

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

22nd January 2018

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs A Plenderleith (Chairman) and Councillor A Billings

Labour Group

Councillor D Shepherd

Officers

K Stackhouse - Strategic Director (Corporate Resources), M Roseburgh - Cultural Services Manager and C Tyler - Democratic Services Officer

Representative of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Mrs Chilton

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governing Body

K Squire – School Head

Officer

M Walker-Endsor – School Business Manager

Representatives of Active Nation

J Dobson – Centre Manager

EL/10 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman proposed that this matter be deferred due to the ongoing transitional situation at the school.

RESOLVED:-

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

EL/11 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that no apologies had been received.

EL/12 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th September 2017 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EL/13 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

EL/14 **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2017/18 AND PROPOSED BASE BUDGET 2018/19**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Committee, drawing attention to the fact that costs were increasing due to the phased withdrawal of County Council funding, along with the repairs and maintenance issues reported on at the last meeting.

Councillor Shepherd referred to the discussion at the last meeting, enquiring if there had been any revision to the County Council funding position given the change in administration there. The Chairman stated that the County Council had confirmed that their position remained unchanged. County Councillor Mrs Chilton undertook to make her own enquiries in this matter.

RESOLVED:-

Members approved the projected out-turn for 2017/18 and the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2018/19.

EL/15 **ACTIVE NATION PERFORMANCE REPORT – VERBAL REPORT**

J Dobson presented the performance review of Etwall Leisure Centre, making particular reference to the following items;

Supporter Base Performance

- Actual monthly between April 2017 and December 2017 ranged from 39,224 to 43,867, the latter figure achieved in August, with further information provided giving breakdowns by activity type across all centre facilities.
- Total annual visits had risen from 320k in 2011/12 to 425k in 2016/17.
- A breakdown giving the postcode location of supporters was also supplied, showing that the majority of users live in the immediate local area.

Good News Stories

- Increased participation levels, year to date stand at 75,810.
- Total subscriptions currently stood at 2,021 (year to date).
- 300 children took part in the Multisport half term holiday camp.
- 50 children took part in the Soccer Stars half term holiday camp, with Scott Carson in attendance from Derby County Football Club.
- Level 1 FA Football coaching course held, along with ASA swim CPD.
- New 'Born to Move' exercise class launched for children aged 12-16.
- CAP2 launched for swim lesson feedback with positive growth on swim lessons for 1,405 children.
- Works completed on the plant room on the pool pumps
- Melbourne class timetable performing well, with five classes per week.
- Net Promotor Score currently 50 (industry average = 40).
- Phase 1 of new Wi-Fi and IT systems installed in site.
- New signage installed for the overflow car park, along with markings.
- Social Media – Facebook, Twitter and Website - increased localised usage.
- Saturday Night Project: 50 children per weekend attending.
- 3g pitch usage – 51,695 users year to date / 10 slots available.
- Discovery weekends held 13th & 14th January - #justtryit open weekend.
- Hilton Harriers football fund raiser held over Christmas.
- New pool cover ordered and due to be installed early February 2018.

The Chairman queried what proportion of comments / complaints related to car parking issues. The Centre Manager stated that they tended to be periodic, rather than constant, usually tied into particular events, but undertook to provide a more detailed analysis of the feedback trends for future meetings. In relation to comments regarding cleanliness, the Centre Manager stated that the situation was improving, given the increased presence of blue shoe cover stations and their usage, a matter of changing user culture.

Reference was made to the incident on the 2nd January 2018 when a floodlight caught fire due to a fault in the igniter unit. The Centre Manager confirmed that the unit had promptly been made safe and since fully repaired, with all such lights now subject to an enhanced maintenance routine. The Chairman commended Centre staff on their prompt action, evacuation of the immediate area and contact with the fire services.

Councillor Billings requested an update on swimming provision. The Centre Manager confirmed that swimming classes were all at or very near full capacity, especially at the lower stages, presenting difficulties in growing classes. Use of the Etwall Primary School pool was also proving problematic, given the urgent need for some pool repairs, more extensive than at first anticipated. County Councillor Mrs Chilton queried whether the opening of the Moorways Leisure Centre in Derby would have any impact on Etwall. The Centre Manager felt that given the primarily local usage of Etwall, not many of its customers would elect to travel to the Derby location.

RESOLVED:-

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

EL/16

SCHOOL UPDATE

The School Head and Business Manager provided a brief update on the current situation at the school, in that the transfer to the Spencer Academy Trust was still scheduled to take place with effect from Thursday 1st February 2018 and that legal personnel representing the Trust were currently working on the transfer and new joint constitution documentation in conjunction with legal officers from the Council.

The School Head also stated that the school were looking to free up some more swimming pool time, making it available for community usage.

RESOLVED:-

Members noted the information provided.

The meeting terminated at 5.25pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS A PLENDERLEITH

CHAIRMAN