

## COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of a **SPORT & LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011.

**Present:** C Mallaghan, Esq, Chairman

**Councillors:** Clarke, Glasgow, McAleer, McCartney, McCrea, McElhone, McFlynn, McGarvey, McNamee, Mayo, Quinn.

**Officers**  
Director of Development  
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 and Wilson.

### 2. DESERTCREAT COLLEGE

Cllr McCrea announced by Minister Edwin Poots, MLA, Dept of Health, Social Services and Public Safety that final approval has been given for the new college at Desertcreat. The Committee welcomed this news. The DoD stated that a presentation regarding the facility will be given to Council at the September meeting.

### 3. LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

#### 3.1. General Income / Usage

Income and usage dropped during the months of February and March, due to the double enrolment during January and the better weather during March.

Income and usage during April and May were up on the same period of 2010. Greenvale Leisure Centre is due to re-open April 2012, which might adversely affect our user numbers.

### **3.2. evolve Fitness Income**

evolve Fitness Studio income has shown an increase of £17,787 on the same period for last year, due to the fact that income is not shared with Competition Line UK. The extension of the facility is needed to ensure that the increased numbers using free weights are catered for.

### **3.3. Personal Training**

On the proposal of Cllr McGarvey, seconded by Cllr McCrea the Committee AGREED that advertisements be placed locally for interested personal trainers.

### **3.4. County Swimming Championships**

On the proposal of Cllr McGarvey, seconded by Cllr Quinn the Committee AGREED to grant permission to close the swimming pool to the public at 2.00 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon during June 2012 to facilitate the County Swimming Championship. Cookstown Swimming Club would host the event every 4 years.

### **3.5. Swim Ulster Regional Championships**

On the proposal of Cllr McGarvey, seconded by Cllr Clarke the Committee AGREED that permission be granted to allow Swim Ulster to host the Swim Ulster Regional Championship at Cookstown Leisure Centre on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Swim Ulster have agreed to pay loss of income to CLC for closure.

### **3.6. Request for Access to Leisure Centre Facilities for European Exchange Students**

On the proposal of Cllr McCrea, seconded by Cllr McCartney the Committee AGREED that this request should be declined and requested that LSM respond to Mr Vincent Beggs explaining the Committee's decision.

## **4. MONEYMORE RECREATION CENTRE**

### **4.1 Income**

Although no income is generated by schools usage - Cllr McCrea requested that LSM contact schools not using the facility, find out why.

### **4.2 Gym at Moneymore Recreation Centre**

The LSM informed the Committee that the application for funding of the above had been turned down, but further funding applications will be investigated.

## **5. SPORTS SERVICES REPORT**

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

### **5.1 Income**

Income and usage for April and May 2011 increased on the same period last year.

### **5.2 Pitch 3**

The tender report on the new 3G pitch will be available for the PR & S meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### **5.3 Peace III Youth Programme**

£11,000 funding was accessed through Peace III Youth Programme to facilitate activities for 4-16 year olds from Gortalowry Park, Millburn and Monrush, Killymoon and Stewart Avenue.

### **5.4 Active Communities Programme**

According to reports by Sport NI these programmes are all working above the target set, 7.9% above the target for women and girls 9.4% above target for those with a disability and 8.6% above the target for older people.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Sports Therapy**

The Committee AGREED to the development of Sports Therapy facilities at MUSA in line with CDC policy and procedures.

### **6.2 Water Bill**

The DOS explained that a borewell is not viable for installation at MUSA. NI Water costs includes for the disposal of water as well as the supply. Consideration to be given to permeable paving to recycle water for all Council facilities.

### **6.3 Cookstown Pigeon Club**

Cllr Quinn enquired if Cookstown Pigeon Club have been contacted with regard to application for Funding. The Club Secretary had been advised to speak to M Bryson, Community Services Manager.

### **6.4 Mid Ulster Sports Arena Changing Room Option**

On the proposal of Cllr McNamee, seconded by Cllr McGarvey the Committee AGREED that a Planning Application be submitted for modular sports changing facilities and application be brought to Tender Stage.

## **7 APPOINTMENT OF 2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS TO PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY**

The information was circulated to all members requesting the appointment of 2 Local Government Representative Members to the Public Health Agency. The Committee AGREED that this would be considered and a reply made at PR&S Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

## **8. BEST KEPT AWARD 2011**

Council Chairman S Clarke attended a reception at Farnleigh House, Dublin to receive on behalf of Cookstown District Council the Best Kept Town Award 2011 Ireland for Cookstown complete with a cheque for €2,500. This award is judged on the lack of litter,

flower displays, shop fronts, sculpture displays, housing estates, etc. The Committee congratulated the DoS and all staff for the work entailed and ongoing within the department to achieve this award, not just in 2010 and 2011 but in the last 10 years.

## **9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.