

Minutes of a Meeting of Wem Swimming & Lifestyle Centre Liaison Group held on Monday 11th October 2021 at 13.30 in The Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem

Present:- Cllr Broomhall (Chairman), Cllr Towers, Mrs P O'Hagan (Town Clerk)
Wem Swimming & Lifestyle Centre, M Price, K Creagh (General Manager).

1 Election of Group Chairman

RESOLVED:- to elect Cllr Broomhall as chairman.

2 Apologies for absence – To receive apologies for absence.

RESOLVED:- to accept the following apology for absence Cllr Soul.

Absent Cllr Edge, M Adkins, I Jamieson.

3 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None received.

4 Minutes – To approve as a correct record the minutes of a meeting of this Group held on 28th July 2020.

RESOLVED:- to approve the minutes of the meeting of this group held 28th July 2020 and they were duly signed as a true record.

5 Progress Report on matters raised at previous meetings – The following items were discussed from the progress report.

Changing room panels – this has been completed.

Website revamp – this is still ongoing as there have been more pressing priorities for expenditure.

Extension ownership – WSLC to chase up with Sport England.

Fitness suite – There have been issues with machines in recent weeks due to damp in the building causing problems with the electrics, however this will be fixed soon.

Signage – remove from progress report.

RESOLVED:- to note the report.

6 Reports – To receive the following reports

a) Manager - Karen gave an update on the usage of the building. She explained that numbers are down post lockdown but usage is improving and they are hopeful that they may return to pre covid levels in the next few months, there are currently 149 direct debit members and 82 annual members so there is a steady income from membership. Swimming lessons are very strong with a big waiting list which is a result of covid and other local pools closing. She reported that they are short staffed but lifeguard training is taking place.

b) WSLC Board Report

Mike presented the board report and explained that work is planned to repair the fan and lifted tiles on pool base.

There is still a small leak in the pool and this is probably a consequence of the pipe repair work which will be investigated.

An issue going into the winter could be the rising oil prices and this is being monitored.

The board is currently focused on keeping open and reducing losses so any long-term development plans are currently on hold.

c) Financial Report

It was reported that the centre's financial accounts are starting to look more promising and a very small surplus was recorded for the first time in months.

7 Information/Other Matters

None raised

Next meeting Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 10.00

Meeting ended 14.20

Chairman.....