

HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Hathersage Parish Council Swimming Pool Committee meeting, Tuesday 15 October 2024, 7.30pm MINUTES

Present: Councillors W Hanley (Chair), B Hanley, Tim Hill, Jane Marsden, Rosie Olle, Heather Rodgers

In attendance: Chris Cave, RFO; Pool Operations Manager, George Foy; pool staff member Rachael Phillips

- 064/24 Apologies for absence - Cllr Steve Dempsey; the Clerk (Maura Sorensen).
- 065/24 To decide any variation in the order of business - none.
- 066/24 Declaration of interests – pool staff members George Foy and Rachael Phillips.
- 067/24 **Public participation** - a period of not more than ten minutes for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter – no members of the public were in attendance.
- 068/24 **Minutes of the 17 September 2024 meeting were confirmed;** and actions arising from the minutes (*referenced in the Action Log*) **noted.**
- 069/24 **High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) parish and town councils – seeking financial contributions towards their residents’ use of the pool:** it was agreed to take no further action at this time on approaching individual HPBC parishes for funding to subsidise pool discounts to their residents; further consideration may be given in due course.
- 070/24 **Pool Heating Project; Pool Facilities Project**
- .1 **CONFIDENTIAL Pool Heating Project and engagement with contractors - this item is minuted confidentially due to commercial sensitivities.**
- .2 **Pool Facilities Project:** any **update** on proposals/plans including project management. Noted the Leisure Services Manager (LSM) is drafting a summary of proposals discussed by the working group as well as a brief (for architects) - **to be discussed and agreed at the November SPC meeting.**
- Referencing pool staff suggestions about provision of a sauna, suggested LSM investigate costs and feasibility of hiring a mobile sauna to provide occasional sessions during the winter season.
- 071/24 **Pool five-year business improvement and action plan** (*referenced in the pool management report*) - agreed to address this item in greater detail at the November meeting.
- 072/24 **Pool Manager’s Report** including operational, maintenance and staffing matters.
- .1 **Repairs and maintenance**
- a) **Tile repairs** – noted there had been no contact from Cumberlidge about rescheduling work dates; Cllrs noted disappointment with the poor service from Cumberlidge.
ACTION – pool management to investigate whether another (local) contractor could undertake this work (contractor details to be shared at the November SPC meeting).
- b) **Update** on any other planned / ongoing maintenance works. Noted a contractor had been found to move the benches prior to resurfacing of the veranda (and replace them afterwards); noted, subject to a minimum ambient temperature of 5C, this work could be undertaken w/c 4 November. In the meantime, pool management to seek advice from other contractors (suggested Keith Groom or Miles Seaton) re whether the new surface can be safely supported by the existing structure, and to advise on any ventilation requirements.
- c) **Casual pool users and capturing entry data:** the Pool Operations Manager confirmed it is now possible to capture am and pm public entry data; noted the RFO can also provide user entry timings from debit card data. ***An example of the new data capture to be shared at the November SPC meeting.***
- .2 **Staffing matters**
- a) **Management** – noted arrangements made to cover LSM shifts while he is undertaking jury service.

- b) **Duty Supervisors** – reports on progress/development in areas of special interest **noted**.
 - c) **Cllrs/pool staff meetings** – **noted** the cancellation of the 9 October meeting – pool management to liaise with staff on another date (*subsequently agreed – Wednesday 20 November, 5pm-6pm*).
- .3 **Staff training**
- a) Safeguarding training – noted two staff members are still to undertake training.
 - b) Operational training – no specific update was shared.
- .4 **Fundraising / Events / Marketing**
- a) Memorial Swim – **confirmed** this session will be held on Friday 22 November – agreed a maximum number of 30 participants, to ensure the event is calm and peaceful.
 - b) Synchronised swimming sessions - to continue throughout the winter – noted a day/time change – sessions now held on Tuesdays, 6pm to 7pm (half the pool allocated to this session). RFO noted he had a historic photo of synchronised swimming at the pool (RFO to share the photo).
 - c) Suggested a noticeboard be provided at the pool for staff activities and pool news.
 - d) Noted pool management are organising a quiz evening at the Memorial Hall, Friday 6 December, with a pie-and-peas style supper. Though this is foremost a social event, it's hoped to incorporate some pool fundraising e.g. via a raffle. **ACTION – pool management to publicise the event to all season ticket holders asap.**

Other standing agenda items

- .5 **Widening pool access and wellbeing initiatives - noted reports shared by Future Lidos on Mental Health Swims at other pools** and consider what could be offered at Hathersage Swimming Pool to support mental health/wellbeing and physical health conditions. Pool management to consider where this provision could fit into the current pool timetable. Suggested pool management and/or Duty Supervisors make contact with mental health organisations and local primary care providers to explore opportunities – both for potential funding and for delivery of sessions to promote mental wellbeing.
- .7 **Pool seasonal timetable and entry charges - noted** monthly Direct Debits now account for 50% of season tickets, confirming this initiative had proved successful.
- .8 **Engagement with external pool and leisure providers – noted** minutes and presentations shared by the Future Lidos group.
- .9 **Swim Club – noted** the season will finish with an evening presentation event on 16 October.

073/24 **Finance** – no specific reports or updates were shared.

074/24 **Pool car park/drive repairs.** Pool management were asked to take and share accurate measurements of current parking spaces and surrounds. Changes to be considered include removal of the hedge to create more space for car parking as well as a secure pedestrian walkway. Cllrs also flagged the regular water leak in the pool drive and associated surface erosion - pool management to enquire re whether Severn Trent and/or the Environment Agency have maintenance responsibilities. Suggested no repairs be undertaken until this problem is resolved.

075/24 **Pool User Group:** suggested consulting with the group on provision of a (winter) sauna at the pool.

076/24 **Clerk – any additional reports and/or correspondence** – none.

077/24 Next meeting – **19 November 2024, 7.30pm – in the Heart of Hathersage; noted** items for the November meeting.