

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a **SPORT & LEISURE MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 16th October 2012.

Present: I McCrea Esq., Chairman

Councillors Clarke, Glasgow, MBE, Kelly, Lees, Mallaghan, Mayo, McAleer, McCartney, McElhone, McFlynn, McGarvey, McNamee, Quinn and Wilson.

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 Cllr Mclvor.

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 the period April - September has increased by £16,790.83, the usage by 9,560 on the same period last year. Figures will remain unpredictable as Magherafelt Leisure Centre has opened and Omagh Leisure has closed for refurbishment. The Leisure Services Manager will bring a marketing plan to the next S & L Meeting.

2.2 **Evolve Fitness Suite Income**

Evolve Fitness Studio income has increased by £9,740.57 on the same period as last year. Membership numbers are decreasing whilst the casual usage is increasing.

2.3 **Classes and Courses**

Fitness Class Programme Enrolments commencing September have proved to be very successful.

2.4 Councillor Visit to Cookstown Leisure Centre

The Committee AGREED to the purchase of new lockers for the Swimming Pool and Health Suite Changing Rooms at an approximate cost of £35,000. With regard to the re-design / updating of the walk in and reception area a further report / details to be brought to the next S & L Meeting.

2.5 E-Charge Point in Cookstown Leisure Centre Car Park

E-charging points to be installed at Cookstown Leisure Centre (2 No), Moneymore Recreation Centre and Mid Ulster Sports Arena at no cost to Council.

2.6 Unauthorised Use of Disabled Parking Bays

To prevent unauthorised use of disabled parking bays Leisure Centre staff place stickers on the side windows of the vehicles. Monitoring of this problem is ongoing.

Cllr Mallaghan entered the meeting at 7.14 p.m.

2.7 BALLYRONAN MARINA COMPLEX AND BATTERY HARBOUR – Income / Usage

Income for the Caravan Park increased by £781.74 and for the Marina by £2,627.19 over the same 6 month period for last year. Winter season invoicing has commenced.

2.8 Ballyronan Boat Club International Regatta Proposal

The Committee AGREED to consideration of a proposal, (when received) from Ballyronan Boat Club wishing to organise an International Regatta at Ballyronan Marina Complex next year in conjunction with RYA.

2.9 MONEYMORE RECREATION CENTRE - Income

Income and usage at Moneymore Recreation Centre have both increased by £485.36 and 917 respectively on the same period as last year.

2.10 DAVAGH FOREST TRAIL

Construction work on Davagh Forest Trail is on target to be completed early February 2013. During the first and second weekends of September damage was caused to the construction work by unauthorised use of the pathways by quad bike and mountain trail bike users. A Meeting has been held with local community, police, bikers etc. in attendance and a further meeting has been planned.

2.11 Davagh Trails Marketing

Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) will provide marketing support to Council for the next three years under the brand 'Mountain Bike NI' – consisting of Trail Guides, Information Panels, Website, Community Liaison and Event Planning.

2.12 Sponsorship

Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) have been given permission to seek sponsorship for the Trails. Any sponsorship monies received will be used to market Davagh Trails over the next three years.

2.13 7 Stanes Learning Journey

Councillors, Council Officers and ORNI Officers visited two trail sites at Dalbeattie and Kirroughtree as well as Gorsebank Camping Village in Scotland to gain insight into the running and development of facilities such as Davagh Trails.

2.14 Operational Management of Trails

John Howard, Leisure Services has been giving consideration to the use of the facility in order to have all Policies and Procedures in place before the site is open for use by the general public.

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 from June to September 2012 totalled £44,205 an increase on the same period last year.

3.2 MUSA Prices

The direct debit facility for the monthly membership of the Strength & Conditioning Room it is hoped will be operational by the end of October. Software will enable administration of the direct debit facility to be carried out at MUSA.

3.3 Grass Pitches

All pitches are in good condition.

3.4 Staffing

The SSM informed the Committee of changes within the members of staff at MUSA.

3.5 Performer Development Centre

As previously reported to Council MUSA will be advertising to seek expressions of interest for use of the Physio Room for Sports Therapy activities.

3.6 IFA Centre of Excellence

The Irish Football Association 'Excellence programme' has recommenced for the seventh season with participants from Cookstown, Dungannon, Omagh and Strabane.

3.7 IFA Grassroots Update

The following programmes have been ongoing – Moneymore Soccer, Coaching Sessions at Cookstown Resource Centre, Level One Coaching, Summer Camp Derrychrin, Summer Soccer School, Afterschools Programmes, IFA Games Development Centres and Club Accreditation and Coach Mentoring Programmes.

3.8 GAA Games Promotion Officer Update

The GPO continues to deliver a wide range of programmes – 9 schools included as well as Club development and coach education sessions. A very successful disability Summer Camp and Club Tyrone Camps at various locations.

3.9 SPORTS SERVICES – Northern Partnership for Physical Activity

£3,000 has been secured from the NPPA by the Sports Services Officer to deliver physical activity programmes such as walking and disability activities for specific groups in the area.

3.10 MUSA Family Fun Day – Welcome the Paralympic Flame

The event was a huge success, over 2,000 people attended on the day and teams taking part in the organised events came from as far as Ballymena and Fermanagh.

3.11 PCSP Summer Youth Divisionary Programme

Funding of £5,000 from the Cookstown Policing and Community Safety Partnership was used to deliver two activity programmes during July and August to tackle anti-

social behaviour. This funding enabled young people to participate in activities not usually available to them and at a reduced cost.

3.12 Active Communities

The Key Performance Indicators June – September 2012 indicates that targets are being met throughout all the work programmes delivered across the consortia area.

The Committee AGREED that a letter should be sent to all coaches and staff involved with this programme congratulating them on their excellent work.

3.13 Cage Sports

The Sports Services Manager reported that the 'Cage Sports' has been well received at hockey and other events. All schools have been made aware of the availability of this equipment.

3.14 Midnight Soccer

Midnight Soccer recommencing – a photo-shoot is to be held week beginning 22nd October.

3.15 Sports Forum Meeting

Item for the agenda of the Sports Forum – request for athletic track within Cookstown District.

3.16 Any Other Business - MUSA Upgrade

The Committee AGREED to the further progression of the application for MUSA Upgrade i.e. the completion of detailed design of preferred option, specifications and contract documentation and the compilation of a select list of contractors.

3.17 Killymoon Rangers

This letter requesting support for Killymoon Rangers was not considered at the meeting.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Health Issues – 'Save the Mid'

The Chief Executive (Acting) informed the Committee of a letter received from Hugh McCloy wishing to address the Council regarding matters concerning the Mid Ulster Hospital and Westlands Residential Home. The Committee AGREED to a

10 minute presentation being arranged if possible prior to a meeting/presentation from the NHSSB Trust.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 18th December 2012

The meeting ended at 7.50 p.m.

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