

MINUTE of MEETING of the WEST LOTHIAN LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 28 NOVEMBER 2019.

Present – Councillors Dave King (Chair), Alison Adamson, Tom Conn, David Dodds and David Tait

Apologies – Councillors Cathy Muldoon and Charles Kennedy

In attendance

James Cameron – Head of Education (Learning, Policy & Resources), WLC

Donald Forrest – Head of Finance and Property Services, WLC

Alan Colquhoun – Project Manager Transformational Change, WLC

Fiona Russell – Group Accountant, WLC

Tim Dent – Chief Executive, WLL

Andrew Heron – Head of Finance and Administration, WLL

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor David Dodds declared an interest as his son was an employee of West Lothian Leisure. As his interest was remote, he would participate in all items of business.

Councillor Tom Conn declared an interest as a member of the Board of Directors of Linlithgow Community Development Trust. He would participate in all items of business.

Councillor David Tait declared an interest in that he had been approached by a commercial interest and that he had directed them to speak to the West Lothian Leisure Chief Executive. He would participate in all items of business.

2 MINUTE

The committee confirmed the minute of its meeting held on 24 October 2019 as a correct record. The Chair thereafter signed the minute.

3 PRIVATE SESSION

The committee resolved under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items of business as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4 CHANGES AT THE LOW PORT CENTRE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PROGRAMME OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

The committee considered a presentation by the West Lothian Leisure Chief Executive providing an update on changes at the Low Port Centre and on the development of a new programme of outdoor activities at Low Port Centre.

It was noted that the Low Port Centre was open for business and consistency of communications would help dispel any misconceptions that the Centre was closed. Suggestions for usage were offered, and ways of addressing any issues that might hinder activities at Linlithgow Loch were discussed.

Decision

To note the presentation and members' comments.

5 MONITORING REPORT: CULTURE, SPORT, LEISURE & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) providing an update on the operation of Culture, Sport, Leisure and Outdoor Education services delivered by West Lothian Leisure (WLL) between April and September 2019.

It was recommended that the committee note the contents of the report.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

6 WEST LOTHIAN LEISURE FINANCIAL POSITION

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the West Lothian Leisure 2019/20 financial position to 30 September 2019.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. WLL financial performance to 30 September 2019; and
2. The update on progress being made by WLL on their three year plan.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.