

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CULTURE AND SPORT POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 2012 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Dudson, A. (Chairman)

Bottomer, B.	Sutton, Mrs. H. M.
Grocott, M. R.	Whitehouse, Mrs. L.
Mitchell, C.	

1. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C. W. J. Morgan (Vice-Chairman).

2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

The Senior Committee Officer reported that Council on 4 July, 2012 adopted a new Code of Conduct and interests previously classed as 'prejudicial' would now be 'pecuniary' interests to bring them in line with the new terminology in the Localism Act, 2011.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 April, 2012 be approved as a correct record.

4. Priority Delivery Plan 2012-13 – Projects Update

The Head of Commissioning provided Members with a presentation covering the following issues:-

- Priority Delivery Plan (PDP) 2012-13
- Projects update (Quarter 1)
 - Chase Leisure Centre Construction
 - Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) Cardinal Griffin
 - Bevan Lee Play Area
 - Community Games & Paralympics Flame Celebration
 - Culture and Leisure Management Contract
- Work Programme 2012-13

Priority Deliver Plan (PDP) 2012/13

The Head of Commissioning advised that the purpose of the PDP was to provide an update on the 4 Key Service Actions. The Culture and Leisure Services aim was to increase participation in physical activity and to promote health and wellbeing and healthy lifestyle choices.

Chase Leisure Centre

The Committee was advised that initially the modernisation of the Chase Leisure Centre was a 64 week project, however this had overrun and it was now in week 67.

Phase 1 had been completed on 26 April, 2011 and Phase 2 on 6 February, 2012 which included the first floor Fitness Suite, Reception, Golf Area and Health and Physical Activity Suite being opened on 10 February, 2012.

Phase 3 handover which was due on 20 July, 2012 was not fully completed. This Section comprised –

- New Dance Studio
- Dry Side Changing Areas
- Treatment Rooms
- Office Space (early use of which had been made from 26 July)
- Wet Side Changing Areas
- Swimming Pools
- Spectator Balcony
- Sauna

In August 2012 key issues and implications relating to the pool tank and tiling issues had been identified. Remedial action plans are in place to drain the tank, correct tiling issues, re-fill and heat the pool, and carry out water tightness and bacteria tests. The Council was working with all parties to achieve completion and handover during September, 2012, subject to no other unforeseen issues.

Artificial Turf Pitch – Cardinal Griffin

The ATP had been completed in June and an Opening Ceremony had been held in July. It was anticipated that the ATP would be opened fully to the community in September, 2012. A Community Use Agreement would have to be approved by Cabinet and then presented to this Committee. The facility would be monitored during the first three months to review operational processes and associated operational factors, such as lighting and noise.

Comments were made that the ATP facility would not be available for use during the current school holiday.

Bevan Lee Play Area

The Head of Commissioning reported that the play area had been completed and opened ahead of schedule (March 2012) and within budget.

Community Games and Paralympics Flame Celebration

It was explained that several events had been and were to be held across the district to celebrate Community Games including –

- Launch event Cannock Town Centre – 24 March, 2012
- Hednesford's Got Talent – 2 June,
- Rugeley Charter Fair – 9 June
- Walk 2 Win – 5 July (with approximately 750 children participating)
- Brereton Community Fun Day – 14 July
- It's a Knockout – Hednesford Park – 4 August
- Party in the Park – Cannock Park – 19 August

The Party in the Park was to be held from 11 am until 7 pm and a free bus shuttle would be provided to enable people living outside the Cannock area to attend the event.

Community Games and Paralympics Flame Celebration

The Committee was advised that Cannock Chase Council was one of only four authorities in the West Midlands to receive the Paralympics Flame. The Flame Ambassador was Olivia Wilson and she would receive the Flame in London on 24 August and would arrive and be welcomed at the Council Offices between 4pm – 5pm.

The Flame would be processed from Cannock Town Centre on 25 August starting at 11.00 am and would be carried by others along the route. It would be received in the Sports Hall by the Chairman and Olivia at approximately 11.45 am. The Flame Celebration Party at the Chase Leisure Centre would run from 11.00 am until 4 pm. It was anticipated that Olympian David Moorcroft would be making an appearance

Culture & Leisure Management Contract

It was explained that the contract commenced on 1 April, 2012 and would deliver significant savings to the Council over a 10 year period.

The Head of Commissioning advised that from 30 June, 2012 qualifying Armed Forces personnel had free use of certain activities at both Leisure Centres.

Investment was being made into facilities including -

- Chase Leisure Centre Fitness Suite
- Replacement of ATP carpet at Rugeley Leisure Centre
- New café pod at Chase Leisure Centre – August
- An application to extend the Fitness Suite at Rugeley was being processed

Summary

The Head of Commissioning summarised the position on the projects as follows:-

- (a) Chase Leisure Centre – had been delayed but it was anticipated this would be delivered in September, 2012 and would be in budget;
- (b) ATP – delivered on time and in budget;
- (c) Bevan Lee Play Area – delivered ahead of time and in budget;
- (d) Community Games & Paralympics Flame Celebrations – on time and in budget;
- (e) Culture and Leisure Management Contract – savings achieved with the contract commencing on 1 April, 2012.

Work Programme 2012-13

Consideration was given to the Work Programme. The Committee agreed that they wanted to receive updates on the following issues –

- Priority Delivery Plan 2012-13
- Chase Leisure Centre modernisation
- Community Use Agreement – ATP
- Culture and Leisure Performance – WLCT
- Heritage Lottery Bid (HLF) – Hednesford Park
- Parks and Green Flag inspections.

The Committee was advised that the responsibility for the Heritage Lottery Bid for Hednesford Park was under the remit of the Culture & Sport Portfolio Leader who was responsible for Parks and Open Spaces. Submission of the bid needed to be made by 31 August, 2012 and the decision would be known in December, 2012.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the presentation be noted.
- (B) That the Work Programme be agreed

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

CHAIRMAN