

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Special Leisure Park Board held, in committee, in the Board Room at Dundonald International Ice Bowl on Monday 5 November 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms J Bunting (in the chair)

COUNCILLORS: J Beattie
M Chambers
D Drysdale
M Henderson
J Spratt

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Leisure, General Manager Leisure & Marketing, PR & Marketing Manager and Assistant Members' Services Officer.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Alderman Mrs I Robinson and Councillors Long and Robinson.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

LPB/2007/239: DECAL

The General Manager advised that Lord Coe would be giving a briefing on the special Paralympics on Thursday 8 November at Lisburn Civic Centre.

RESOLVED: - That the Mayor and Councillor Henderson would check their diaries, and if available, would attend the Paralympics briefing session at Lisburn Civic Centre.

LPB/2007/240: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Following a suggestion from the Mayor, Officers sought guidance from Members as to when the Christmas lights for the facility should be switched on. The Director confirmed that these were usually turned on simultaneously with the ceremony at the Civic Centre.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: - Members of the Board agreed that the Christmas lights could be switched on, anytime after Monday 12 November 2007.

LPB/2007/241: AMF (TEN PIB BOWLING) IT AND SOFTWARE (SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT CIRCULATED AT MEETING)

The General Manager advised that following the October meeting of the Board, it had become apparent that not all of the cabling would be replaced as previously briefed to the Board. He drew Members' attention to a detailed e-mail trail, which highlighted the source of the mis-brief and asked that they note that only some cabling had been included in the price. The other parts of the cabling would be checked, tested and only replaced if required at a cost of approximately £90.00 per cable. Therefore, with 30 lanes this could lead to a maximum additional spend of £2600.00, however, the IT experts had advised that it was very unlikely that the cabling on all 30 lanes would need replaced.

The General Manager further advised that an additional league software package had also not been priced, this would cost an additional £1457.00.

RESOLVED: - Members of the Board granted retrospective approval for the purchase of additional league software at a cost of £1457.00 and noted that up to a further £2600.00 may be required for additional cabling, a report detailing the exact expenditure would be tabled at a future meeting of the Board, when available.

LPB/2007/242: IRISH LEAGUE LEGENDS – SOCCER SIXES MONDAY 28 JANUARY 2008 (SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING)

The PR & Marketing Manager referred Members to the supplementary report detailing the proposal from the organisers of the Paul Leeman Testimonial Event. She advised that this was an event designed to bring together the best of Irish League former players who within their own team supporter base are seen as "legends". Capitalising on their notoriety, the organisers intended to stage a 6 a side soccer tournament to a professional standard, played to the finish over one evening at DIIB. The event in its inaugural year would be marketed under the banner of a Paul Leeman Testimonial Event, with all net proceeds going to Paul's benefit fund.

The Officer then detailed for Members the format of the event, crowd capacity/ticketing, advertising and sponsorship revenue, and television coverage including promotion of the event.

Following a query the Director confirmed that Sundays in January tended to be very busy with good revenue potential, particularly due to Dancing on Ice. She added that there would also be set up issues associated with the event which would include possibly closing the ice rink a day either side of the actual event. She continued that Mr Fielding, the organiser of the event, had also requested that DIIB meet the cost of purchasing the carpet. On a positive note, Officers highlighted the potential for substantial secondary spend.

Members discussed the proposal in detail and although they were not totally opposed, they felt they were unable to make an informed decision as the Director was still awaiting information from Mr Fielding.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: - Members of the Board requested that the Director obtain the outstanding information from the organiser of the proposed Soccer Sixes Event and prepare a detailed cost benefit analysis for the next meeting of the Board, which must be circulated with the agenda to give Members due time to consider its contents.

LPB/2007/243: FGS MCCLURE WATTERS – PRESENTATION

The Director advised that FGS McClure Watters had requested a meeting with Members of the Board, as the key stakeholders of the economic appraisal. She then drew Members' attention to the list of proposed questions that had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Members perused the list of questions and raised concern at the appropriateness of Members being asked these questions at this stage in the appraisal.

The Director advised that FGS McClure Watters had advised at their initial presentation that it would be their intention the undertake consultation with a number of key stakeholders, including Members of the Board who they deemed to be the key stakeholders.

Members again queried why this consultation was being undertaken at this stage of the proposal and also sought clarification as to who the other stakeholders were.

The PR & Marketing Manager advised that FGS McClure Watters had requested to be furnished with a list of stakeholders and she then read a proposed list for Members consideration.

Following a query the PR & Marketing Manager confirmed that this list was only preliminary and had not been forwarded to FGS McClure Watters.

Detailed discussion ensued, following which it was

RESOLVED: - Members of the Board

- (a) felt that it would be inappropriate to address the proposed stakeholder questions from FGS McClure Watters, at this stage in the appraisal process;
- (b) requested that FGS McClure Watters be instructed that the Board did not wish them to undertake stakeholder consultation with any outside

bodies, without prior approval, but to base their appraisal on economic factors;

- (c) authorised that Management liaise with Board Members via e-mail, should an update be required in advance of the next meeting of the Board;
- (d) advised that reports must be circulated in advance of Board meetings along with the agenda, supplementary reports would only be accepted with the prior approval of the Chairman and in cases of emergency.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE