

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

10th July 2006

**PRESENT:-**

**Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council**  
**Labour Group**

Councillors Pabla and Shepherd.

**Conservative Group**

Councillors Mrs. Hood and Lemmon.

**Officers**

K. Stackhouse, C. Mason, S. Wright and D. Townsend.

**Representatives of Etwall John Port School**

**Governors**

M. Crane.

**Officers**

F. Briggs and P. Kennerdell.

**Representative of Derbyshire County Council**

Councillor Hood.

**Community Group Representatives**

Mrs. K. Bussell and Mrs. A. Wedgbury.

EL/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED:-**

That C. Clemens be appointed Chair of the Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.

EL/2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

**RESOLVED:-**

That Councillor Pabla be appointed Vice-Chair of the Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.

EL/3. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th April 2006 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

EL/4. **REPORTS OF MEMBERS**

Councillor Lemmon advised the Committee that the Derby Triathlon would be taking place at Etwall Leisure Centre on 17th September 2006. He expressed major concern over issues of parking and rubbish. He asked if it could be ensured that all efforts were made to guarantee the least possible disruption, especially to the area around Church Hill. It was confirmed that the school did

attempt to make sure that all efforts were made to ensure minimum disruption, but this was a booking which was not organised by the school. C. Mason suggested that the organisers be contacted to ensure that any possible problems were highlighted with particular regard to parking around Church Hill and also rubbish collection. S. Wright and C. Mason agreed to have further discussions on this matter outside of the Meeting.

S. Wright provided a brief report on usage within the Leisure Centre. He confirmed that usage of the swimming pool was on a level with last year, there being a slight decrease in squash court usage and an increase in tennis usage. He also reported that the pool had been closed on 9th July 2006 due to a fault, which had now been rectified.

### **MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

#### **EL/5. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2005/2006**

A report was presented which detailed the Leisure Centre's Final Accounts for 2005/06. This included the formal Financial Statement presented for audit.

It was noted that the Leisure Centre's final out-turn on the main account for 2005/06 showed a net underspend of approximately £4,000. Although there were additional employee and supplies costs this helped to generate additional income of £11,000. With regard to costs and income being apportioned between the partners, contributions for the year were as follows:-

- South Derbyshire District Council – a reduction of £4,255
- John Port School – an increase of £141
- Derbyshire County Council – an increase of £83

The District Council took the whole share of the additional income, whilst any additional costs were shared between all three partners. The District Council had agreed to carry over the overall reduction of £4,255 on the main account, together with the additional surplus on the squash courts account into 2006/07. It was proposed that this was used to supplement the repairs and maintenance budget for the Leisure Centre in this year.

The Draft Statement of Accounts were also detailed. It was reported that these were due to be audited during August 2006 by the District Council's auditors, the Audit Commission. Any issues arising from this audit would be reported to the next Meeting of this Committee in October.

A. Wedgbury reported that an article had recently been included in the Derby Evening Telegraph, which reported that money was currently available for additional sporting facilities at John Port School. She queried where this had been initiated, as she felt that as a Community Group representative on the Joint Management Committee, she should have been advised in advance of this development, and now felt in an awkward position with members of the community groups she represented. C. Mason reported that he was unaware of this article and Officers of John Port School also confirmed that they were not the source of this article. M. Crane confirmed however that a meeting to discuss this issue was programmed imminently, and agreed to circulate further information when available. He confirmed that both Section 106 funds, plus an additional amount were currently in place for an improvement in sporting facilities. Plans were being considered for a new sports hall, but there was still

uncertainty over the swimming pool and its future. M. Crane confirmed that if a positive outcome was reached, a Meeting of the Joint Management Committee would be held to disseminate all information. Councillor Hood also expressed concern at this report and advised the Meeting that he would make enquiries at the County Council as to the source of the information.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Final Accounts for 2005/06 be approved, subject to the necessary audit.

EL/6. **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 24th April 2006 were received.*

**MATTERS ARISING (Paragraph 1)**

*The Leisure Centre Manager gave a verbal update on the current staffing position.*

C. CLEMENS

CHAIR

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2nd October 2006

**PRESENT:-**

**Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council**  
**Labour Group**

Councillors Pabla (Vice-Chair), Richards and Shepherd.

**Conservative Group**

Councillors Mrs. Hood and Lemmon.

**Officers**

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

**Representatives of Etwall John Port School**

**Governors**

C. Clemens (Chair) and M. Crane.

**Officers**

F. Briggs and P. Kennerdell.

**Representative of Derbyshire County Council**

Councillor Bambrick.

**Community Group Representatives**

Mrs. A. Wedgbury.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from M. Alflat (South Derbyshire District Council), Councillor Hood (Derbyshire County Council) and Mrs. Bussell (Community Group Representative).

EL/9. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th July 2006 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

EL/10. **MATTERS ARISING**

With regard to paragraph 5 of Minute No. EL/5, it was reported that no further information was available with regard to the source of the press article.

EL/11. **REPORT OF MEMBERS**

Mrs. Wedgbury asked if there had been any further update on the progress with regard to the proposed funding for additional new/upgraded facilities within Etwall Leisure Centre. The Head of Leisure and Community Development reported that a Meeting had taken place and additional plans were now being considered. A further Meeting was planned on 16th October 2006 with Officers and Members of South Derbyshire District Council together with representatives

of John Port School and Officers of Derbyshire County Council. Mrs. Wedgbury expressed her concern at the delay of this project. The Head of Leisure and Community Development added that following the Meeting on 16th October 2006, a report and recommendation should be produced, subject to further information being available.

***It was agreed that following the Meeting on 16th October 2006, a Special Meeting of the Joint Management Committee be arranged.***

EL/12. **USAGE INFORMATION**

The Leisure Centre Manager reported that the new pool inflatable had become operational at the end of June 2006. This was reflected in the highest number of public swim admissions for the months of July and August since 2002.

He added that the changes made to the Joint Management Committee's "Children's Learn to Swim Programme" in January this year had increased participation by 90 additional pupils per week. The total number of children currently receiving regular swimming lessons was approximately 510 per week. There was still a waiting list for non-swimmers and shallow end improvers in excess of a year, which equated to 90% of the 321 children currently on the waiting list.

In June a family bike, swim and barbeque event was organised with Sustrans Rangers along the Egginton to Mickleover cycle path. Approximately 100 cyclists attended this year's event.

Etwall Leisure Centre was now an Amateur Swimming Association approved centre for the delivery of courses leading to the A.S.A. certificate.

Derbyshire Triathlon Club held it's annual event on 17th September, which was the largest and most prestigious pool-based triathlon event in the East Midlands.

A new local ladies' netball club had also been formed this year and had been booking the hard play area over the summer months for the club's 25 members. Due to shorter daylight hours, the club had now moved to indoor facilities on the school site. The Leisure Centre Manager added that if floodlights were available for the hard play area, the time it could be used may be extended.

Councillor Shepherd queried the success of the ASA courses. The Leisure Centre Manager advised that the course due to take place over Christmas had been filled but there had been difficulties in engaging a tutor. This may have to be rescheduled to a new date in 2007.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Usage Information report be noted.***

EL/13. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

**RESOLVED:-**

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**MINUTES**

*The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th July 2006 were received.*

**PENSION UPDATE (Paragraph 1)**

*The Joint Management Committee received a verbal update on this item.*

C. CLEMENS

CHAIR

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

4th December 2006

**PRESENT:-**

**Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council**

Labour Group

Councillors Pabla (Vice-Chair in the Chair) and Shepherd.

Conservative Group

Councillors Mrs. Hood and Lemmon.

Officers

M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), C. Mason (Leisure Services Manager), S. Wright (Leisure Centre Manager) and D. Townsend (Democratic Services).

**Representatives of Etwall John Port School**

Officers

F. Briggs and P. Kennerdell.

**Representative of Derbyshire County Council**

Councillor Hood.

**Community Group Representatives**

Mrs. Bussell and Mrs. Wedgbury.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from C. Clemens (Chair) and M. Crane (Representatives of Governors of Etwall John Port School), Councillor Richards (South Derbyshire District Council) and Councillor Bambrick (Derbyshire County Council).

EL/17. **REPORT ON PROPOSED LEISURE CENTRE**

The Director of Community Services summarised a report that had been approved by the Housing and Community Services Committee on 23rd November 2006. He advised the Meeting that South Derbyshire District Council had agreed to allocate £3 million, which included £2.5 million of Section 106 funding, £250,000 of County Council funding plus £250,000 of previously accumulated Section 106 housing development money, towards the proposed new leisure centre. He added that the leisure centre would be completed as a partnership with Derbyshire County Council, John Port School and South Derbyshire District Council. There was an update to the report as it had now been agreed between the partners that a total of £6.2 million would be committed to this project. The partners were now exploring additional funding possibilities and the Chair welcomed this news.

Officers of John Port School confirmed that they currently had £2 million towards this project, and had also approached Badminton England for approximately £375,000 to £400,000 of additional funding. It was confirmed that Phase 1 of the bid process would be completed by mid January 2007 and

they were hopeful that this bid would proceed through to Phase 2. If this bid was successful, a condition would require the money to be spent during the financial year 2007/08.

F. Briggs confirmed that it was hoped that work could be completed by September 2008. He added that a meeting had already been held with the architect and a proposal was expected shortly. It was hoped that a planning application would be submitted early in 2007, and that building work would have commenced by autumn 2007.

The Leisure Services Manager suggested that the development of the project should be managed through the Joint Management Committee and offered to produce a report for the next Meeting in conjunction with all partners, that set out the way forward, including the following:-

- Strategy for making good any shortfall in funding.
- Approach to managing the delivery of the project.
- Approach to managing the transfer of business from the existing facility to the bigger site.
- To consider options for future management arrangements for the new site at both strategic and operational levels.

**It was agreed that the Leisure Services Manager co-ordinate the production of a report for the next Meeting of the Joint Management Committee (15th January 2007).**

Mrs. Wedgbury expressed the community group's delight at this news, and hoped that this project would now be completed in a timely manner.

Councillor Lemmon reported that he had had discussions with representatives of Toyota who had indicated that they were prepared to discuss any shortfall of funding when accurately identified.

EL/18. **PLANNED MAINTENANCE SHUTDOWN IN DECEMBER**

The Leisure Centre Manager reported that following instances of members of the public cutting their feet on the bottom of the pool, it was planned to drain the pool over the Christmas period.

EL/19. **TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

The Leisure Centre Manager confirmed that three quotes had been received to install a new telephone system within the leisure centre from. This would be financed from the repairs and maintenance budget.

EL/20. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

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***disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.***

**RECRUITMENT OF DUTY OFFICER (Paragraph 1)**

***The Leisure Centre Manager gave a verbal update on the current staffing position.***

L. S. PABLA

CHAIR

