

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

11th July 2016

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs A Plenderleith (Chair) and Councillor A Billings

Labour Group

Councillor D Shepherd

Officers

S Batchelor (Director of Community & Planning Services), K Stackhouse (Director of Finance & Corporate Services), Mrs R Pabla and C Tyler (Democratic Services Officers)

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governing Body

C Sainsbury

Officer

G Golding

Representative of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Mrs K Lauro

Representatives of Active Nation

J Dobson and M Learnihan

EL/46 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that no apologies had been received.

EL/47 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2016 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EL/48 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

EL/49 **ACTIVE NATION PERFORMANCE REPORT – VERBAL REPORT**

J Dobson presented the quarterly review (April to June 2016) of Etwall Leisure Centre, making particular reference to the following items;

Good News Stories

- 22nd May 2016: Badminton County Championships.
- 4th June 2016: National Circuit Badminton Tournament.
- 9th-10th July 2016: Discovery Weekend for new users of the Centre.
- New cycle hub opened – hoops & shelter.
- Soccer Stars half-term holiday camp: 50 children per day. To be repeated during the summer holidays.
- Multisport half term holiday camp: 30 children per day.
- Active Nutrition package launched, alongside current exercise packages.
- Sports Hall AHUS works completed.
- Tennis courts: New flood lights, posts & nets fitted.
- J Fest school charity event held.
- Badminton school event held.
- Social Media: Facebook, Twitter & Website – increased localised usage.
- Courses: FA Football Course Level 1, Football Youth Module & Safeguarding for Swim Teachers.
- Saturday Night Project: 60 children per weekend attended.
- Positive Net Promoter survey score: 38%.
- Apex Climbing centre opened at Green Bank.
- Cleanliness improvements throughout site: Ideal Cleaning Company.

The Chairman, in referring to the cycle hub, queried how many individuals cycled to the centre. Whilst this information was not available, it was agreed that it could be sourced for a future date.

Gym & Exercise Memberships

- April-June 2016: 1,898; Annual: 668; DD: 1,230.
- Average length of membership currently 9.5 months.

Swim Scheme

- Live count: 1,323 children on the current Learn to Swim Scheme.
- Ongoing use at Etwall Primary School Pre School.
- Additional primary school slots obtained.
- Swimming provision demand has continued to increase, largely due to the closure of Derby City facilities – an updated location of users map will be produced for a future meeting.

NPS (Net Promoter Score) Feedback

- Score 38: Detractors – 16.67%; Passives – 28.43% & Promoters – 54.90%.
J Dobson explained that whilst the score of 38 appeared low, it was above the national average, the responses containing suggestions that can be considered in future plans.

Centre Usage Figures

- Usage figures continue to show an increase, up from a 26,662 per month average in 2011/12 to 34,140 in 2015/16.

M Learnihan also confirmed that Active Nation had proposed the Etwall Leisure Centre for the Medium Centre of the Year category of the UK Active Flame Awards.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee considered and noted the points made in the presentation.

EL/50 **FINAL ACCOUNTS 2015/16**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to the Committee, highlighting elements from its content, including Sinking Fund usage, a report on which will be brought to a future meeting. The Director of Community and Planning Services added that, in relation to the medium term out-turn and the AHU's expenditure, a sum of £10,000 will be reclaimed against the management contract budget.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee considered and approved the Final Accounts for 2015/2016 for Audit.

EL/51 **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

The Director of Community and Planning Services outlined the issues to the Committee, namely the County Council's intention to withdraw their contribution of £32,000 from 2017/18. The Director confirmed that the County Council could withdraw from the partnership on serving 12 months notice. The Director and G Golding had met with the County Council and secure an extended period in which to consult on, then respond to the proposals.

Councillor Shepherd queried whether the County Council could be prevented from withdrawing its funding. The Director confirmed that this was not possible, that the JMC was seeking the best possible exit options, one being a phased parachute payments scheme. It was confirmed that if / when the County Council funding is withdrawn, it would fall on the remaining partners, South Derbyshire District Council and the John Port School, divided via the current 68/32 split.

In terms of generating increased usage and income, alternative uses were being reviewed. To this end, the Director had requested that Active Nation consider enhanced swimming / daytime opening sessions, currently reserved for school usage, but the income benefits were unknown at this time.

The Director undertook to share the final draft of the formal response to the County Council with the Committee District Council Members, the District Councillors for Etwall, County Councillor Mrs Lauro and the John Port School before it was issued.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee gave officers the authority to progress negotiations with Derbyshire County Council.

The meeting terminated at 5:35pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS A PLENDERLEITH

CHAIRMAN