

Armley Leisure Centre Working Group

**Minutes from meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2008
6 – 8pm**

Present:

Dave Bennett, Area Manager
Angela Lawson, Project Manager
Helen Evans, Sport PFI Manager
Simon Clark, Centre Manager
Carole Clark, Area Team
Cllr McKenna
Cllr Harper
Cllr Lowe

Representatives from the following groups –

1 x staff member
2 x local residents
1 x Armley Forum
3 x swimmers
1 x Bodyline user
1 x table tennis user
2 x SNAPS
2 x Short Mat Bowlers

1. Dave Bennett introduced the meeting and thanked the people who attended the last working group.
2. Previous minutes read and agreed
3. AL updated on the project:
 - 3.1. Planning approval application was submitted on the 15th April. Due at plans panel 10th July
 - 3.2. Moved on to the next stage – New Project Procedure 2 – this should be completed in July
 - 3.3. The contract should be signed in August 2008
 - 3.4. The contractors are due on site in late August 2008
 - 3.5. Current building to stay open as long as possible, closing in late summer 2009. Period of closure will be a few months – duration to be confirmed later
 - 3.6. new centre to open in summer 2010
4. Simon Clark updated the group on the proposals for a 'Turning the Sod' ceremony once the contractors are on site
 - 4.1. possible date in October to allow schools to be involved
 - 4.2. Invitation to Bill Greg and Brian Mills to take part in the event
 - 4.3. On the build up towards closure plan and stage various events to celebrate Armley L C

- 4.4. idea for an annual tournament to continue after
 - 4.5. possible historical theme based on achieved photographs and life experience, Bill Greg, Brian Mills.
 - 4.6. possible assistance from the area committee for the day
 - 4.7. involvement of local people is very important
 - 4.8. to invite working group members
5. The working group looked at the updated plans, particularly the changing rooms. Comments included:
- 5.1. Will there be male and female only changing?
Answer – the dryside changing rooms are dedicated male and female. The wetside changing rooms are a village style which allows family use and are easier to supervise. The changing area will consist of cubicles, with no ‘mixed’ changing area. Half the showers are in cubicles for privacy with the others remaining open so families can use them. There are 4 group changing rooms which can be designated as male and female only for public sessions.
 - 5.2. What is the disabled changing provision?
Answer – There are 4 accessible changing rooms in the wetside, 2 with H frame tracking and tracking to the hydrotherapy pool. All the accessible changing rooms will have toilet, shower, wash hand basin and changing bed. There is one accessible changing room on the ground floor dryside and one for the Bodyline gym. Both will have toilet, shower and wash hand basin with changing bed and the downstairs one will have H frame tracking
 - 5.3. Will there be a tracking system to the learner / main pools?
Answer – the tracking system is within the changing rooms and hydrotherapy pool only. The ceiling in the main pool hall is too high to allow tracking to go in here. There will, however, be a pool hoist to each pool.
 - 5.4. Where will the new building be?
Answer – on the grassed area at the back of the current building – the current building will become the car park
5. Any other business:
- 6.1.1. the next meeting will be arranged to coincide with the commencement of the building on site – date to be arranged

Date of next meeting TBA