

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

9th January 2017

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs A Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor A Billings

Labour Group

Councillor D Shepherd

Officers

M Roseburgh (Cultural Services Manager), Mrs R Pabla and C Tyler
(Democratic Services Officers)

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governing Body

C Sainsbury

Officer

G Golding

M Walker-Endsor

Representatives of Active Nation

J Dobson and S Tasker

EL/59 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Billings proposed that this matter be deferred due to the current situation relating to school governors.

RESOLVED:-

That the Appointment of Chairman be deferred to a later meeting.

EL/60 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from County Councillor Mrs K Lauro.

EL/61 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2016 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

EL/62 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

EL/63 **ACTIVE NATION PERFORMANCE REPORT – VERBAL REPORT**

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

Supporter Base

- Total membership currently stands at 1,893, with the average length of stay currently at 9.5 months.
- Swim Scheme: Currently 1,400 children participating, with the Centre making use of Etwall Primary School's pool for Pre-School sessions.

Good News Stories

- Increased participation levels, year to date stand at 39,525.
- 300 children took part in the Multisport half term holiday camp.
- 50 children took part in the Soccer Stars half term holiday camp.
- The National Circuit Badminton tournament took place.
- CAP2 launched for swim lesson feedback with positive growth on swim lessons of 1,400 children.
- Active Nutrition package launched alongside current exercise packages.
- Works completed on the school changing room AHUS.
- Tennis courts have had new flood lights fitted and new posts and nets, all operational now.
- Net Promotor Score is 52
- Badminton summer camps undertaken.
- Social Media – Facebook, Twitter and Website increased local usage.
- Saturday Night Project: 60 children per weekend attending.
- New Active Nation website launched: 40,891 hits recorded
- Quest accreditation due 23rd and 24th January 2017.
- 3g pitch usage – 39,146 users YTD.
- Discovery weekends taking place for new supporters 14th and 15th January.
- GO TRI Events available in Etwall in February.
- Community Events.

Etwall Leisure Centre Participation Figures

Usage figures continued to show an increase, with 38,841 recorded for November 2016, compared to 32,982 last November.

G Golding queried why the figures relating to the usage of the pool seemed to have plateaued. J Dobson responded that this was largely due to block bookings for sessions.

The Vice-Chairman referred to concerns raised by members of the community with regards to access to the pool. J Dobson clarified that this matter was being addressed where weekend timeslots and alternative times in the weekday had been offered in order to cater for both school and community usage of the pool.

Councillor Shepherd referred to the swim scheme and queried the ongoing use of Etwall Primary School catering for preschool children. J Dobson explained that swimming lessons were being provided at the smaller pool at Etwall Primary School during lunchtimes and evenings in order to prepare preschool children for stage one, two and three swimming lessons at Etwall Leisure Centre.

Councillor Shepherd requested an update on the procurement of a cover for the swimming pool. J Dobson informed the Committee that quotes for the cost of the cover had been submitted to the Director of Planning and Community Services. The Cultural Services Manager advised that these were being reviewed against the maintenance budget.

RESOLVED:-

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

C Sainsbury joined the Meeting at 5.15pm

EL/64 **INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2016/17 and PROPOSED BASE BUDGET 2017/18**

The Cultural Services Manager presented the report to Committee, providing an update on the Leisure Centre's financial position for the current financial year 2016/17 against the approved budget, together with the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2017/18.

The Committee was informed that the reduction in the Contract fee following the extension of the Contract with Active Nation would reduce running costs by approximately £30,000 per year. It was highlighted that the main pressures on the budget are the maintenance and utility costs as centre is ageing and usage is high.

It was noted that the reduction in the contribution from the County Council in 2017/18 had been reflected in the proposed budget. The Committee was advised that the full effect of the County Council's contribution would impact in 2018/19 when the contribution is scheduled to be withdrawn altogether.

The Vice-Chairman queried whether an asset register factoring in depreciation had been drafted. The Cultural Services Manager advised that the task had been commenced, but required finalisation. The Vice-Chairman requested this be addressed as this would be a useful tool. Councillor Billings queried the figure quoted repairs and maintenance. The Cultural Services Manager addressed this matter and suggested it may need updating to reflect the increased usage of the facility. Councillor Billings stated that the aforementioned register of assets would assist in this respect.

C Sainsbury requested clarification with regards to the lower contract fee agreed with Active Nation for 2017/18, and whether this lower rate would continue for the remainder of the contract. The Cultural Services Manager confirmed that the lower rate would remain in effect until 2024. C Sainsbury also sought clarification on the School's share of overall cost in 2018/19 once the County Council's contribution finished. The Cultural Services Manager confirmed that the contribution split would be 62% South Derbyshire District Council and 38% John Port School as per the original agreement.

RESOLVED:-

That the projected out-turn for 2016/17 and the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2017/18 be approved.

EL/65 **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Committee discussed rescheduling the meeting from 5pm on Mondays to 5pm on Wednesdays.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and agreed that meetings in the 2017/18 Committee Timetable would be held at 5pm on Wednesdays.

The meeting terminated at 5:35pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS A PLENDERLEITH

VICE-CHAIRMAN