

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

14th July 2003

**PRESENT:-**

**Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council  
Labour Group**

Councillors Lauro, Pabla and Shepherd.

**Conservative Group**

Councillors Mrs. Hood and Lemmon.

**Officers**

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

**Representatives of Etwall John Port School**

**Officers**

G. Cole and F. Briggs.

**Representative of Derbyshire County Council**

Councillor Mrs. Littlejohn.

**Representatives of Etwall Leisure Centre Community Group**

Mrs. K. Bussell and Mrs. A. Wedgbury.

EL/1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED:-**

*That Councillor Lauro be appointed Chair of the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.*

EL/2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Mr. I. Reid (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr. M. Crane (Governor, Etwall John Port School).

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

**RESOLVED:-**

*That Mr. C. Clemens be appointed Vice-Chair of the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee for the ensuing year.*

EL/4. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th April 2003 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE****EL/33. USAGE INFORMATION**

A report was submitted which identified public usage of the swimming pool, squash courts and tennis courts for the financial years 1998 to date, together with the comparative monthly usage figures.

The Leisure Centre Manager reported recent trends in use of the facilities. There had been a slight decrease in swimming admissions and an increase in use of the squash courts. Use of the tennis courts was also increasing, although there had been some adverse comments from the Tennis Club regarding the condition of the courts.

**RESOLVED:-**

*That the usage information report be noted.*

**EL/34. NEW LEISURE FACILITIES – JOHN PORT SCHOOL**

It was reported that a forward strategy meeting for the Leisure Centre had been held on 14th February 2003. The notes of that meeting were circulated for the Committee's information, together with ideas produced by the School. Both documents had been circulated to those who had attended the Meeting. The Committee's views were sought to allow the actions agreed at the meeting to be progressed.

Mr. Crane felt that a number of pragmatic suggestions had been made to look at possible funding streams and there was now a need for political support. The Etwall Leisure Centre scheme could not be considered in isolation. Mr. Crane spoke of housing developments in Hilton and the need for educational, social and leisure infrastructure to meet residents' needs. A working party of Governors had been established to consider expanding the numbers of pupils at the School. He referred to the problems caused by youths congregating in an area of Hilton and the need to provide facilities for young people.

Views were sought on the way forward. It was questioned whether a meeting of key stakeholders should be arranged after the District Council Elections in May, to raise awareness and help shape spending plans. Mr. Crane advised that he was to attend a meeting with fellow Head Teachers and representatives of Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils, primarily to discuss education provision in the Southern Derby area. This might provide the opportunity to discuss wider issues and he offered to provide notes of any relevant issues, which the Clerk could circulate to the Management Committee. Mr. Crane felt that the Governor's willingness to increase the number of pupils at the school could provide the opportunity for extra services and facilities to be delivered. It should also give an incentive to Derbyshire County Council to provide assistance. Mrs. Wedgbury advised of the Community Group's delight at the proposals.

**RESOLVED:-**

*That the Committee's comments be noted on the ideas put forward following the forward strategy meeting on 14th February 2003.*

EL/35. 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 20th January 2003 were received.*

MATTERS ARISING (Paragraph 11)

*The Joint Management Committee received an update on staffing issues.*

SWIMMING POOL SHOWER REFURBISHMENT (Paragraph 9)

*The Joint Management Committee considered proposals to provide a new hot water system and to replace the swimming pool showers.*

G. EVENS

CHAIR

