

LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Draft MINUTES

of a meeting held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Wednesday 21 August 2019 from 7.30pm to 8.37pm.

Councillors present:

Councillors Chris Lloyd (Lead Member
Leisure)

Roger Seabourne (Lead Member Community
Safety and Partnerships)

Stephen King

David Major

David Sansom

Phil Williams (Lead Member
Environmental Services)

Alison Scarth

Jon Tankard

Kate Turner

Alison Wall

Phil Williams

Also in attendance:

Ray Figg – Head of Community Services

Kelly Barnard – Leisure Contracts Officer

Josh Sills – Watersmeet Venue Manager

Sherrie Ralton - Committee Manager

Mark Leahy – Regional Contract Manager for Sports and Leisure Management (SLM)

John Sewell – Area Contract Manager for Sports and Leisure Management (SLM)

Councillor Joanna Clemens

Councillor Roger Seabourne in the Chair

LEC 01/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Donna Duncan.

LEC 02/19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Leisure, Environment and Community Committee meeting held on Wednesday 13 March 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.

LEC 03/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

LEC 04/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

LEISURE

LEC 05/19 LEISURE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – SPORTS AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT (SLM) WORKPLAN

The Leisure Contracts Officer advised that the attendance figures shown on the Three Rivers report were from April 2018 to March 2019 (financial year) and the figures on the SLM report were July 2018 to June 2019 (contract year) which would account for any differences. She introduced the two representatives from SLM, Mark Leahy, Regional Contract Manager and John Sewell, Area Contract Manager who provided the annual presentation to Members to reflect back on the previous 12 months work and to outline their work programme for the coming year.

The following points were raised:

- Members thanked SLM for the presentation and sent congratulations to the front of house team and everyone who had been nominated for the SLM South East Awards.
- Ping Pong for Parkinsons was currently taking place at William Penn but they may look into rolling it out to other venues in future.
- The BREEAM rating for the South Oxhey Leisure Centre, showed the energy efficiency of the building and materials etc.
- A Member asked for more information on the Physical Activity Referral Scheme. John Sewell advised that this was an HCC wide scheme. GPs and Cardiac Nurses were able to make referrals. The numbers had been low. There had been disruption at The Centre due to building work, so had been relocated to Rickmansworth Golf Course and users were also directed to William Penn. They were reviewing the scheme which is joint with Watford Borough Council. A Member said that feedback from people referred said they found the scheme life enhancing. The difficulty was how to get the message across to more Doctors Surgeries to make referrals. The Leisure Contracts Officer said they work closely with Andy Stovold's team and also GPs are referring people to Park Runs. Mark Leahy said Harrow Mental Health Nurses were able to make referrals onto a similar scheme which runs in Harrow. SLM will look at other areas for best practice and have the option in the contract to suggest to the Council where they feel there could be possible improvements for the scheme.
- The Pilates and Yoga groups were offered the opportunity to relocate to Rickmansworth Golf Club during the building works but decided to remain at South Oxhey Leisure Centre. Attendance numbers remained the same.

The Chairman thanked Everyone Active for being so accommodating during their first year.

RESOLVED:

That the 12 month work plan presented by Sports and Leisure Management be agreed by the Committee

LEC 06/19 WATERSMEET PRESENTATION

The Watersmeet Venue Manager gave a presentation on a review of Watersmeet's performance and an outline of the work plan for the year ahead.

The Committee thanked the Watersmeet Venue Manager for the presentation and said it was all very impressive. It was agreed for the Chairman of the Leisure, Environment and Community Committee to write to the Friends of Watersmeet Film Society to thank them for the £15,000 donation towards the cinema screen and for all their work and contributions over the years.

RESOLVED:

That the Watersmeet Performance Review Presentation be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

LEC 07/19 WORK PROGRAMME

The Leisure and Community Grants and SLAs would be published in the Members Information Bulletin in future so would be removed from the Work Programme.

RESOLVED:

That subject to the change above the work programme be agreed.

CHAIRMAN