

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

10th January 2005

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Labour Group

Councillor Lauro (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Pabla and Shepherd.

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon.

Officers

S. Batchelor, C. Mason, S. Wright and J. Bellm.

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governors

C. Clemens (Chair) and M. A. Crane.

Officers

F. Briggs.

Community Group Representatives

Mrs. Bussell and Mrs. Wedgebury.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Mrs. Hood and M. Alflat (South Derbyshire District Council), Councillors Mrs. Littlejohn and Routledge (Representatives of Derbyshire County Council), P. Kennerdell (Representative of John Port School).

EL/22. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th October 2004 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

EL/23. **MATTERS ARISING**

Further to Minute EL/14, it was reported that an application for funding which had been made to the Community Partnership Scheme, to assist with the renovation of the tennis courts, had been unsuccessful. F. Briggs reported that some renovation works to the tennis courts would take place in April/May 2005.

Mrs. Wedgebury asked when the tennis courts were available for community use. F. Briggs confirmed that the Leisure Centre took lettings for out-of-school hours (evenings and weekends) and reminded the Meeting that the courts were used by Etwall Tennis Club.

Councillor Lemmon asked S. Batchelor whether, in view of the unsuccessful bid to the Community Partnership Scheme, there was any other source of available

funding for works to the tennis courts. The Officer advised that the criteria for an application to the Community Partnership Scheme was that the applicant organisation needed to be voluntary, not a school facility. On this basis Etwall Tennis Club would be eligible to apply for a grant from the Scheme if they had a form of tenure to the courts.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/24. USAGE INFORMATION

A report was submitted which identified public usage of the swimming pool, squash courts and tennis courts for the financial years 2000/2001 to date, including comparative monthly figures. A further report was tabled at the Meeting which provided more up to date figures. S. Wright reported that public usage of the swimming pool during the months September to December 2004 had increased considerably, compared to the same period last year. He commented that the pool had been full to capacity on the Sunday prior to this Meeting. S. Wright also reported that there had been an increase in public usage of the squash courts during the same period.

It was noted that tennis court bookings would not increase until the tennis courts had been renovated.

RESOLVED:-

That the Usage Information report be noted.

EL/25. REVISED ESTIMATES 2004/05 AND BASE BUDGET 2005/06

A report was presented which detailed the Leisure Centre's probable out-turn for 2004/05 and the base budget for 2005/06.

It was noted that net expenditure for 2004/05 was now estimated at £179,780, which was an increase of approximately £29,000 compared to the original estimate. This increase was analysed as follows:-

Variance	£
Increase in Repairs and Maintenance (funded from the 2003/04 underspending)	+14,000
Additional wages to cover long term absences	+15,000
Reduce in income (mainly Private Hire)	+3,000
Other variations	-3,000
Overall Variance 2004/05	+29,000

The Meeting was advised that additional contributions from the constituent partners would be required as follows:-

- South Derbyshire District Council - £21,360
- John Port School - £4,930
- Derbyshire County Council - £2,650

The budget for 2005/06 had initially been compiled at November 2004 prices. An allowance for inflation had then been added where it was considered unavoidable, to cover for price increases from November 2004 to March 2006. This calculated the cash limit estimate (base budget for 2005/06). The main assumptions built into the estimates were as follows:-

- Employee Costs – 2.95% (as per pay award settlement)
- Repairs and Maintenance – 3%
- Office Expenses (equipment, stationery, etc) – cash limited
- Utilities – 3% (but taking account of current volume/usage figures)
- Contracted/Agency Services – 2.5%
- All other Supplies and Service – 2.5%
- Fees and Charges – 2% (but subject to usage/demand/market conditions, etc)

It was reported that the estimates were based on the continuation of current service levels in 2004/05. Any non-recurring items had been removed.

Information was provided which detailed proposed fees and charges for the year 2005/06. A Member of the Committee asked whether these fees were similar to those being proposed at the Green Bank Leisure Centre in Swadlincote. The Leisure Centre Manager confirmed that the proposed fees were in line with Centres in the surrounding areas.

In conclusion, it was reported that the overall net expenditure for 2005/06 was estimated to slightly reduce compared to the 2004/05 probable out-turn. However, there was an assumption that the Centre would remain open throughout the year and would not be closed for any major works or improvements.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the proposed income and expenditure for 2004/05 and 2005/06 be approved.***
- (2) That the proposed fees and charges for 2005/06 be approved.***

EL/26.

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 4th October 2004 were received.

CLOSURE OF CENTRE FOR REMEDIAL WORKS

The Joint Management Committee considered a report which detailed the remedial works necessary at the Leisure Centre which would require its closure.

C. CLEMENS

CHAIR