Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer

Working group Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 12:31
Sent: 03 January 2020 16:49
Subject:Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.
I am writing to you regarding the Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.
The first report regarding this matter was commissioned in early 2014. It is now 2020 - 7 years on.
I would request that your constituents are represented regarding this matter and the following be addressed in the terms of reference and/or agenda -
1. Why no representation on the group from Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee, Williamwood? How will these Residents have their views/requirements represented?
2. The Councils inability to maintain the existing complex(if the Council had spent money on maintaining the existing complex, there would not be such an urgent need for new build replacement)
3. The Councils inability to maintain any new Leisure Complex and/or buildings in Eastwood Park
4. What is the cost of the continuing support by consultants?
5. What input from Residents/Leisure Centre Users? Why Membership of group should not include Residents/Leisure Centre Users?
6. The influence of the Leisure Trust on the group? (Group dominated by 6 Leisure Trust members - CEO + 1 non elected member + 4 Elected members)

ERNHW Forum - East Renfrewshire Neighbourhood Watch Generated: 28 March, 2024, 16:12 7. What will be the cost for this cross party member and officer working group? 8. What about openness and transparency -- Is this cross party member and officer working group to be conducted in secrecy? - When can we expect information during the life of this cross party member and officer working group? - Will this this cross party member and officer working group conduct business/convene in public? - Will this cross party member and officer working group meetings be available via webcast? 9. The case for a 50m pool? 10. The cost of 50m pool? 11. The case for a 25m pool? 12. The saving cost of 25m pool?

13. What about running costs for all the options?

15. Will the actual cost be nearer £60M?

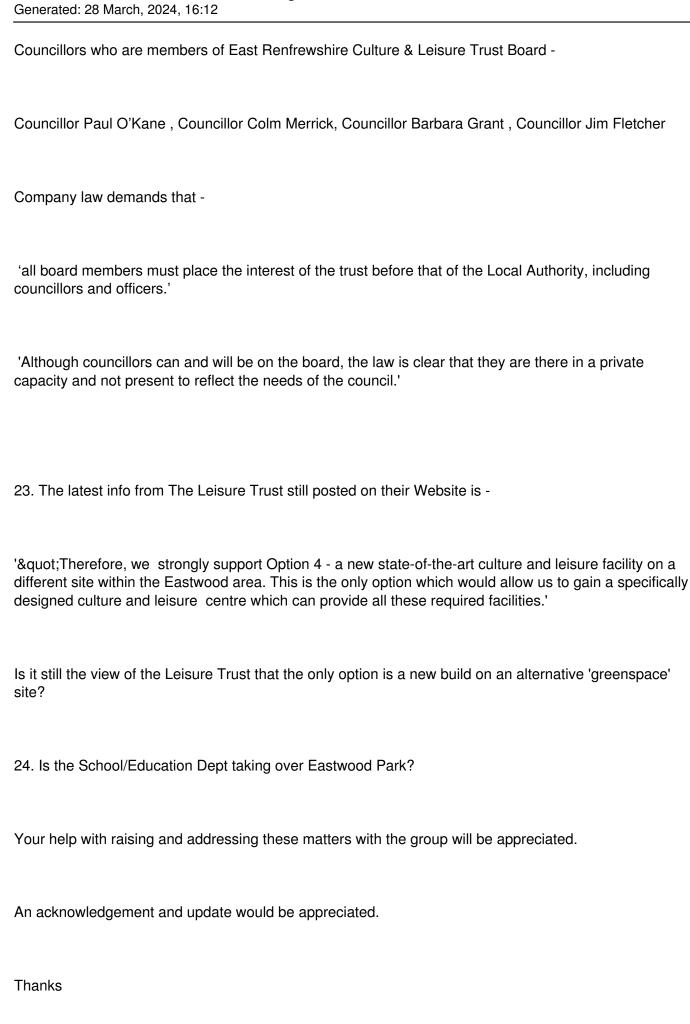
14. What about Maintenance costs for all the options?

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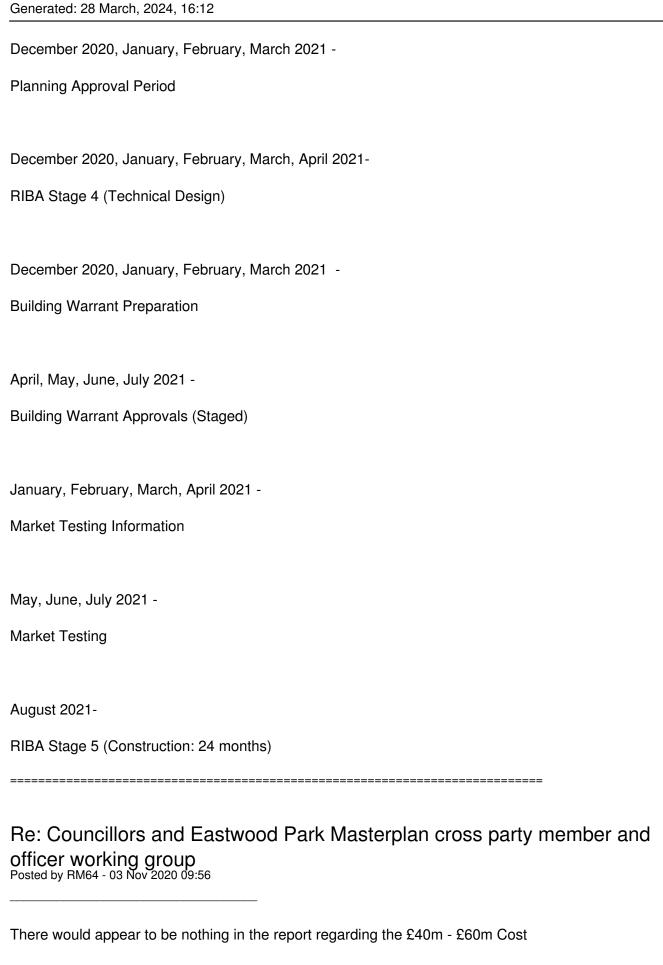
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For clarification -

- East Renfrewshire Culture & Leisure Trust



Re: Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group Posted by RM64 - 03 Nov 2020 09:39
Eastwood Park Programme
March, April, May, June 2020 -
RIBA Stage 1 (Breifing / Feasibility)
June 2020 -
Consider Procurement Route
June 2020 -
Mobilise Design Team
June, July, August 2020 -
RIBA Stage 2 (Concept Design)
June, July, August, September 2020 -
Surveys (ecology surveys are seasonal and critical)
September, October, November 2020 -
RIBA Stage 3 (Developed Design)
September, October, November 2020 -
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Procurement) to contact you

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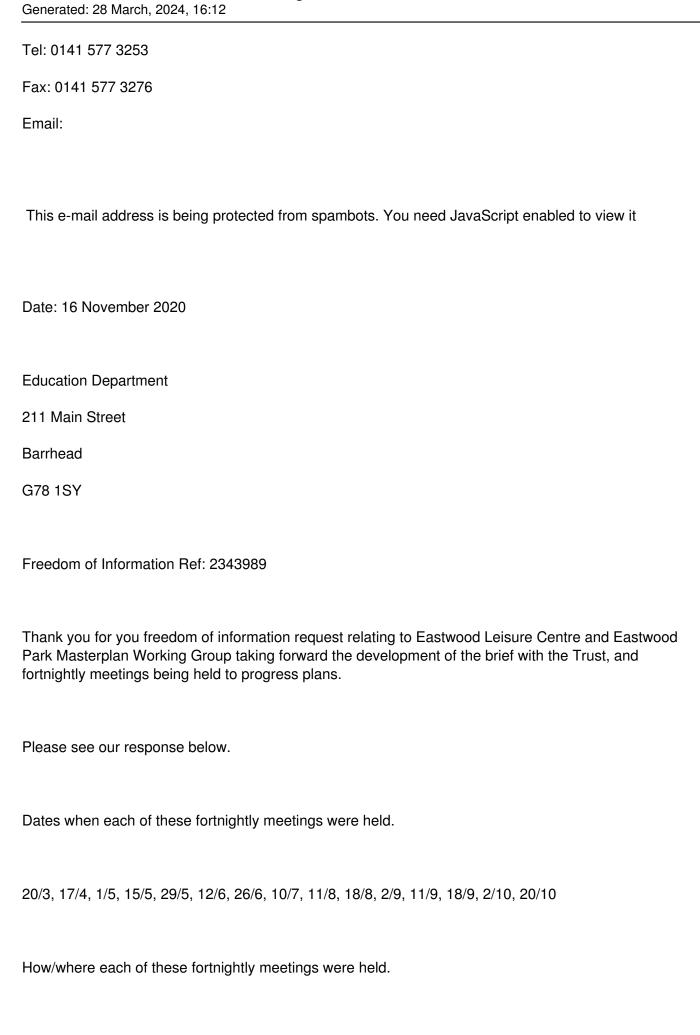
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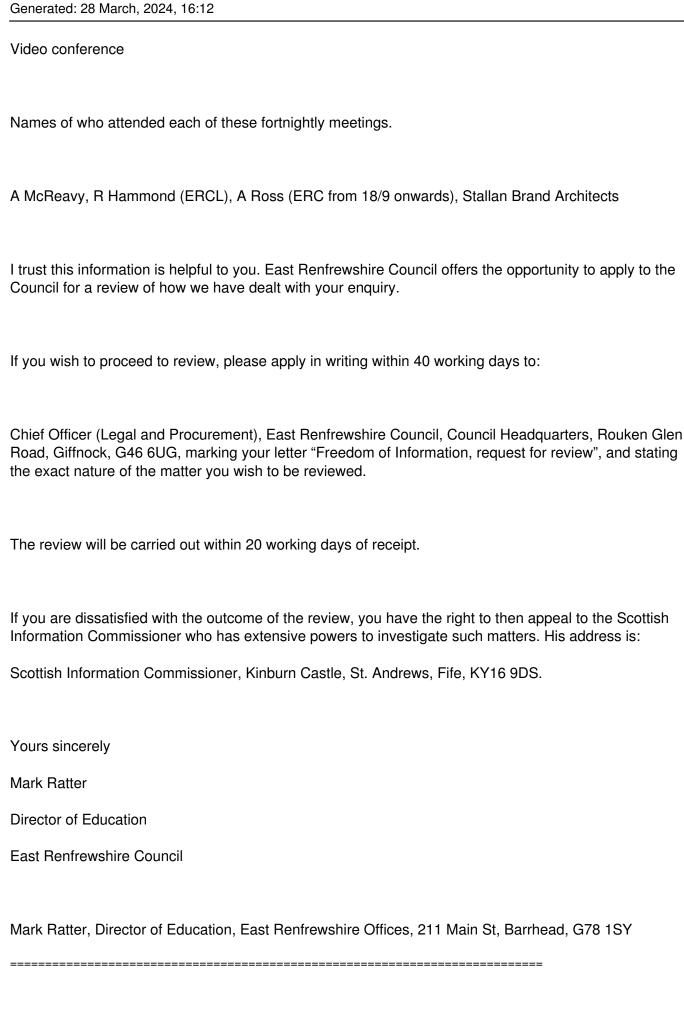
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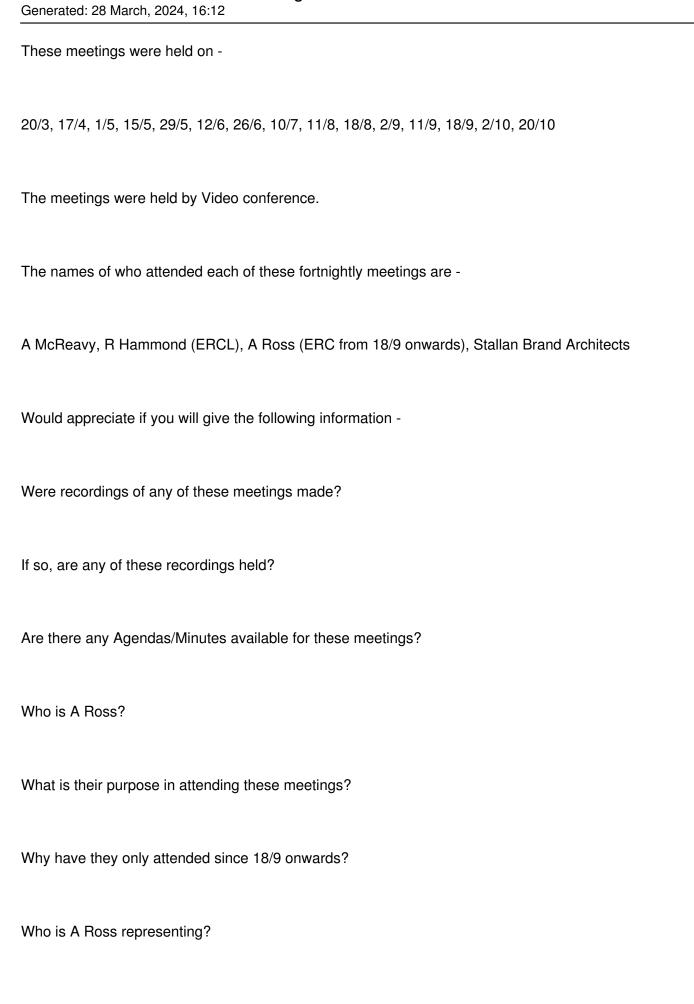
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Re: Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group Posted by RM64 - 12 Dec 2020 10:33
Andrew Cahill, Director of Environment has produced Report
EASTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE AND EASTWOOD PARK MASTERPLAN
for Eastwood Park Leisure Centre New Build.
You can read further on Full Council website page here -
www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/council-161220
Appendix 1
Stallan-Brand
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1076.00 Eastwood Leisure Centre and Theatre
RIBA Stage 1: Briefing and Feasibility
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REMEMBERED ALL OF THIS !! for the report.
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Re: Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group Posted by RM64 - 12 Dec 2020 10:57
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