

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

8th October 2001

PRESENT:-

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Labour Group

Councillors Evens, Lauro (substitute for Councillor Rose) and Shepherd.

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon.

Officers

I. Reid, C. Mason, S. Wright, K. Stackhouse and P. Spencer.

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governors

Messrs. C. Clemens and M. Crane.

Officer

Mr. F. Briggs.

EL/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

It was agreed that Councillor Evens be appointed Chair of the Joint Management Committee for the Meeting.

EL/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rose and Mr. G. Cole.

EL/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

It was agreed that Mr. G. Cole be appointed Vice-Chair of the Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.

EL/4. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2001 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/5. **MATTERS ARISING – ESSENTIAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK**

Under Minute No.EL/33 the Committee agreed in principle to proposals for closure of the pool in December to enable maintenance work to be undertaken. It was reported that the work was to be funded from monies allocated from the current year's Revenue Budget. Unfortunately, a number of repairs had been required and the budget was virtually committed. In 2000/01, there was an underspend in revenue budgets of £8,354. This was re-distributed to the funding partners in accordance with the terms of the Joint Management Agreement. Funding partners were asked to authorise

the re-allocation of this money to fund some of the identified works. Concurrently, officers were calculating the likely budget outturn for 2001/02, to determine whether similar underspends could be anticipated.

In receiving the report, there was a discussion on the respective contributions and it was confirmed that the District Council had earmarked the sum of £6,000 in a reserve for this purpose. Mr. Crane confirmed that he would seek the Governors' authority to repay the sum of £1,523 as the School's contribution and an approach would be made to Derbyshire County Council for £815 as its share of the costs. It was confirmed that the contractors were happy to work over the Christmas period and questioned whether there had been any increase in prices to reflect the timing of the work. Details were provided of the work programme and there was some speculation on the final costs of the grouting works, although these would only be determined once the pool had been emptied.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Joint Management Committee agrees in principle to the budget revisions to allow essential maintenance works to be undertaken as planned during the Christmas Holiday period.***
- (2) The funding partners be requested to refund the underspends from last year's budget to fund the works.***

EL/6. **CHANGES TO SWIMMING POOL OPENING TIMES**

The approval of the Joint Management Committee was sought to revise the swimming pool opening times with effect from January 2002. The proposed changes were appended to the report and would introduce an additional fun session during school holidays and increase private hire of the pool.

RESOLVED:-

That the Swimming Pool timetable be revised with effect from January 2002.

EL/7. **USAGE INFORMATION**

A report was submitted which identified public usage of the swimming pool, squash courts' and tennis courts for the financial years 1997/98 to 2001/02 and included comparative monthly usage figures. Also circulated at the meeting were details of the admissions for weeks 1-26 of the current year which were compared to the corresponding period in 2000. There was some concern in the reduction of adult swimming admissions and peak squash courts' usage. The Leisure Centre Manager hoped that the redecoration of the Centre would encourage some users to return. There was a discussion about the levels of school intake and the growing population of parts of the Leisure Centre's catchment area.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

EL/8. **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 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 paragraph 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 14th May 2001 were received.

PROVISION OF NEW FACILITIES – ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE (Paragraph 7)

The Joint Management Committee received an update on the Lottery Bid for the new Leisure Centre.

G. EVENS

CHAIR