

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

11th October 2010

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Conservative Group

Councillors Bale, Bladen (substitute for Councillor Roberts) and Lemmon (Vice-Chairman).

Labour Group

Councillor Shepherd.

Independent Member

Councillor Pabla.

Officers

S. Batchelor (Head of Leisure and Community Development), K. Stackhouse (Head of Finance and Property Services), S. Wright (Leisure Centre Manager) and D. Townsend (Democratic Services).

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governor

B. Whyman, M.B.E. (Chairman)

Officers

G. Golding and P. Kennerdell.

Representatives of Derbyshire County Council

Councillors Mrs. Farrington and Mrs. Patten.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Roberts (substituted by Councillor Bladen), W. Sharpe, Mrs. K. Bussell and Mrs. A. Wedgebury.

EL/3. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st June 2010 were noted.

The Head of Finance and Property Services confirmed that the Auditors had now signed off the accounts for the previous year.

EL/4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Lemmon and Shepherd declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. EL/.8, Contract for the Management of Green Bank and Etwall Leisure Centres,

as they had recently considered this item at a Meeting of the Housing and Community Services Committee.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EL/5. **USAGE INFORMATION**

A report was submitted advising Members of the facilities usage.

It was confirmed that total usage of the Leisure Centre for the first half of the current financial year was nearly 150,000. The end to free swimming for those under 18 years and over 60, together with the re-opening of the Burton Meadowside Leisure Centre in August, had reduced casual swims when compare with the same period last year. However, users attending fitness classes and the sports hall had increased.

Over 500 pools throughout the UK had taken part in this year's Swimathon event, and Etwall Leisure Centre users had raised £12,472 for Marie Curie Care and the Swimathon Foundation.

Punishing Events had held their annual triathlon event in September and a record 717 athletes had taken part in the largest and most prestigious pool-based triathlon event in the East Midlands.

An update was also provided on the usage of the health and fitness suite. Due to an increase in membership, the group exercise classes had been increased to 30 per week.

A new Saturday Night Project aimed at those over 11 years of age was also planned, with young people able to take part in a wide range of activities in the Centre. This project was being run in conjunction with Etwall Leisure Centre, Etwall Parish Council, South Derbyshire District Council, the Youth Service, Police and PCSO's when they were available.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

EL/6. **ASSESSMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL: REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT MANAGER**

A report was submitted reporting the work of the District Council's internal audit function on the control and procedural arrangements operating in the new Leisure Centre.

In accordance with the Council's approved audit plan, an audit was undertaken on the financial administration and other control aspects of the Centre on an annual basis. This was required as part of the Responsible Finance Officer's Section 151 requirements and that of Treasurer to the Joint Management Committee.

A report had been produced and discussed with the Leisure Centre Management, which was attached as an Appendix to the Agenda. The report

detailed several findings and issues which led to various recommendations being made, to ensure adequate control arrangements existed, and most of these issues were cleared at the time of the audit or shortly afterwards.

RESOLVED:-

That the report of the Internal Audit Manager be noted and any outstanding actions be approved for implementation.

EL/7. **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.

CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF GREEN BANK AND ETWALL LEISURE CENTRES (Paragraph 3)

The shortlist of contractors to be invited for tender for the management of Green Bank and Etwall Leisure Centres was approved.

B. WHYMAN, M.B.E.

CHAIRMAN