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WESTERN AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the meeting of the **TISBURY AND DISTRICT
SPORTS CENTRE MANAGING BODY**, held at Tisbury & District Sports Centre, Tisbury,
on Tuesday, 20th July 2004, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

P R E S E N T

WITH FULL VOTING RIGHTS

SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr R Frankland - Chairman

Councillors Mrs J A Green and J B Hooper

Apologies: Mrs S A Willan and County Councillor Willan

ST JOHN'S FIRST SCHOOL

Mrs S Holliday

WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS

NADDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr P Skinner

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Tom Lindsay, Three Tier Co-Ordinator, Wiltshire County Council and
Mandy Maloney, Chair of the Tisbury Amateur Swimming Club

REPORT NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

9. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Mr R Frankland be elected as Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

10. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor Mrs J Green be elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

11. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

AGREED - that the minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd July 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest.

13. MANAGER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2003 – JUNE 2004

The Managing Body received the previously circulated Manager's report on the Tisbury and District Sports Centre. The following matters were discussed:-

Performance to Date

The Centre Manager explained that the computer system used by the Centre was upgraded in 2002. This upgrade explains why there are large variances in the figures shown for 2002/2003 and 2003/2004.

Centre Programme

The closure of Nadder Middle School will impact on the Tisbury and District Sports Centre in terms of the availability of the main hall space during the day. The Junior School will continue to use the Centre facilities, between 1-3pm, five days a week, but the Centre will now have an opportunity to review its day time use and opening hours.

Sports Development

Outreach Scheme

The Centre Manager informed the Managing Body that take up for the Outreach Scheme from Parish Councils was relatively low and tended to focus on the pay and play activities. The Centre Manager would be reviewing the development of further activities for next year.

Any Other Business

The Centre Manager informed the Managing Body that in light of departure of the caretaker for Nadder Middle School she was concerned about the security of the whole site. The Centre Manager had looked into the possible installation of CCTV on the site, but this would be too expensive.

AGREED –

- (1) That a letter be sent to Tom Lindsay to ask him to clarify what security measures would be installed on the site.

The Managing Body asked the Acting Head of Community Initiatives what was happening in relation to the proposal for a Leisure Trust. The Acting Head of Community Initiatives replied that negotiations were currently taking place between Wiltshire County Council and Salisbury District Council and following the conclusion of these discussions, a report was due to be considered by the Cabinet in September/October. The Cabinet would decide at this point as to whether or not the Council wished to proceed with the Trust option. An update on this would be brought back to the Managing Body for consideration at its meeting in November.

14. TISBURY SWIMMING POOL

Tom Lindsay, Three Tier Co-Ordinator, Wiltshire County Council and Mandy Maloney, Chairman of the Tisbury Amateur Swimming Club were both in attendance for this item.

Mr Lindsay informed the Managing Body that this issue had been considered by the Western Area Committee at its meeting on 15th July. He explained that WCC had been in discussions with the Tisbury Amateur Swimming Club (TASC) to keep the swimming pool open throughout the summer period. The main issue was a personnel one. The swimming pool

needs cover throughout the day (usually three times a day) and continuity in terms of maintenance of the pool was a crucial factor.

Mr Lindsay had been in discussions with the caretaker of Nadder Middle School who is being made redundant and as a result will also need to relinquish his home. It has just been agreed with the caretaker that he will look after the pool until 31st August. Consequently the pool will remain open during the summer period.

The Chairman of TASC informed the Managing Body that the school caretaker is currently responsible for the maintenance of the pool. Day to day activities at the pool are run by TASC, including life guard provision, rotas etc. Mandy Maloney was pleased that the pool would remain open until the end of August, but explained that the pool usually remained open until the third week of September and hoped that this would be the case for this summer.

Mr Lindsay replied that there may be someone who could maintain the pool until the third week of September and a handover period was proposed with the caretaker. This additional person might also be able to act as a reserve if the caretaker became unavailable for a particular reason.

Mandy Maloney asked what would happen thereafter. She emphasized that the pool serves the wider community and that the TASC did not have either the manpower or the resources to maintain the pool.

Discussion then focused on the land ownership issue and who owned the land on which the pool was built. Mr Lindsay replied that the pool site is leased to WCC. The intention is for the old school playing fields to be returned to Tisbury Parish Council and as Mr Lindsay understood, the Parish Council was happy to take this land back. This land included the site on which the swimming pool was built.

Mr Lindsay went on to inform the Managing Body that there is a legal agreement between WCC and TASC, which requires the County Council to maintain the pool as part of the lease. In terms of the implications of this and what happens when the land is returned to the Parish Council at the end of the lease, Mr Lindsay advised that legal opinion would be required.

The Chairman of the Managing Body stated that the swimming pool is a vital community facility and over the years many local residents have learnt how to swim there. The Chairman felt that there was a moral responsibility to maintain this facility and added that the Tisbury and District Sports Centre Managing Body needed to take issue with this situation.

The Chairman also highlighted the possibility of a replacement swimming pool as a result of possible development on land near Hindon Lane.

Mandy Maloney followed the Chairman's point by stressing that the TASC would not be able to be involved in the running of an indoor pool. If the indoor pool option was pursued, SDC or WCC would need to take on the complete management of such a facility. Ms Maloney added that she would be opposed to the closure of the existing outdoor facility on the off chance of an alternative being built.

The Acting Head of Community Initiatives replied that all the different options needed to be considered, including the possibility of SDC maintaining the outdoor pool. Although TASC

currently contributed £1,700 to the running of the pool, the exact costs would need to be calculated. There are other pressing demands on the Council's resources at the moment.

In conclusion to this discussion, Mr Lindsay informed the Managing Body that the issue of other uses of the Nadder Middle School site had been explored by WCC and the County Council's Cabinet had stated that if the site was to be used as an office facility, this would need to be self-financing. Since the Cabinet meeting in May, it appears that there would be insufficient capital to save the buildings in their current form and consequently WCC has submitted an application to SDC for a more substantial development.

The Managing Body agreed that it would be useful to have a clear brief on the proposed future uses of the school site and Councillor Hooper informed the Managing Body that he would be requesting a planning brief to be brought back to the Western Area Committee meeting for consideration at its meeting in September.

AGREED –

- (1) that clarification of the legal agreement between WCC and TASC be sought.
- (2) that the Tisbury Amateur Swimming Club seek clarification from Tisbury Parish Council regarding (a) the future ownership and use of the swimming pool site and (b) how the Parish Council intends to negotiate with Wiltshire County Council in relation to its future commitment to the pool.

(NOTE: These actions will be jointly pursued by Mr Lindsay, WCC and Ms Maloney, TASC)

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Managing Body be held in November 2004, date to be confirmed in due course.

(The meeting concluded at 6.05 pm)