

Minutes of a Meeting of Wem Swimming & Lifestyle Centre Liaison Group held on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 10 a.m. in the Eckford Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem.

Present:- Cllr Broomhall, Mrs P O'Hagan (Town Clerk)

Wem Swimming & Lifestyle Centre - M Adkins, M. Logan (Duty Manager).

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Broomhall took the chair.

- 1 **Apologies for absence** – To receive apologies for absence  
**RESOLVED:- to accept the following apologies for absence**  
C Mellings, N Parker – WSLC  
Cllr Towers, Cllr White
- 2 **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- 3 **Minutes** – To approve as a correct record the minutes of a meeting of this Group held on 13 December 2017  
**RESOLVED:- to approve the minutes of the 13 December 2017 and these were duly signed as a true record.**
- 4 **Progress Report on matters raised at previous meetings**
  - a) Ceiling Panels - changing rooms and foyer - WS&LC to update on progress – It was reported that this work would be completed once the work required on the hot water tank as identified in the legionnaires inspection has been completed.
  - b) Redecoration - WS&LC to update on progress –It was reported that the pool hall was painted in December as planned.
  - c) New Heat Exchange Unit – WSLC to update on progress – no update.
  - d) Roof panel & fire door gym – WSLC to update on progress - This matter will be rectified during the gym extension.
  - e) Pool Cover – WSLC to update on progress – Niall Parker is currently sourcing an appropriate cover.
  - f) Maintenance Schedule (to include weekly inspection of gym equipment)– WSLC to update on progress – It was agreed that Malcolm Adkins would discuss this with Niall Parker to check that the inspections are being recorded.

A discussion took place on the progress report and a suggestion was made that it would be better if the items raised could be added onto the monthly Centre Manager's report so that a better track is kept on progress of issues raised.

**RESOLVED:- to note the progress report.**
- 5 **Reports** – To receive the following reports
  - a) **Centre Manager** – The Centre Manager's reports for January and February was considered and it  
**RESOLVED:- to note the reports.**

**b) WSLC Board Report** - Mr Adkins reported that the community shares issue had now finished and whilst not all the money needed was raised the money that was raised was still being used to finance the extension. He presented his report and a discussion took place on the viability of building an exercise studio as it would involve the creation of a new entrance and the relocation of the pump room. It was suggested that there were other facilities close by that could serve the same purpose and that the committee should hold discussions with Wem Sports and Social Club to see if more use could be made of the function room for exercise classes.

**c) Financial Report** – The financial report supplied by Chris Mellings was considered and it was

**RESOLVED:- to note the report.**

**7 Extension Project**

**a) Progress update** – Malcolm Adkins reported that the extension was going to plan with a view to completion by May. He was reminded of the need to ensure that the damaged bollard was replaced before the contractors left the site.

**b) Funding update** it was reported that it was not anticipated that the Town Council’s funds would be needed for the extension as sufficient funds had been raised.

**8 Information/Other Matters**

**Marketing** –A discussion took place on the need to better market the pool and to identify what prevents people from using the pool. It was suggested that some research to identify this would be relatively simple and cheap to organise.

It was also suggested that the committee work with the staff team to promote the pool and gym on social media sites other than facebook.

In relation to the “This Girl Can” and “Swim Fit” promotions it was suggested that these initiatives needed to be explained better to the public so that people who might make use of them could better understand what was being offered.

Malcolm reported that he was in discussions with the local GP surgery to develop a referral system for patients who healthcare professionals consider may benefit from increased exercise.

Next meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 Eckford Suite

Meeting ended at 11.00

Chairman.....