeholder commitment to identified contributions
 - Agreement to how to progress the scheme in partnership
- 3. Chris Mason then presented a background paper regarding the history of the project so far.
- 4. Each party present was then asked to define what they wanted from the project.
 The results were as follows

John Port School

- Sports Hall suitable for six badminton courts (primary requirement)
- First rate sports facility

- Multi-use games area (MUGA) for community use (preferably floodlit)
- To be a community facility

Community Group

- Wet side facility, preferably with a teaching pool and a flume if possible (primary requirement)
- Sports Hall (primary requirement)
- All weather pitch (primary requirement)
- Fitness suite
- Meeting Rooms
- Youth / Crèche facilities
- After school club
- Some tangible progress

County Council

- Right triggers met in regard to educational needs assessment
- National Curriculum requirements of primary schools
- Solution to the existing facility

South Derbyshire District Council

Needs met of expanding population, especially in North West area Focal point for wider area, possibly beyond leisure provision Promotion

Replacement of current relatively poor facility

5. Those present then undertook a SWOT analysis in two groups in relation to the current proposal and the identified needs of the parties. The combined results were as follows

5.1 Strengths

- Existing partnership and expertise of the partners
- Common understanding
- Location in place, site an existing focal point with certainty
- and longevity
- Established sporting infrastructure
- Community support and commitment
- Compelling and identified need with population growth
- Good communications
- Network travel time
- Broader remit of priorities
- Existing funding commitments

5.2 Weaknesses

- Key funders do not recognise compelling need e.g. FPM
- Funding Gap / Shortfall
- Lack of identified funding streams
- Lack of engagement of key partners
- Lack of political will

- Slipping community support
- Conflict in terms of vision
- Lack of firm base to build
- Lack of project name for promotion purposes

5.3 Opportunities

- Private sponsorship
- Creation of a "centre of excellence" PFI
- Scope for development of site
- Scope for development of surrounding area (Section 106 Monies)
- External funding opportunities (lottery, Football Foundation. Landfill tax)
- School expansion monies
- Private monies (SLM)

5.4 Threats

- Sustainability of current facility and its failure to meet modern expectations
- Lack of facilities to match growing population.
- Increased social problems
- Building closure
- Time-span for community support 2005
- Going it alone by parties
- Competition from new private sector facilities

6. Next actions

It was agreed that sufficient strengths had been identified to justify continuing with the current proposal in relation to the needs of the parties. After further short discussion it was agreed that the next step should be to try and engage other key and senior players in a meeting to seek their active commitment to the project. A list of contacts was discussed and was recorded by Michael Crane who offered that John Port School would prepare a short document, containing hard facts relating to the project with its vision as a central theme. This would be shared with the parties present and, after agreement, Michael Crane would use it to contact and engage those mentioned.

FUNDING POSSIBILITIES

Etwall Leisure Centre

[Ref: Forward Strategy papers 14/02/03] [Forward strategy notes 4/03/03]

Section 106 arrangements

Hilton and possible development at Willington - development and infra-structure funding.

Technology College status for John Port School

Funding will come "on stream" by September, 2003 - approximately £1 million over 4 years. Development Plan includes primary schools, partner organisations, community development in ICT.

P.F.I. initiatives

for "new build". Derbyshire has experience of such initiatives. The school has serious capacity issues.

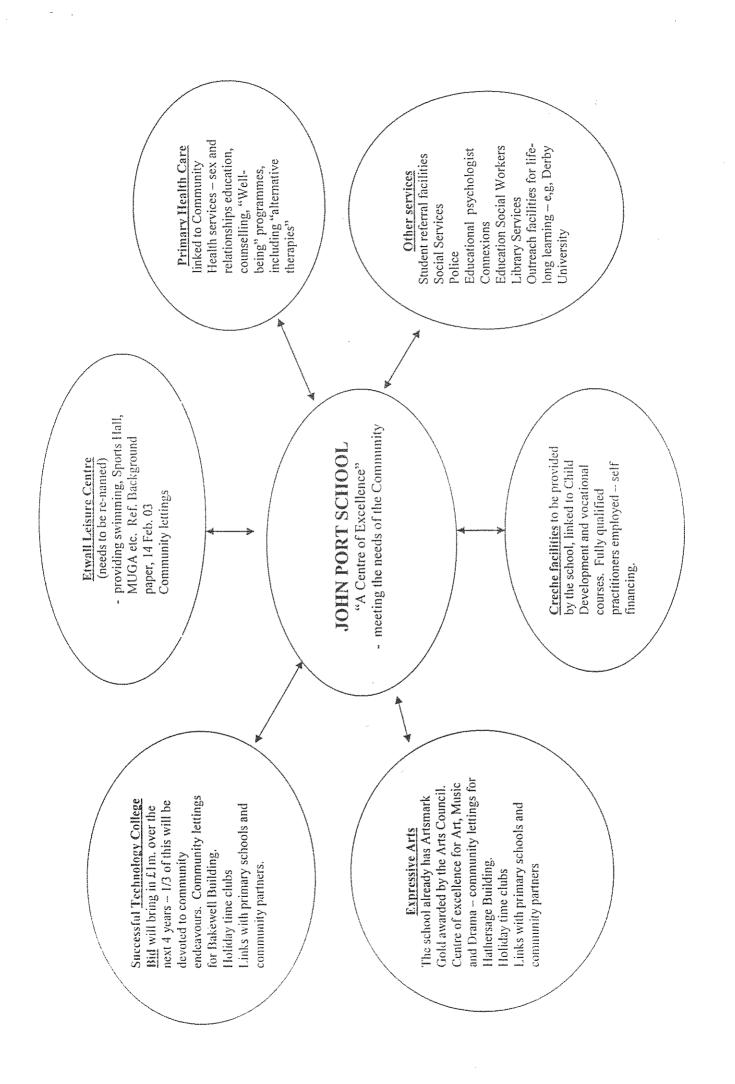
DfES capital investment

"Building Schools for the Future". DfES document 0134/2003 – strategic capital investment i.e. "investment that looks in a systematic way at all secondary provision in an area, and is led by a clear educational vision for local provision, taking all local needs, aspirations and social and economic factors into consideration" (p.7)

"Achieving greater community use of school's learning and sports facilities and, where possible, co-locating other services such as health, childcare or neighbourhood renewal, can be complex. The strategic planning necessary to renew the secondary school estate will provide an opportunity to plan and draw in funding from other sources for these important wider needs and services" (p.8)

Private sponsorship

We need to be very pro-active in promoting our vision. Building firms and Toyota, for example, may be interested in providing funding for a particular initiative.



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