

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

20th January 2014

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillors Bale and Lemmon (Chairman).

Labour Group

Councillor Shepherd.

Officers

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), S. Batchelor (Director of Community & Planning Services), K. Stackhouse (Director of Finance & Corporate Services), M. Roseburgh (Culture and Community Manager) and L. Kinsey (Democratic Services Officer).

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governors

P. Downs, C. Harrison and B. Whyman M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman).

Officers

G. Golding and C. Sainsbury.

Representatives of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Hosker.

Representatives of Active Nation

S. Smith.

EL/14. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th November 2013 were noted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/15. **CENTRE PERFORMANCE – ACTIVE NATION**

S. Smith (Deputy Contract Manager) gave a verbal presentation on the performance of the Leisure Centre and the good news events over the past 12 months. Updates on increased usage, and weekly attendance figures were provided from April – December 2013.

Current membership (December 2013), was;

- 921 Members paying by direct debit.
- 565 Members paying annually.

This totalled 1486 Members, plus 973 participants of the Swim Scheme.

The previous 12 months good news events included:

- Hilton Harriers FC Xmas Competition - £850 raised
- Badminton Australia Visit & GB Stars
- Derbyshire Badminton Events
- Quality Management Systems Audit (ISO1401)
- Supporter Review
- Supporter Forum – Group Exercise
- Deep Clean of Pool surround

The update concluded with an overview of the launch of a new programme which is being run from January – March 2014 (EXERCISE - THE BEST MEDICINE CAMPAIGN) which includes:

- 3 month campaign – Health Benefits of exercise
- 10,000 free passes distributed
- Launch of new exercise programmes
- Increased number of classes to cater for need
- High quality visual resources
- 109 new supporters recruited already as of Sunday 19th January 2014

The Chief Executive asked if a system was in place to record complaints and compliments. S. Smith responded that Active Nation place feedback forms in the centre and also have a feedback form on the website. A monthly impact report is produced showing statistics.

The Chief Executive suggested a mechanism be put in place for feeding back all complaints and compliments to the Joint Management Committee (JMC) and proposed that initially details are taken to the next meeting.

Mr. Whyman supported the Chief Executives proposal and agreed that details be taken to the next meeting.

The Director of Community & Planning Services commented that some complaints and comments are sent directly to him from premise users, these would now be collected and brought to future meetings.

Mr R. Hosker commented that he had recently visited the centre and was very impressed with the facilities.

EL/16. **UPDATED FINANCIAL POSITION: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2013/14 AND 2014/15**

A report was submitted which detailed an update on the financial position for the current financial year 2013/14, together with the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2014/15.

Further details were provided on the associated costs with the centre which are decreasing as projected. The only costs that have exceeded the budget are repairs and maintenance this was due to work being needed in the pool area.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That, the projected out-turn for 2013/14 and the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2014/15 be approved.

EL/17. **ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE - FACILITY DEVELOPMENT**

A report was submitted which updated Members on the development of new facilities at Etwall Leisure Centre and to gain approval for continuing work on proposed developments.

Since the opening of the new Centre, Officers from the School and latterly active Nation have been continually developing projects and funding bids for enhancements to Etwall Leisure Centre. Following the successful Artificial Grass Pitch project the next major project is now progressing.

Future projects were also outlined, and included;

- Gym Extension
- Foyer partition wall
- Dance studio
- Tennis/Netball Courts

Whilst these projects were not ranked in priority they were in order of financial participation impact, with the gym being the most advantageous.

In December an application for the project was submitted to the Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund for £90,000. A decision on this application will be made around April/May in the meantime work will continue to further develop the above in terms of design and business plans.

The financial aspects of the project are still being confirmed but it is estimated that if external funding bids are successful the total budget will £400,000. There is already a potential allocation of £150,000 from the District Council. If the Sport England Grant is unsuccessful each area will be considered with the dance studio being given priority. An update report will then be brought back to the committee for approval of what the final project will entail.

Mr. Whyman requested appreciation be recorded to South Derbyshire District Council for supporting John Port School. The Chairman also thanked John Port School for their continued support.

RESOLVED:-

The officers be authorised to progress plans for development of facilities at Etwall Leisure Centre

EL/18. **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 25th November 2013, were noted.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN