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Minutes

Meeting of : Tisbury and District Sports Centre Managing Body
Meeting held in : The Centre, Tisbury
Date : Monday 12 May 2008
Time : 6.30 pm

Apologies – Councillors Mrs J A Green and Mr T Deane

Present – with full voting rights:

Salisbury District Council - Mr R Frankland, Councillors Mr D Parker and Mr R Beattie

Wiltshire County Council - Absent

Tisbury Parish Council - Mr P Coopman

West Tisbury Parish Council - Absent

Present – without full voting rights:

Representative of the Local Community - Mr P Skinner

Tisbury Support Group - Mr A White and Mr P Thompson

1. Election of a Chairman:

Resolved – that Councillor Parker be elected Chairman for the 2008-09 Municipal Year

2. Election of a Vice-Chairman:

Resolved – that Councillor Green be elected Vice-Chairman for the 2008-09 Municipal Year



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3. **Apologies**
Councillors Mrs J A Green and Mr T Deane

4. **Notes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved – that the minutes of the last meetings, held on 8 January and 19 February, be agreed as a correct record.

5. **Matters Arising:**

Minute 9: Hindon Lane Development:

The Managing Body noted that the developer had submitted a planning application, and that a draft Section 106 agreement would provide £400,000 to Tisbury Parish Council in R4 funds. It was understood that this contribution would not be payable until 24 dwellings had been built on the site, and would need to be spent within five years of the agreement. Members agreed on the need for clarity as to the timescale for the delivery of the funds before holding a meeting to set up the Managing Body Sub-Group.

Minute 11: Membership of Managing Body – Establishment of Tisbury Support Group:

The Managing Body noted the intention to amalgamate the Sports Centre Support Group with the Pool Appeals Group, and that it was necessary to await the outcome of the Hindon Lane developer contributions before proceeding.

Minute 12: Managing Body Sub-Group – Develop a strategic plan for the site:

The Managing Body agreed on the need to arrange a meeting with all relevant partners as soon as possible to begin developing a strategic plan for the site.

6. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Parker declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in the matters set out under Minute 7 in that he was a part owner and editor of Valley News. He remained in the meeting, and spoke on all the agenda items.

7. **Chairman's Announcements:**

Councillor Parker stated that more needed to be done to reach out to the public and bring in more people to the Centre. The Managing Body considered a number of suggestions made by Councillor Parker:

- An annual Chairman's evening with invited guests (for example Arthur Bowden, President of Salisbury Area Sport), and a presentation to staff in recognition of achievement and long service
- A Chairman's briefing with staff of the Centre to answer any questions
- Wide distribution of the Centre's forthcoming promotional DVD, linking in with the other leisure centres in the District
- An invitation to Fovant Youth Club to attend the Centre on a regular basis
- A business survey to inform decisions on how to make best use of down times at the Centre
- Promotion of activities such as orienteering and walking that could use the Centre as a base
- Clearer and more engaging signage on the entrance gate to the Centre
- An improvement to the visual aspect of the site in terms of the derelict building, old greenhouse and the planting/landscape around the Centre
- A decision (at the Managing Body's next meeting) as to the best name for the Centre
- Officers to produce a two year business plan setting out various options, with the goal of maximizing revenue and laying the groundwork for a detailed strategy and capital programme
- A press release setting out the Centre's direction of travel and proposed initiatives

Resolved – that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman meet with Robin Townsend and Rick Weston to discuss the above suggestions

8. The General Manager's Performance Report

The Managing Body considered the General Manager's Performance Report.

- Resolved:** 1) to note the Report;
2) to agree the draft plans for the internal refurbishment of the Centre;
that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman meet Terry Durrant to discuss the proposed building works to the Centre, with Roy Frankland and Peter Thompson to stand in their absence if necessary;
3) that Caroline Stopps and Matthew Mullins be recognised for their achievements.

9. Business Plan

The Managing Body considered the Tisbury and District Sports Centre 2008 Business Plan. Members welcomed the report but requested further information on the likely financial consequences of pursuing various options and the relative viability of different uses of the Centre at certain times (see also Minute 7 –Chairman's Announcements). Members also requested the General Manager to explore the possibility of renting the Nadder Hall for fitness and dance classes in order to free up the main hall for other activities such as five-a-side football. With regard to the Draft Protocol (Appendix 3 to the report), Members noted Councillor Deane's comments and agreed to amend the document as follows:

- "Plymouth Brethren" to be replaced with "Quantock Education Trust"
- Maxwell Steer to be noted as the Chairman of Nadder Hall
- Remove all references to locking the site as this was not required by the insurance company and was of limited benefit in protecting the Centre
- Reduce the period of notice required for functions from 28 to 14 days
- Add contact details for local pre-schools, DACS, and Parish Councils
- Make clearer the purpose of the protocol: to ensure the smooth operation of the facilities and to come to an understanding of the future use of the site as a whole

Members also noted that the protocol could serve as the basis for the umbrella group to involve Parish Councils and other local stakeholders, and that Councillor Deane would be well placed to investigate the legality of the deeds.

- Resolved** – 1) to note the Business Plan; and
2) to amend the draft protocol as above

10. Date of next meeting:

6.30 pm on Monday 14 July