

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a **SPORT & LEISURE MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 21st February 2012.

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| Present: | T Wilson, Esq., Chairman |
| Councillors | Clarke, Glasgow, MBE, Kelly, McCartney, McCrea, McElhone, McGarvey, McNamee, Mallaghan, Mayo and Quinn. |
| Officers | Chief Executive (Acting) Director of Operational Services Leisure Services Manager Sports Services Manager Director of Operational Services' Secretary |

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Lees, McAleer, McFlynn and McIvor.

2. LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

A copy of the above report has previously been circulated. The Committee adopted the report together with the following matters contained therein.

2.1 General Income / Usage

Income for December was down slightly on the previous year. The income for January of £94,995.05 (exc. VAT) is the highest recorded level of income in the history of the Leisure Centre, the result of good work by all the members of the team.

2.2 Income (Exc. VAT) Comparison 2010/11 - 2011/12

Comparison of the income during these periods shows an increase of £107,300.34 in income, the greater proportion of this from the Fitness Suite, then swimming lessons, classes, courses and room hire.

2.3 Birthday Party Room

Building Control Approval has been received and a full report showing drawings and costings will be brought to the next meeting.

2.4 QUEST Maintenance Assessment

At the time of the meeting the full report following the QUEST Annual Maintenance Assessment of 27th January 2012 had not been received. This will be brought to the next meeting.

2.5 Pool Admission Policy

The Committee, on the proposal of Cllr McGarvey, seconded by Cllr McNamee AGREED to the immediate implementation of the policy as recommended within the report.

2.6 Fitness Suite Membership Packages

The Committee, on the proposal of Cllr McNamee, seconded by Cllr McElhone AGREED to the recommendation of the proposed 6-month contract (an option for those not wishing to sign a 12-month contract) for a trial period, to be reviewed at the end of 2012 at the costs listed below: -

£33.00 per month including use of gym, health suite, pool and drop-in classes:

£27.00 per month for the use of gym only.

Regarding the extension to the Fitness Suite Cllr McNamee asked if consideration had been given to adequate locker space at peak usage times. The LSM stated that this would be monitored, but felt that locker space was adequate, but if needed an overflow room at the showers could be used.

2.7 BALLYRONAN MARINA COMPLEX

Income for the period is up on last year, with Berthing Fees now being paid by direct debit, income is being spread evenly over the months.

2.8 Olympic Flame Event

A full report is to be brought to the next S & L Meeting giving further costing and details of event to be organised to receive the Olympic Flame. Announcement regarding event by LOCOG to be made mid-March 2012.

2.9 MONEYMORE RECREATION CENTRE

Income and usage have both increased over the two month period.

2.10 MATTERS ARISING

2.10.1 Scale of Charges

The Committee AGREED to the 2011/12 Scale of Charges remaining the same. Charges will be reviewed when budgets are set for the financial year 2013/14.

2.10.2 Press Coverage re Cost of N I Leisure Centres

The Committee noted the recent press coverage regarding the costs of Council owned Leisure Centres within Northern Ireland.

3. SPORTS SERVICES REPORT

A copy of the above report has previously been circulated. The Committee adopted the report together with the following matters contained therein.

3.1 Income

Income of £27,285.90 for the two month period showed an increase on the same period for last year.

3.2 MUSA Prices

Prices to be monitored but not increased at present. Consideration to be given to the provision of monthly membership of the Strength & Conditioning facility at MUSA.

3.3 Grass Pitches

A number of high profile events have taken place to celebrate the opening to the new 3G pitch. Extremely positive feedback has been received. The date for the Game of 3 Halves, including coaching and participation in GAA, Rugby and Soccer has been changed from 29th February to 14th March 2012.

3.4 Performer Development Centre

Consideration to be given to additional publicity being given to this programme and the up and coming athletes that are part of this programme.

3.5 Active Communities Programme

With regard to this programme the Coaches involved are working well and have surpassed the targets set by Sports NI.

3.6 Additional Changing Rooms for MUSA

An Expression of Interest form has been submitted to the RDP Axis 3 Potential Strategic Project to enhance the proposed development to include Physical Activity Arena and the Committee will be kept informed of the progress of the application.

3.7 Trim Trail Upgrade

The installation of the fitness equipment for the Trim Trail will be delayed until May 2012 when the bitmac work on the trail is expected to be complete.

3.8 Mid Ulster Football Association

Consideration will be given at the next S & L Meeting to a request for financial support received from Mid Ulster Football Association towards their 125th Anniversary Dinner to be held May 2012.

3.9 MUSA Service Level Agreement & Contracts

On the proposal of Cllr McGarvey, seconded by Cllr McCrea the Committee AGREED to the extension of the contract arrangements with IFA and Tyrone County Board in respect of IFA Grassroots Development Officer and the GAA Games Promotion Officer for a further 1 year, and to extend the contract for the PDC with SNI/SINI with clarification to be sought on maximum numbers, provision of equipment and promotional activities.

3.10 MATTERS ARISING

3.11.1 Provision of Shelters

A report to be brought to next meeting on consideration of provision of spectator shelter, clock and scoreboard to pitches, to enhance the facilities.

3.11.2 Paralympic Flame

Consideration to organising a Family Fun Day for the 25th August to celebrate the arrival of the Paralympic Flame to Cookstown – Belfast – London.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Pigeon Club

Cllr McNamee enquired if any progress has been made with regard to sourcing premises for the Club. No premises had been found.

4.2 Manchester City Coaching Event

Cllr Wilson congratulated the staff of MUSA for hosting this event over the Thursday and Friday nights. The Team were full of praise for facilities, staff, etc.

4.3 90th Anniversary of Cookstown 100 Road Race

The Committee AGREED to the Club having use of the exhibition area in the Burnavon before and during the race week (22nd – 28th April 2012) to display memorabilia relevant to the event.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th April 2012

The meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.