

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1st July 2013

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillors Bale and Roberts (substitute for Councillor Lemmon).

Labour Group

Councillor Shepherd.

Officers

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), S. Batchelor (Director of Community & Planning), K. Stackhouse (Director of Corporate Services) and D. Townsend (Democratic Services Officer).

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governors

C. Harrison (Substitute for C. Clemens) and B. Whyman M.B.E.

Officers

G. Golding and C. Sainsbury.

Representatives of Active Nation

D. Johns and S. Smith.

In Attendance

P. Downs.

EL/1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Lemmon be appointed Chairman of the Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.

EL/2 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor Lemmon (Substituted by Councillor Roberts) and C. Clemens (Substituted by C. Harrison).

EL/3 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:-

That Mr. Whyman, be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.

EL/4 **MINUTES**

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July 2012 were noted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEEEL/5. **ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE CONSTITUTION**

The Chief Executive gave a verbal update and briefing on the new constitution. He pointed out the implications of the new constitution and the necessity of Members to carry out the duties as empowered by the new constitution. He added that the constitution would be distributed to all Members, and at the next meeting he would take any questions related to the new document. The Chief Executive added that the District Council would not normally have Matters Arising or Any Other Business on an agenda, and that it would not be included on the agenda for the Joint Management Committee (JMC). He recognised that there may be the necessity for urgent items to be brought before the Committee and this would be dealt with by the Chairman in consultation with the Vice Chairman, who would agree if an item might be considered as urgent.

Mr. Whyman responded that although this has taken a long time, it had been necessary, and John Port School was grateful for the assistance given by the District Council. He agreed with the Chief Executive's summing up of Matters Arising and Any Other Business, and added that this should be dealt with by the Chairman and Vice Chairman as per the Chief Executive's suggestion.

EL/6. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2012/13**

A report was submitted which detailed the Leisure Centre's final accounts for 2012/13, which included the formal financial and governance statements presented for audit. This was in accordance with Local Government Accounts and Audit Regulations. The Audit Commission would audit the financial statements and the detailed accounts, and their opinion on any issues arising from this would be reported back to the JMC in October 2013.

The main cost for the Leisure Centre was now the annual payment to Active Nation in accordance with the contract. The accounts showed the contributions made by each of the funding partners.

Further details were provided on the £5000 per annum de-commissioning fee, along with the sinking fund.

It was requested that, at future Meetings, there would be a discussion on the establishment costs, which should be agreed between the School and the District Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) ***That, the Statement of Accounts (subject to Audit) for 2012/13 be approved for signing by the Treasurer to the Joint Management Committee.***

(2) *That the Chairman and the Secretary to the Committee be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2012/13.*

EL/7. **PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM ACTIVE NATION**

D. Johns gave a presentation on the performance of the Leisure Centre. Updates on increased usage, and weekly attendance figures were provided. The Chief Executive pointed out that it was for the JMC to seek out improvements that were required, and any complaints and formal service issues received should be debated and recorded by the JMC.

A discussion took place surrounding current complaints and issues relating to cleanliness and also algae in the swimming pool. D. Johns responded that Active Nation had taken action in response to all complaints, and Members of the JMC were welcome on site to look at the issues and what the response had been.

Mr. Whyman responded that this was a very successful contract and was excellent for John Port School and the locality. He requested that Active Nation provided an interim report to all JMC Members on the current issues along with any responses.

It was requested that performance be discussed at every future meeting of the JMC. It was also suggested that the draft minutes of the JMC be distributed as soon as possible following a meeting, along with the interim report from Active Nation.

EL/6. **ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE - FACILITY DEVELOPMENT**

A report was submitted which updated Members on the development of new facilities at Etwall Leisure Centre.

Since the opening of the new Leisure Centre, Officers from the School, South Derbyshire District Council and Active Nation had been continually developing projects and funding bids for enhancements to Etwall Leisure Centre. This had been achieved with great success and the provision of the new artificial grass pitch was one example which was given.

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.

Officers were talking to National Governing Bodies of various sports to identify the development of sporting excellence and performance that could be further promoted from Etwall Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED:-

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

EL./7 **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.

LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

That the proposed contract be accepted.

B. WHYMAN M.B.E.

VICE CHAIRMAN