

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)**

**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.***

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

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

L. S. PABLA

CHAIR