

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

22nd June 2009

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillors Lemmon and Mrs. Patten.

Labour Group

Councillor Shepherd.

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Brown.

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 and B. Whyman, M.B.E.

Officers

F. Briggs and P. Kennerdell.

Representatives of Derbyshire County Council

Councillors Ford and Murray.

Community Group Representatives

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

EL/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Lemmon be appointed Chairman of the Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.

EL/2. **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from District Councillor Pabla.

EL/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:-

That B. Whyman, M.B.E. be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.

EL/4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lemmon and B. Whyman declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. EL/5, Recognising the Contribution of Individuals in the Delivery of the New Leisure Centre, as their names had previously been associated with this item.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/5. **RECOGNISING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE DELIVERY OF THE NEW LEISURE CENTRE**

It was agreed that for this item only, the Meeting continue without a Chairman, as both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had declared a prejudicial interest, and left the Meeting.

At a previous meeting of this Committee, it was resolved that consideration would be given to recognising the contribution made by individuals in bringing to fruition the construction of the new leisure centre. Specific mention was made of the roles played by the Chair of the School Governors, Barrie Whyman, M.B.E. and District Councillor John Lemmon.

This item was discussed in full, and a suggestion from the Community Group, that they provide a Roll of Honour to be located in the main thoroughfare of the building, which would recognise all main contributors to the facility, was deemed a suitable suggestion.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the contributions made by B. Whyman, M.B.E. and Councillor Lemmon be recognised on a Roll of Honour to be contributed by the Community Group, to be located in the main thoroughfare of the building. This would also recognise other main contributors to the facility and would be completed following the opening of the leisure centre.

(2) That 'Hilton' be incorporated in the name of the swimming pool.

(Councillor Lemmon and B. Whyman, M.B.E. declared a prejudicial interest in this item, and left the Meeting for the consideration thereof.)

EL/6. **FORMAL OPENING OF THE NEW LEISURE CENTRE**

It was confirmed that following discussions between the District Council and the School, the formal opening ceremony was planned for 17th July 2009. An outline programme for the day was attached as an annexe to the report. It was

confirmed that to support the formal opening and generate greater media interest, approaches had been made to the swimming and badminton governing bodies to ascertain if a number of their Olympic athletes were available.

Due to the space available, and the desire to have activities on show in the main venues, the numbers of invited guests had been restricted to 60. A draft list of guests to be invited was circulated at the meeting. Frank Briggs confirmed that the School would like further input into the opening arrangements, and that they might require additional attendees for the opening ceremony. He added that they may be able to provide seating for up to 100 guests, although the Leisure Services Manager responded that he felt that 60 was a reasonable number, and that a fire/risk assessment had yet to be done, which may impact upon maximum numbers. It was suggested that representatives of both the School and the District Council meet as soon as possible to finalise any outstanding arrangements and the invitation list.

As the opening of the new leisure centre approached, Members also discussed the constitutional arrangements for the new Joint Management Committee. B. Whyman pointed out that he felt there were no constitutional arrangements covering the JMC presently, as he understood that Derbyshire County Council was withdrawing its funding, and therefore should not be represented on the Committee. It was asked if a draft constitution would be available for the next meeting. Officers confirmed that this was very complex and probably wouldn't be available for the next meeting. It was questioned whether Derbyshire County Council had the right to vote on issues affecting the future management of the leisure centre, as they were withdrawing their funding.

C. Clemens pointed out that with the imminent opening of the Leisure Centre, he understood that fees and charges had not been agreed by the Joint Management Committee. The Leisure Services Manager believed these had been approved, subject to further consideration being given to concessions in the gym and spectator charges.

B. Whyman stated that the School did not feel involved in the important issues that needed to be addressed by the Joint Management Committee, and stressed that all parties must work together. He also felt that the current structure of the JMC was constitutionally unsound when voting on items, which affected the future running of the Leisure Centre. The Leisure Services Manager pointed out that the existing Joint Management Committee had resolved to manage the transition to the new Centre and draft 'heads of terms' had also been agreed at a previous meeting.

The Chairman asked that an item on the future management structure of the new Leisure Centre should be on the agenda for the next Meeting.

EL/7. **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.

STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS – NEW LEISURE CENTRE (Paragraph 4)

An update was provided to Members on the staffing arrangements for the new Leisure Centre.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN