

Morley Leisure Centre Working Group

**Minutes from meeting held on Monday 16th June 2008
6 – 8pm**

Present:

Ian Waller, Sport Operations Manager
Ray Ashcroft, Area Manager
Helen Evans, Sport PFI Manager
Ben Kearton, Assistant Project Manager
Sharon Gard, Centre Manager
Louise Walker, Sports Development
Janet Fox, Sports Development
Cllr Grayshon
Cllr Finnigan
Cllr Elliott
Cllr Leadley

Representatives from the following groups –

2 x Leisure Centre staff
3 x Thursday Owls
2 x swimmer
1 x gym / pool user
8 x users / residents

1. Ian Waller introduced the meeting and thanked the people who attended the last working group. He thanked the group for all their hard work and invited them to stay for a buffet afterwards as this was the last meeting prior to the closure of the leisure centre.
2. Previous minutes were agreed
3. Ben Kearton updated on the project:
 - 3.1. Planning application was submitted on 1st May.
 - 3.2. The programme is currently:

• 6th July 2008	Centre closes
• July 2008	Decommissioning works and surveys
• 6th August 2008	Financial close
• Aug / Sept 2008	Demolition of old building
• Oct 2008	New build commences
• June 2010	New building opens
4. Ray Ashcroft and Sharon Gard updated the group on her proposals to relocate users during the closure period:
 - 4.1. The main sites being utilised are South Leeds, Middleton, John Charles Centre for Sport

4.2. A leaflet and posters have been published with details of the closure on them. These have been distributed to centre users and at various locations in Morley.

4.3. A question was raised regarding the fitting of the water polo goals at South Leeds

Answer– this is in hand and will be completed as soon as possible

4.4. A question was raised regarding there being a small number of gymnastics classes in the programme

Answer – this is due to a citywide lack of qualified instructors, rather than a particular issue with the relocations

5. It was confirmed that the working group meetings would be more infrequent during the building phase of the project and would be organised according to specific issues to discuss. In the meantime, group members will be kept up to date through newsletters and can contact Helen Evans on 0113 2243184 or via the New Leaf e-mail: newleaf@leeds.gov.uk with specific questions

6. The project team are proposing to hold a ‘turning the sod’ ceremony to coincide with the start of the building phase of the leisure centre. Group members will be invited, as will a number of people connected to the leisure centre

7. Any other business:

Ian Waller thanked the group again for their support of the project.

Information is attached to the minutes from Louise Walker, the new Community Sports Development Officer for the area

Date of next meeting: TBC

Community Sports Officer Outer South

I would like to introduce myself as the new **Community Sports Officer** for the Outer South, Louise Walker some of you may of noticed my new face at the Morley Leisure Centre working group meeting held on Monday 16th June.

My role will be to support the Outer south with regards to delivering and supporting a number of community based events and activities for young people all year round, to include holiday programmes, come and try sessions ,tournaments and other local sports events. I am also available to support local clubs in all different aspects from training volunteers to help applying for funding.

I am particularly keen to help to increase participation from the under represented groups within sport, including women and girls, BME groups disabled, and those at risk of social exclusion. My aims are to also work closely with both the secondary and primary schools to further develop sporting opportunities; this is done through the very successful school sports partnership programme.

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