

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

3rd October 2005

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Labour Group

Councillor Shepherd (Chair) and Councillors Pabla and Richards

Conservative Group

Councillors Mrs. Hood and Lemmon.

Officers

S. Batchelor, D. Clamp, K. Stackhouse, C. Mason, P. Spencer and S. Wright.

Representatives of Etwall John Port School

Governor

M. Crane.

Officers

F. Briggs and P. Kennerdell.

Representative of Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Bambrick.

Community Group Representative

Mrs. Wedgebury.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from M. Alflat (South Derbyshire District Council), Councillor Hood (Derbyshire County Council) and Mrs. Bussell (Community Group Representative).

EL/11. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2005 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

EL/12. **REPORTS OF MEMBERS**

Councillor Lemmon referred to the Derby Triathlon Club event held in September and reported concerns about parking difficulties. He questioned whether there had been any impact on the operation of the Leisure Centre. Officers replied that this event was well organised. They spoke about the size of the event and the majority of parking was outside the Village. Stuart Batchelor offered to pursue this matter.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**EL/13. USAGE INFORMATION**

The Leisure Centre Manager presented a report to give a breakdown of public usage of the swimming pool, squash courts and tennis courts for the financial years 2000/01 to date. In particular, there was a need to replace the pool inflatable. He explained private use of the pool, and the Headstream Divers Sub-Aqua Club had cancelled its use of the pool. There was recognition of the achievements of the South Derbyshire Water Polo Club and information about the Derwentio Excel Swim Squad. Stuart Batchelor gave an update about this swimming club and the specialist training provided. In response to a question from Councillor Richards, there was a discussion about a swimming event in Derby for youngsters competing below County level.

RESOLVED:

That the Usage Information report be noted.

EL/14. CHANGE TO POOL PROGRAMME

It was reported that the current timetable provided 10¼ hours for children's swimming lessons. There was an unmet public demand for such lessons and details were provided of current waiting lists. It was proposed to amend the pool programme, effectively to reduce the lessons from 2 hour sessions to 1½ hour sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings and to programme an extra 1½ hour session on Friday evenings. Public swimming would be reduced on weekdays by half an hour. The proposals should result in additional income.

RESOLVED:-

That the Joint Management Committee approves the amendment to the Swimming Pool Programme, as identified in the report.

EL/15. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2004/05

The Joint Management Committee received the Statement of Accounts for 2004/05. In addition, a comparison was provided between actual income and expenditure figures and those estimated over the year. Overall, net expenditure was approximately £8,000 lower than estimated and the reasons for this were reported. The District Council's external auditors had audited the statement and no issues had arisen. It was expected that an audit certificate would be issued shortly.

In receiving the report, Mrs. Wedgebury enquired about the works needed to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and to remove asbestos. She was mindful of the October 2005 deadline and asked whether any works needed to be completed, so she could keep colleagues on the Community Group informed. In reply, Chris Mason confirmed that the Leisure Centre was not 100% compliant with these requirements, but he was not aware of any enforcement cases being made under the DDA. There was a potential risk, but the Joint

Management Committee had made a decision not to spend resources on these areas, pending a decision about a new leisure facility. The Chair added that all partners were anxious to resolve these issues, but there was a reticence to spend monies on renovation works. Stuart Batchelor confirmed that works had been postponed, so that resources were not spent that could be used for a new Leisure Centre. If the Joint Management Committee was challenged, there were logical reasons behind the decisions taken. The Council had committed resources to meet its contribution towards the required works, but it was uncertain whether all partners had made a commitment of resources. Mrs. Wedgebury reminded that it was 10 years since plans for a new leisure facility had first been discussed.

RESOLVED:-

That the Statement of Accounts for 2004/05 be approved.

EL/16. **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 11th July 2005 were received.

CHANGE IN WORKING ARRANGEMENTS (Paragraph 1)

The Joint Management Committee adopted a policy for changes in working arrangements and approved such an application, on a trial basis.

PAY AND GRADING REVIEW (Paragraph 1)

The Joint Management Committee agreed a mechanism to complete a local pay review.

Note: At this point, Mrs. Wedgebury left the Meeting.

D. SHEPHERD

CHAIR

