

Community Leisure Working Party

held at Ryedale House, Malton
on Tuesday 4 December 2007

Present

Councillors Mrs Cowling (in the Chair), Mrs Arnold and Hemesley.

In attendance

Miss C Gaynor, Mrs J Holmes and D Summers.

Mr A Evans - Chairman of Community Leisure Limited
Mrs J Spenceley - Community Leisure Limited

Minutes

CLWP.15 Apology for Absence

An apology was received from Councillor Mrs Keal and Mr P Walker.

CLWP.16 Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Leisure Working Party held on 23 October 2007

The minutes of the last meeting of the Community Leisure Working Party held on 23 October 2007 were presented (previously circulated).

Resolved

That the minutes of a meeting of the Community Leisure Working Party held on 23 October 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

CLWP.17 Urgent Business

The Chairman reported that there was one item to be considered as a matter of urgency.

CLWP.18 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

CLWP.19 **QUEST Accreditation**

The Culture and Tourism Services Manager submitted a report (previously circulated) the purpose of which was to advise Members of the process of seeking QUEST accreditation for Leisure facilities in Ryedale.

The Culture and Tourism Services Manager reported that QUEST was designed by, and for, the industry to help managers enhance, improve and continue to improve the quality of service provided to customers. As a result, QUEST had some significant benefits including:

- QUEST could help achieve best value, through the external assessment and benchmarking of service
- A framework for continuous improvement, providing service enhancement and reducing the cost of poor quality
- Financial improvement to performance, through a planned approach to improved effectiveness
- Encouraging staff ownership and development

The Culture and Tourism Services Manager reported that in August 2007, Community Leisure met with Ryedale District Council and agreed that proceeding with QUEST as a priority and set a target of progressing accreditation by Christmas 2007.

QUEST accreditation provided an opportunity for both the Council and Community Leisure Limited, working together to demonstrate their commitment to providing and operating quality leisure facilities, benchmarking to industry standards.

Resolved

That the QUEST accreditation process and monitoring of progress be supported.

CLWP. 20 **Building, Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance at both Swimming Pools**

The Property Services Manager submitted a report (previously circulated) the purpose of which was to inform Members of the building, mechanical and electrical maintenance at both swimming pools in Ryedale.

The Property Services Manager reported that contractors were required to submit their method statements/risk assessments as and when required prior to visiting the facility.

Copies of the asbestos survey records were available and any other relevant

documents were held at each pool and contractors were required to view these and sign to say they had done so. Contractors were required to sign in at each facility and a responsible officer from Community Leisure was requested to sign a form on completion of the contractors visit to acknowledge that repairs had been completed and the faults cleared or, if not, the reasons for this. This was then to be returned to the Property Surveyor promptly.

The Property Services Manager reported that an email system was currently being setup to enable Community Leisure to be involved in the new logging systems.

Details of repairs carried out at each pool over the period April – October 2007 and the agreed maintenance repair priorities were shown in annex to the report.

The Property Manager reported that there had been a number of issues associated with the major refurbishment at Ryedale Pool. This was completed in July 2006 and the maintenance period expired in July 2007. Certain items were still to be resolved.

Members requested that the budget for the Building, Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance at both Swimming Pools be analysed and a report be brought back to the next meeting.

CLWP. 21 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held 22 January 2008 at 4.00pm.

CLWP. 22 Any Other Items Which the Chairman Decides are Urgent

The Chairman reported that the following item was to be considered as a matter of urgency.

CLWP. 23 Climbing Wall

The Culture and Tourism Services Manager reported that a letter had been received from Lady Lumley's School regarding the installation of an indoor climbing wall at the Northern Ryedale Leisure Centre (NRLC) and sought Members approval for a financial investment from Ryedale District Council.

The Culture and Tourism Services Manager reported that the project had been discussed at a length with herself and the Community Projects Officer over the last couple of years and it was felt that the climbing wall would add significantly to the current portfolio of activities offered at NRLC

The total cost for the wall was £26,500. The Cultural Services Manager reported that Lady Lumley's School were prepared to commit £16,000, this then left a

shortfall of £10,000 which was requested from Ryedale District Council. An application had previously been submitted to the Council's Community Investment Fund Panel but was felt that the Panel was unable to support the project.

The total cost was to include installation, climbing equipment and site specific training for ten staff which was to also include staff from Community Leisure Limited. The wall would become part of the existing joint use arrangements and would be available to the local community in community use time (approximately 60% of total time). Meetings have taken place with representatives from Community Leisure Limited with a positive opinion of the new facility but further discussions regarding facilitating the project after school hours were needed, therefore, an update was to be brought back to the next meeting.