

Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 24 Aug 2017 12:56

Information from from East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Ltd - 24th August 2017 -

Q. Please give details of any contact and/or discussions since January 2017 with East Renfrewshire Council or other parties regarding Eastwood Park Leisure Centre and the points made in your email of January 2017.

A. We have had discussions with the council regarding a building condition survey of Eastwood Park Leisure Centre which the Council has commissioned. My understanding is that this is being withheld at present pending publication by the council sometime in the next 3 months.

Information from from East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Ltd - 2nd August 2017 -

Q. Can you give a more positive response as to when a further update will be available -

What meetings are proposed?

Who with?

When?

Have any further reports been commissioned?

If so, please give details.

Will any further reports be commissioned?

If so, please give details.

A. As I said last time I do not think there will be an update until Autumn at the earliest.

EASTWOOD PARK LEISURE CENTRE

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As at June 2017 There is no change to the position outlined below.

When will an update be available?

.....do not know at this point, but it is unlikely to be before the autumn.

EASTWOOD PARK LEISURE CENTRE

Information from from East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Ltd - January 2017

‘.....We discussed this at the Information and Consultation Centre in December, The centre is scheduled for closure in 2019 for major maintenance and repairs, and the Council approved £6M for this in 2014.

We are currently working with council colleagues to look at options around this, as the £6M falls somewhat short of the amount required, and other approaches may allow us to leverage external funding; and realise new facilities whilst refurbishing Eastwood Park too.

However, other than for the necessary works, we do not envisage closing it.

We are currently looking at significant programmes for developing and growing our gym membership, swimming lesson take-up and theatre sales at Eastwood.

However, most of our money comes through sport and it is the case that Eastwood struggles to meet the needs of the communities, and we face increased competition, especially in gyms and fitness, that Eastwood cannot at present compete with due to scale, condition and design.

A report by Tuner Townsend was commissioned by the Council in 2014 into Eastwood Leisure Centre.

It noted that it was at that point tired and nearing a point of criticality, with a £1.3M backlog of maintenance.

This maintenance was also just that –remedial works, not improvements to maintain competitiveness.

The report proposed three options.

Option 1

was to do nothing and allow the centre to close.

The second option of the two

was to invest £6.5M to address the immediate maintenance issues.

However, the report noted that “Even by spending £6.5m under Option 2 to keep the facility open, this still does not address the step change in facilities that is necessary to compete with local competition and retain / expand the customer base.”

(The third option was costed at £10M. The Council responded by identifying £6M in the Capital plan for 2019/20.)

One of the options we are looking at is whether we could keep the existing centre, but refurbish it as theatre/gymnastics/fitness/performing arts/function suite, and build a new centre nearby, leveraging the council’s capital with external funding to create a long-overdue new centre for East Renfrewshire (three of our four leisure centres are 30+ years old), together with a centre of excellence in Eastwood Park.

That very much depends on finding a suitable site nearby.

However, this is at an early stage and in either case we do not propose that the Eastwood Centre close (other than for works to be done).....‘

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 05 Sep 2018 17:15

It would appear the Director for Environment(Andrew Cahill) has taken a vow of silence !

-----Original message-----

Date : 05/09/2018 - 18:53 (GMTST)

To :

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Subject : Would appreciate update on progress regarding requested information

Hi

Would appreciate an update on progress regarding the following matters raised with the Director for Environment -

7/8/2018 - Foi request(1)

7/8/2018 - Fol request(2)

8/8/2018 - email then complaint sent 23/8/2018 - Eastwood park Leisure - Feasibility Study and Full

Business Case provided by Turner & Townsend

23/8/2018 - Email Urgent - Presentation of Turner & Townsend Report To Cabinet

26/8/2018 - Email CABINET 30 August 2018 - EAST RENFREWSHIRE PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

28/8/2018 - Complaint

Thanks

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 05 Sep 2018 19:02

Taken from -

ERC Indoor sports facilities strategy 2018 - 2028 - April 2018 Presented to Cabinet August 2018

Not sure about the current and future finance for this ??

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4 court sports hall and changing rooms rated below average in quality.

+++ Owned and maintained by East Renfrewshire Council(ERC) ++++

--- The Country Club operates the facility and retains the income ---

Recommended Actions -

Investigate how this facility sits within a wider ERCLT offer.

Following this consider specific improvements to fit with wider strategic objectives.

Improve the quality of the sports hall and changing rooms.

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 06 Sep 2018 12:15

---Original message---

From :

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Date : 06/09/2018 - 12:01 (GMTST)

Subject : RE: ERC and arrangement with Parklands Country Club

Thank you for writing to me.

However Parklands is neither in my remit as a Convener or within my Ward as an Elected Member nor am I a Board Member of the CLT and I can't provide the information you request in your message.

Cllr Alan Lafferty

Labour & Co-operative Member Ward 4

Convener for Environment

East Renfrewshire Council

Sent: 06 September 2018 10:23

To: Lafferty, A (Cllr)

Subject: ERC and arrangement with Parklands Country Club

Hi Alan

With your Convener for Environment hat on (or any other hat) can you give the following information regarding the arrangements between ERC and Parklands below -

Can you give a short overview of the arrangement.

Can you give -

Costs to ERC -

Yearly Tax - Vat/Rates etc

Yearly Maintenance

Any other costs?

Costs to Parklands -

Yearly Tax - Vat/Rates etc

Yearly Maintenance

Any other costs?

Income to ERC -

rental/lease etc

other income?

Income to Parklands -

rental etc

other income?

Any other information you think relevant to this arrangement?

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 06 Sep 2018 18:03

The questions can be read in previous post.

-----Original message-----

Date : 06/09/2018 - 17:20 (GMTST)

To :

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Subject : Freedom of Information Request - ERC and arrangement with Parklands Country Club

Hi

Please see below.

As Cllr Lafferty declines to help his constituents, I now submit the questions asked to Cllr Lafferty below, as a Freedom of Information Request to the appropriate ERC Official.

Thanks

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by Tom - 06 Sep 2018 19:23

It appears that the family that own Parklands were given permission to build provided that they had a facility for 'non members'.

They then allowed 'non members' in through the back door, literally a reception desk was placed at the rear entrance to Parklands.

Full members enter through the front door, non members go through the back entrance.

It would appear that the only facility non members can use, but still require to pay for, are the four badminton courts.

As stated ERC pay for the upkeep and Parklands take and keep the full amount of the public's fees to use the courts.

Is it only ERC that could work out this sort of deal?

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by DJ - 06 Sep 2018 21:45

No, Part of the message is hidden for the guests. Please log in or register to see it.

For accuracy, from memory I think Parklands is now in the hands of it's third owners since this deal was struck with the council.

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