

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

16th January 2006

PRESENT:

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Labour Group

Councillor Shepherd (Chair) and Councillors Pabla and Richards.

Conservative Group

Councillors Mrs. Hood and Lemmon.

Officers

S. Batchelor, D. Clamp, C. Mason, K. Stackhouse, S. Wright, P. Spencer, and D. Townsend.

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governors

C. Clemens (Vice-Chair) and M. Crane.

Officers

F. Briggs and P. Kennerdell.

Representatives of Derbyshire County Council

Councillors Hood and Bambrick.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from M. Alflat (South Derbyshire District Council), Mrs. Bussell and Mrs. Wedgebury (Community Group Representatives).

EL/21. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October 2005 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/22. **USAGE INFORMATION**

The Leisure Centre Manager presented a report that gave a breakdown of public usage of the swimming pool, squash courts and tennis courts for the financial years 2001/02 to 2005/06. In particular, it was pointed out that the lack of a large inflatable had impacted on usage of the swimming pool. The usage of the tennis courts was also discussed. In addition, the Chair sought further information with regard the Water Polo Club.

Councillor Lemmon offered his congratulations to the Leisure Centre Manager on the increased usage of the swimming pool.

RESOLVED:-

That the Usage Information report be noted.

EL/23. **PROBABLE OUT-TURN 2005/06 AND ESTIMATES 2006/07**

A report was submitted to detail the Leisure Centre's probable out-turn for 2005/06 and the original estimate for 2006/07. It also set out proposals for the level of fees and charges for 2006/07.

The increase in net expenditure for 2005/06 was reported, as was the increase in income from swimming lessons and aqua aerobics. It was pointed out that part of the increase in expenditure was due to additional wages and training costs associated with the extra swimming lessons and aqua aerobics. In addition, there had been an increase in energy costs and recharges from the School. The budget had initially been compiled at November 2005 prices and an allowance for inflation had been included where this was considered unavoidable. The report outlined the assumptions that had been built into the estimates. In summary, the overall net expenditure for 2006/07 was estimated to increase by a further £6,440 compared to 2005/06. The main reason for the increase was the full year effect of the additional energy costs incurred during 2005/06.

A further appendix showed the proposed fees and charges for 2006/07. The Chair pointed out that the Committee was always reticent to increase costs, however no major changes were forecast for 2006/07 and it was proposed that fees and charges were increased by around the rate of inflation.

Mr. Kennerdell advised the Committee that the School had received a proposal from Etwall Tennis Club to enter in a long-term lease for use of the tennis courts at a peppercorn rent. This would enable the Tennis Club to apply for further external grant funding and to seek improvements to the facilities. The Chair asked whether Joint Management Committee's approval would be needed be this proposed and it was agreed that this would be researched.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2005/06 and 2006/07 be approved.***
- (2) That the proposed fees and charges for 2006/07 be approved.***

EL/24. **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 3rd October 2005 were received.

EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL CLAIM UPDATE (Paragraph1)

The Head of Human Resources gave a verbal update on this item.

D. SHEPHERD

CHAIR

