

Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 24 Aug 2017 12:56

Information from from East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Ltd - 24th August 2017 -

Q. Please give details of any contact and/or discussions since January 2017 with East Renfrewshire Council or other parties regarding Eastwood Park Leisure Centre and the points made in your email of January 2017.

A. We have had discussions with the council regarding a building condition survey of Eastwood Park Leisure Centre which the Council has commissioned. My understanding is that this is being withheld at present pending publication by the council sometime in the next 3 months.

Information from from East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Ltd - 2nd August 2017 -

Q. Can you give a more positive response as to when a further update will be available -

What meetings are proposed?

Who with?

When?

Have any further reports been commissioned?

If so, please give details.

Will any further reports be commissioned?

If so, please give details.

A. As I said last time I do not think there will be an update until Autumn at the earliest.

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As at June 2017 There is no change to the position outlined below.

When will an update be available?

.....do not know at this point, but it is unlikely to be before the autumn.

EASTWOOD PARK LEISURE CENTRE

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‘.....We discussed this at the Information and Consultation Centre in December, The centre is scheduled for closure in 2019 for major maintenance and repairs, and the Council approved £6M for this in 2014.

We are currently working with council colleagues to look at options around this, as the £6M falls somewhat short of the amount required, and other approaches may allow us to leverage external funding; and realise new facilities whilst refurbishing Eastwood Park too.

However, other than for the necessary works, we do not envisage closing it.

We are currently looking at significant programmes for developing and growing our gym membership, swimming lesson take-up and theatre sales at Eastwood.

However, most of our money comes through sport and it is the case that Eastwood struggles to meet the needs of the communities, and we face increased competition, especially in gyms and fitness, that Eastwood cannot at present compete with due to scale, condition and design.

A report by Tuner Townsend was commissioned by the Council in 2014 into Eastwood Leisure Centre.

It noted that it was at that point tired and nearing a point of criticality, with a £1.3M backlog of maintenance.

This maintenance was also just that –remedial works, not improvements to maintain competitiveness.

The report proposed three options.

Option 1

was to do nothing and allow the centre to close.

The second option of the two

was to invest £6.5M to address the immediate maintenance issues.

However, the report noted that “Even by spending £6.5m under Option 2 to keep the facility open, this still does not address the step change in facilities that is necessary to compete with local competition and retain / expand the customer base.”

(The third option was costed at £10M. The Council responded by identifying £6M in the Capital plan for 2019/20.)

One of the options we are looking at is whether we could keep the existing centre, but refurbish it as theatre/gymnastics/fitness/performing arts/function suite, and build a new centre nearby, leveraging the council’s capital with external funding to create a long-overdue new centre for East Renfrewshire (three of our four leisure centres are 30+ years old), together with a centre of excellence in Eastwood Park.

That very much depends on finding a suitable site nearby.

However, this is at an early stage and in either case we do not propose that the Eastwood Centre close (other than for works to be done).....‘

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 13 Sep 2017 10:14

Cllr David MacDonald posted on facebook -

'The residents of Ward 4 and the larger East Renfrewshire area should be made aware that this councillor will never vote in favour of allowing a developer to build on a public park or to close our swimming pool at Eastwood. Access to leisure facilities and fitness of our children and our families is extremely important to me.'

As Cllr MacDonald had not responded regarding Eastwood Park Leisure Centre it was not clear what was meant by - 'a developer to build on a public park or to close our swimming pool at Eastwood.'

Update from Cllr MacDonald -

You certainly seem know a lot more about the pool than I do.

I was just asked by a constituent if I would ever vote for the closure of a public pool within East Renfrewshire and I went on record to say that I would not.

I did not write this because I have received information.

My stance on developers building on public parks is in response also to a constituent asking me on my stance on Saving Broom Park. I then went on record to say I won't ever vote for a public park to be taken for development.

What I have heard batted about is that a figure of £22 million was discussed about the cost surrounding a state of the art refurbishment and the council have set aside £6million which falls very much short of the money required.

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 16 Sep 2017 12:35

People from Barrhead and surrounding areas are set to benefit from a £2.2 million upgrade of the swimming pool, health suite and changing rooms at the Foundry.

'The refurbishment will begin later this year and work on the pool and health suite is expected to be complete by summer 2018.'

"During the refurbishment, our customers can continue to swim at our other pools atEastwood Park Leisure"

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NOTE: in 2014 it was noted that Eastwood Park Leisure Centre was at that point tired and nearing a point of criticality, with a £1.3M backlog of maintenance.

Yet when Barrhead is being refurbished they want more people to use Eastwood Park Leisure Centre in its tired and nearing a point of criticality state !!

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 19 Sep 2017 11:25

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL - AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 20 August 2015

Report by Clerk

CONSULTANT EXPENDITURE IN 2013/14 AND 2014/15

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide information on expenditure incurred on consultants during 2013/14 and 2014/15 as requested by the Committee.

Name & Designation of Individual Advisor or Consultant; or Name of Company or Organisation

- Turner Townsend (via Hub West Scotland)

Nature of Service Provided

- Eastwood Leisure Centre Detailed Property Condition Survey and Development Proposals

Period of Time the Consultant, Advisor, Company or Organisation was Employed

- February - March 2014

Total Cost of Service Provided (Excl VAT)

----- £29,040 -----

As posted previously, we are to believe that the Director of Environment has recently commissioned another report -

September 2017 -

'I can confirm that the Director of Environment did commission an updated stock condition report in relation to Eastwood Leisure Centre. '

Why? and at what cost?

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 20 Sep 2017 11:35

Previously from the Head of Environment -

'I can confirm that the Director of Environment did commission an updated stock condition report in relation to Eastwood Leisure Centre.'

(The report is being withheld from Council residents/Taxpayers for 3 months)

Update on current progress of report from Head of Environment -

I can confirm that copies of the report have been provided to the Chief Executive and the Director of Education.

The Director of Environment has discussed this report informally in the course of normal business, but no written records are kept of such informal discussions so I am not in a position to provide you with any specific dates.

The report has been discussed briefly with the Leader of the Council, in his role as Leader and as Convener with responsibility for assets.

The Director is currently looking to schedule a report to Cabinet, but no date has yet been set for this meeting. No discussion with any elected member has been scheduled in advance of the Cabinet report.

In relation to future discussions, the Director himself will consider when (and with whom) he needs to

discuss the report, prior to any report to Cabinet being finalised.

I trust this clarifies the position.

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by Gerry - 20 Sep 2017 13:07

RM64 wrote:

Reply from Cllr Stewart Miller -

Dear Sir

Thank you for your correspondence and I note all you write

But I am not going to form a view until I hear all the proposals. I will listen to the proposals as they come forward from the Trust and then form a view when I have all the relevant information

But I note your concerns

Kind regards

Stewart

[/ quote]Councillor Bamforth said: "My concern is by expressing an opinion, prior to all evidence being available, I could be accused of not acting impartially at a vote, as Broom Park is a specific site mentioned in the MIR and LDP." [/ quote]

So just like a admin councillor, Mr Miller is not going to form an opinion until he has all the relevant information. What more information does he need, this is like Bamforth only n excuse.

This term he is turning out more and more like an admin councillor and not speaking out. 🙄

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by Gerry - 20 Sep 2017 13:20

RM64 wrote:

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(i) a Scottish public authority; or

(ii) any other person,

at a date not later than twelve weeks after that on which the request for the information is made;

So is that another 10 weeks to go?

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