

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

20th July 2009

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman) and Councillor Roberts (substitute for Councillor Mrs. Patten).

Labour Group

Councillor Richards (substitute for vacancy) and Councillor Shepherd.

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Brown.

Officers

M. Alflat (Director of Community Services), (K. Stackhouse (Head of Finance and Property Services), C. Mason (Leisure Services Manager), S. Wright (Leisure Centre Manager) and D. Townsend (Democratic Services Officer).

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governors

C. Clemens and B. Whyman, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman).

Representatives of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Mrs. Farrington (substitute for Councillor Murray) and Councillor Ford.

Community Group Representatives

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

EL/9. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Mrs. Patten (South Derbyshire District Council), Councillor Murray (Derbyshire County Council), F. Briggs, R. Jackson and P. Kennerdell (representatives of Etwall John Port School).

EL/10. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th April 2009 were noted, subject to the amendment of the last paragraph and the second part of the Resolution of Minute No. EL/34 as follows:

Councillor Hood requested that a report be brought to the next Meeting of the Joint Management Committee with regard to the consideration of the names of B.

Whyman and Councillor J. Lemmon, to be used for the swimming pool and sports hall.

RESOLUTION

- (2) That a further report be brought to the next Meeting of the Joint Management Committee with regard to the consideration of the names of B. Whyman and Councillor J. Lemmon, to be used for the swimming pool and the sports hall.***

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd June 2009 were noted. However, it was felt by certain Members that Minute No. EL/5 was constitutionally unsound.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/11. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/09**

A report was submitted advising the Committee of the Leisure Centre's final accounts for 2008/09, including the formal financial statement presented for audit. Questions were asked with regard to Derbyshire County Council's financial contribution, and the current position with regards to the management agreement. The Chairman reminded those present that until a new management agreement was approved by all parties, the existing agreement continued. He added that he was aware that Derbyshire County Council had expressed a desire to re-examine the existing arrangements and any arrangement going forward. The Director of Community Services confirmed that he would arrange a Meeting between the School, the District Council and Derbyshire County Council to discuss this matter further.

It was requested that thanks be recorded to the Leisure Centre Manager and his staff for their work and commitment.

RESOLVED:-

That the final accounts for 2008/09 be approved, subject to the necessary audit.

EL/12. **FEES AND CHARGES**

A report was submitted relating to the level of fees to be charged to spectators, and a request to consider including a concessionary rate for the use of the health and fitness suite.

In line with Members suggestions, the level of fees for spectators had been amended to 60p at the new Leisure Centre. From the perspective of business planning and projections, the impact of this reduction would be relatively low.

It was reported that offering a concessionary rate for the health and fitness provision was more problematical. In terms of income generation, for both stakeholders, revenue from the health and fitness suite was a key component in delivering projected targets. The peak time for usage would be between 1800

hrs and 2000 hrs on a week day evening, and it was important that people using the facility during this time could have access to the equipment, and were paying full price for membership. If a concessionary rate for health and fitness was implemented without any conditions, there would be no control over what time customers took advantage of this rate, which could have a significant impact on access to the equipment during peak times and also on income.

If Members were keen to offer a concessionary rate to those using the health and fitness suite, it was proposed that access be limited to between 0900 hrs and 1700 hrs week days and anytime during the weekend. Qualification for the concessionary rate for the health and fitness suite would be inline with similar schemes at the Centre.

RESOLVED:-

That a concessionary rate for the health and fitness provision be implemented on a 12 month trial basis and reviewed along with other fees and charges at the anniversary of the public opening of the facility. Concessionary rates to be as follows:

- ***Concessionary casual rate - £2.50***
- ***Full casual access rate - £5.00***
- ***Concessionary yearly membership - £220.00***
- ***Full yearly membership - £340.00***

Access to the Health and Fitness Suite on a concessionary rate to be limited to between 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs week days and anytime during the weekend

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 6.00 p.m.