

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

13th October 2008

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillors Lemmon (Vice-Chairman) and Mrs. Patten.

Labour Group

Councillors Pabla and Shepherd.

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Brown.

Officers

C. Mason (Leisure Services Manager), S. Wright (Leisure Centre Manager) and P. Spencer (Democratic Services).

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governors

C. Clemens and B. Whyman, M.B.E. (Chairman).

Officers

P. Kenerdell.

Representative of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Hood.

EL/11. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from K. Bussell and A. Wedgebury (Community Group Representatives).

EL/12. **MINUTES**

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th July 2008 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/13. **USAGE INFORMATION**

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Leisure Centre Manager. Included within the report was an Annexe, which showed the breakdown of public usage for the swimming pool, squash courts and tennis courts for the financial years 2004/05 to date.

Further details were provided on this year's annual Swimathon event, and it was reported that Etwall Leisure Centre was being offered the chance to become a Gala Pool for swimmers from 2009. The Swimathon Gala Pools were the one hundred best pools in the country. Qualification for Gala Pool status was dependent on the centre size, facilities, but most importantly the ability to

promote, manage and run outstanding Swimathon events. Benefits to be gained by the Leisure Centre were also confirmed within the report.

Further details were also given on the Amateur Swimming Association teaching courses which were due to take place in 2009.

The current success of the Etwall Eagles Swimming Club was also reported. The team had set nine separate East Midlands relay records, won a national title and currently ranked first in the Men's British Masters Decathlon competition. Further details were also given on some individual members' achievements.

It was also confirmed that Punishing Events had held their annual triathlon event on Sunday 14th September 2008. This was the largest and most prestigious pool based triathlon event in the East Midlands, with over 600 athletes attending.

The Chairman paid tribute to the success of the Etwall Eagles Swimming Club and requested that a letter of congratulations be sent.

RESOLVED:-

That the contents of the report be noted.

EL/14. **DECOMMISSIONING COSTS**

A report was submitted, advising the Committee of the current position with regard to the decommissioning costs for the existing Etwall Leisure Centre Swimming Pool.

It was anticipated that the current swimming pool would close its doors to both the public and the school during July 2009. In addition to the need to drain the pool and close down the existing plant, with the exception of the boilers, there were other decommissioning costs to consider, including the removal of existing ceiling panels, which, it was believed, contained asbestos. It was thought that once the pool basin was drained and the relative humidity lowered, panels would shrink and fall. It was believed that this was the major decommissioning cost, and F. Briggs advised that by the next Meeting, he should have indicative costs for the Joint Management Committee to consider.

RESOLVED:-

That the contents of the report be noted.

B. WHYMAN, M.B.E.

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 5.25 p.m.