

Settle Area Swimming Pool CIO

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Minutes of

A Meeting of Board of Trustees held on

Monday 18th December 2023

at 7.30pm at the Settle Area Swimming Pool.

Present: Trustees of CIO: Colin Coleman (CC): Chair: Ian Orton (IO): Secretary: Rosie Sanderson (RS): Treasurer: Anne Galloway, (AG) Chris Hirst, (CH) Cynthia Moorehead, (CM) Elaine Owen, (EO) Iain Crossley, (IC), Mike Smith, (MS) and Robert Brown (RB).

Centre Manager: Tash Ward (TW)

1.Welcome from the Chair: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all present the Compliments of the Season.

The Chair then introduced Karen Shuttleworth Chair of the Settle Stingrays and Andy Jones Treasurer of the Settle Stingrays who had asked to attend the meeting to see if the Stingrays could help with the financial challenges facing the Trustees. Both Karen and Andy gave examples of challenges facing other pools. Trustees explained some of the actions carried out in areas such as energy costs, staffing and insurance to reduce costs. After discussion it was agreed Andy would come back to TW to see if a review of the day to day running of the pool might help achieve additional savings.

2.Apologies: Apologies had been received from Helen Brocklehurst.

3.Minutes of the Meeting Held on 16th November 2023: The minutes were agreed as a true record.

4.Matters Arising Not on the Agenda: No items were raised.

5.The Chair agreed that Item 7 Financial Position could be considered next while Andy was present: RS gave an update on the financial position with the monthly deficit at around £10,000 but adding that staffing costs had been reduced and the cost of gas would be reduced from the end of March, 2024. The position was still serious but there was the beginnings of a reduction in outgoings.

It was agreed the causes of the financial position should be circulated to the Settle Community. After discussion it was agreed a leaflet should be circulated outlining the challenges and seeking support for the pool. The cost of the leaflet would be £600 and Andy on behalf of the Stingrays agreed to sponsor the cost of the leaflet.

The Chair confirmed he had met with North Yorkshire Councillor Myers about extending the

loan from the former Craven District Council to 10 years. Further adding that with CH he had met with the Member of Parliament in an attempt to persuade North Yorkshire Council to extend the loan and to reviewing the gas contract.

The Chair thanked RS for all her hard work co-ordinating the financial challenges.

6: Centre Managers Report: TW explained that 75 hours had been cut from the staffing budget which left 2 lifeguards in the building one on poolside and one on call; which meant senior managers would also have to act as lifeguards when required. TW outlined some options for upgrading the barrier between the changing village and the pool. It was agreed that TW should explore further options before a decision about upgrading the barrier was made.

All staff had new contracts with holiday and shift changes made clear to staff. The next Staff Meeting was 9am on 3rd January 2024

8: Final Snagging Update: As HB could not make the meeting this item was deferred to the next meeting.

9a: Facilities Group: CH gave details of recent decisions by the Facilities Group including agreement to pay Adamco final retention, update on grant applications, an energy audit and roof inspections.

9c: People Group: AG outlined changes to staffing levels and duties.

9d: Publicity and Marketing: MS stated that the Publicity Group were in favour of Public Meeting to share the financial challenges and what was being done with the community. After discussion the Chair agreed to hold an Open Meeting at the pool on Wednesday 24th January at 7pm. MS gave details that increasing the price of the 200 Club to £40 a year was considered on the high side and after discussion it was agreed to increase the price to £30 a year.

10: Dragon Boat Race: IO explained that the date of the 2024 Dragon Boat Race was 12th May and should the Trustees enter the race. After discussion it was agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting.

11. Trustees: IO reminded Trustees we are still one Trustee short and that any interested party would be welcome.

12: Any other Business: There was a suggestion that a social event such as a Wine and Cheese or a Band Night would help with the funds. EO to review options,

13: Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7pm

Signed

Chair

Date