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## Minutes

**Meeting of:** Tisbury and District Sports Centre Managing Body

**Meeting held in:** Tisbury Sports Centre, Tisbury, Salisbury

**Date:** 28 June 2005

**Commencing at:** 5.00pm

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**Present (with voting rights):**

Mr R Frankland - Chairman

**District Councillors:**

Councillor Mrs J A Green

Councillor J B Hooper

**St John's First School:**

Mrs S Holliday

**Officers:**

Gareth Broom (Democratic Services)

Debbie Stevens (Acting Manager)

Robin Townsend (Head of Community Initiatives)

**Apologies:**

District Councillor Mrs S A Willan,

P Skinner and J Ryan

**28. Chairman's Announcements:**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**29. Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

*Agreed* - that the minutes of the last meeting held on 1 March 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**30. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**31. Manager's Report for March – May 2005:**

Debbie Stevens, the Acting Centre Manager of Tisbury & District Sports Centre presented her report to the group (previously circulated). The first two financial years 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 have been compared to ascertain how well the sports centre is operating. Soft Play is one area where there has been an increase in revenue and this is due to private hiring of the facility.

**Centre Programme:** The Sports Centre Budget was covered for the year. The previous year there was a saving of £18,000 but due to maternity cover for this year it cannot be sustained. A number of classes have been introduced which have seen the numbers of people attending the centre increase. The Summer Half Term programme generated a profit of £307.34



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**Sports Development:** Chilmark and St. John's Primary Schools have been making further enquiries regarding the use of Sports Centre staff for coaching activities and extra use of the main hall on Mondays. It was planned to visit Chilmark on Mondays from 1 - 2.15pm with up to two members of staff and the school will be paying for their time. St. John's Primary School will also have more hours allocated.

The Wiltshire County Council Road Safety Team have contacted the Centre concerning a new Cycling Proficiency training course and have asked if Tisbury Sports Centre would like to pilot the new scheme. This is something that we have agreed to do.

There would be a revamp and re-launch of the GP referral scheme in the near future by renaming it the 'Healthy Living Programme' which will bring it in line with the rest of the District. The centre will be able to accept Patients once a grant from the British Heart Foundation has been successfully completed. There is also a move to build a partnership between the 'Footsteps Walking Club' and the GP referral scheme for those prescribed exercise.

**Staff Issues:** Gavin Sheen and Matthew Mullins have completed a Supervisory Management Course, organised through VT Plus Training. This follows their successful completion of the NVQ Course in Gym Instruction/Circuit Training.

**Marketing:** *The centre manager* was currently focussing on the centre's advertising in very local publications such as the Blackmore Vale Magazine, Odeon Cinema publications and local parish magazines.

**Maintenance:** Grass cutting has been taken over by Banyards, initially for one a year contract, which brings the centre into line with Salisbury District Council. We have been experiencing problems with treadmills in the fitness centre. The cost of fixing the problems takes a large amount of funding away from other areas. We have therefore made enquiries about leasing equipment in the future.

During consideration of this section the following comments/questions arose (with any subsequent answer given):

- Do spectators pay to come into the Sports centre?  
*No spectators can watch for free.*
- Why is there a performance indicator for 'Annual Visits per Square Metre'?  
*This is a measurement used by Sports England to compare sports centres across the country.*
- Can healthier products be dispensed from the vending machine?  
*There are plans to incorporate a healthier selection of foods. However the coffee vending machine is not popular so we need to balance the products we stock with the demand for those products.*
- At the County level the Wiltshire County Council Youth Service will be concentrating purely on youth issues. This will mean they no longer manage any sports centres.
- Why are there not more primary schools visiting the sports centre?  
*WCC have asked schools if they would like to use the facilities here in Tisbury but it is the cost of transportation which is a prohibitory factor. Outreach costs of staff visiting schools would have to be borne by WCC as well.*
- What are the plans for building a swimming pool in Tisbury?  
*There is a possibility of a swimming pool being built near to the Sports centre. Some funding could be secured through R2. Costings need to be worked out for building and running of a swimming pool and land around the Sports Centre may be an issue if it is released for housing instead. The likely project for building a swimming pool in Tisbury is not likely to go ahead for at least another 3 years. The idea of a swimming pool would fit in well with the Community Safety Partnership initiative to prevent crime amongst the youth.*

32. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising

33. **Date of Next Meeting:**

**Agreed:** that the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 1 November 2005 at 5:00 pm at Tisbury Sports Centre