

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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Information from from East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Ltd - June 2017

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

Information from from East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Ltd - January 2017

‘.....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 - 09 Apr 2019 15:31

Sent: 09 April 2019 10:29

To: Walker, Margaret

Subject: RE: Eastwood Park Gym - Fire Safety - work not completed within 24 hours ?

Hi

I spoke to manager at gym this morning.

There would appear to be further delays and no date has been given to repair these fire doors to ensure they can shut correctly and are fit for purpose.

Please give update of current situation and give date for doors to be repaired.

Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: "Walker, Margaret";

Sent: Tuesday, 9 Apr, 2019 At 16:28

Subject: RE: Eastwood Park Gym - Fire Safety - work not completed within 24 hours ?

Thank you for your e-mail today.

I asked the Head of Operations to attend Eastwood Park to get a response to your concerns.

East Renfrewshire Council Property and Technical Services have ordered the replacement of all the hinges, closers etc. on the door. To receive the appropriate ironmongery this will take until the middle of next week – this has all been ordered.

This was discussed with the maintenance officer today and investigated if a temp fix could be found so the contractor is on site at the moment and the Head of Operations has discussed this matter with him.

One door was unable to close fully as the door closure mechanism had failed, whilst the other door was getting stuck on the door stopper which had been bent out of shape and caused the door to stick open when it had been fully pushed back into the stopper.

They have resolved the latter and hope to resolve the former today to provide a temporary fix until the full fix can be completed.

There is no compromising of the fire evacuation route.

The “keep closed” signage is about fire compartmentalisation (especially when building is un-occupied) and whilst there is a slight issue, the risk is slight and the overnight lock up processes ensure the integrity of the building remains secure.

I do hope that this answers your points around the safety of the fire doors and of the evacuation procedures should there be a fire.

Regards

Margaret Walker

Personal Assistant to

Anthony McReavy

Chief Executive

East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Limited

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 15 Apr 2019 09:09

----- Original Message -----

To:

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Sent: Monday, 15 Apr, 2019 At 11:05

Subject: Eastwood Park consultation work being carried out by Peter Brett Associates LLP - Progress?

Hi

As there is considerable public interest in this matter, would appreciate if you would give an update on the Eastwood Park consultation work being carried out by Peter Brett Associates LLP -

'Master Planning of Eastwood Park' and 'the feasibility of a new build leisure centre within Eastwood Park'.

Please give details of what progress has been made and what documents have been provided/received(*see below).

Please give date when report will be presented to Council.

A prompt reply will be appreciated.

* From the revised Project Plan -

28 January 2019 - Start

25 February 2019 - Visioning Report Draft

18 March 2019 - Visioning Report Final

1 April 2019 - Masterplan Draft

22 April 2019 - Masterplan Final

22 April 2019 - Action Plan / Road Map

The outputs for the project will include the following:

- a. A Visioning report for the Campus “ which outlines proof on concept “ present & future uses, landscaping (hard & soft) and building enhancement potential.
- b. Masterplan layout options for the site & presentation
- c. Action plans/implementation road map/phasing with cost implications
- d. Access and Transport review (including junction modelling & case for 2nd access and improved connections)
- e. Community Benefits - details of how the new buildings will derive benefits for the Council and the wider community.

To enable delivery of above, PBA will utilise their multi-disciplinary team to provide planning, transport

and economic inputs to the study. This will be supplemented by Stallan Brand architects who will bring their significant architectural experience to assist in the design and visualisation of the masterplan options and the preparation of the visioning report and 3D images.

Thanks

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 18 Apr 2019 17:40

Director of Environment Andrew Cahill is stalling.....

Even although there is great public interest regarding this matter -

a simple request for information and update (see previous post)has been turned into a Freedom of Information request.

The Director of Environment has a maximum of 20 working days to respond.

This is a maximum.....they should endeavour to respond reasonably within the 20 working days.

However, most of the time they use the 20 working days as the minimum before responding !

Any response will be posted.

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 18 Apr 2019 17:51

Save Shawwood Greenspace shared a post -

Giffnock Community Council

18/4/2019

7 hrs

Community Survey

Two weeks on - and the results of our survey, so far, are:-

Giffnock Community Council Survey Monkey

Q1 Do you think that Braidbar Quarry should be “

left as it is (i.e. fenced off and inaccessible because it is dangerous)?

95 (15.06%)

remediated (i.e. made safe) and left and/or developed as green space?

463 (73.38%)

developed as a housing estate, but leaving Huntly Park as it is?

54 (8.56%)

developed as a housing estate, including the lower football pitches,

dog walking area, and woodlands of Huntly Park?

19 (3.01%)

Answered: 631 Skipped: 9

TOTAL 640

Q2 Should East Renfrewshire Council owned green space in the Eastwood area have protected status from any form of development. (Huntly Park, Broom Park, Shawwood green space, Croofur Park, Busby Primary Playing Fields are part of the Keep East Ren Green community group but other parks and green space could also be at risk of development)

Yes " 602 (94.36)

No - 36 (5.64%)

Answered: 638 Skipped: 2

Total Respondents: 640

Q3 Should a new Leisure Centre be built in Eastwood Park?

Yes " 524 (81.88%)

No " 117 (18.28%)

Answered: 640 Skipped: 0

Total Respondents: 640

Once again, if you haven't completed it,, please take a moment or two to do so.

Also share it with your friends.

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by RM64 - 24 Apr 2019 08:45

I eventually had to ask Councillor David MacDonald to contact Convener for Community Services and Community Safety (Cllr Merrick)to ask him to reply.

It would appear the Convener for Community Services and Community Safety is more interested in the trappings and celebrity of the post of Convener rather than getting their hands dirty and helping Residents/Council Tax Payers.

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To:

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Cc:

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Sent: Tuesday, 23 Apr, 2019 At 11:47

Subject: Re: FW: Request to reply. - the state of Men's Gym Changing area in Eastwood Park.

Hi

Copied: Cllr David MacDonald

As an East Renfrewshire Resident and Council Tax Payer I find your reply as a Convener disappointing and somewhat rude.

I wrote you in good faith as a result of previous emails regarding the state of Men's Gym Changing area in Eastwood Park.

I made it clear that if you as Convener for Community Services and Community Safety were not concerned to reply, then please give me a contact who is and can give the required details - you did not respond.

This was not about routine 'cleaning tiles', but about the regular deep cleaning of vents and grills.

I previously sent you pictures of the disgusting state of these grills.

I am disappointed that you consider the cleanliness and the hygiene of these changing rooms beneath you and not worth the effort on your part.

Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: "Macdonald, D (Cllr)"

Sent: Wednesday, 17 Apr, 2019 At 08:20

Subject: FW: Request to reply.

For your information.

From: Merrick, C (Cllr)

Sent: 16 April 2019 11:35

To: Macdonald, D (Cllr)

Subject: RE: Request to reply.

David,

If this is about the fine detail of cleaning ceiling tiles, please let this resident know that he doesn't require a Convener's time to get an answer. He might instead direct his question(s) to the cleaning teams or the venue manager.

Regards,

Colm.

----- Original Message -----

To:

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Sent: Tuesday, 26 Mar, 2019 At 11:09

Subject: Re: RE: State of Men's Gym Changing area in Eastwood Park gym - request sent 25/2/2019

Hi Colm

Another week has gone by and yet no further response from you to my request of 25/2/2019.

Again, Not sure why it should take so long for the Convener for Community Services and Community Safety to give this information.

Again, would appreciate reply to request for information (25/2/2019) -

Can you confirm that 'clean/dust ceiling tiles' and 'dusting ceiling tiles in changing areas on a deep weekly clean.' includes the regular deep cleaning of these grills/vents.

If you as Convener for Community Services and Community Safety are not concerned to reply, then please give me a contact who is and can give the required details.

Thanks

----- Original Message -----

To:

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Sent: Friday, 15 Mar, 2019 At 09:39

Subject: Re: RE: State of Men's Gym Changing area in Eastwood Park gym

Hi Colm

Not sure why it should take so long to give this information.

Again, would appreciate reply to request for information (25/2/2019) -

Can you confirm that 'clean/dust ceiling tiles' and 'dusting ceiling tiles in changing areas on a deep weekly clean.' includes the regular deep cleaning of these grills/vents.

If you as Convener for Community Services and Community Safety are not concerned to reply, then please give me a contact who is and can give the required details.

Thanks

----- Original Message -----

To:

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Sent: Wednesday, 6 Mar, 2019 At 13:36

Subject: Re: RE: State of Men's Gym Changing area in Eastwood Park gym

Hi

Would appreciate reply to request for information -

Can you confirm that 'clean/dust ceiling tiles' and 'dusting ceiling tiles in changing areas on a deep weekly clean.' includes the regular deep cleaning of these grills/vents.

Thanks

-----Original message-----

Date : 25/02/2019 - 16:44 (GMT)

To :

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Subject : RE: State of Men's Gym Changing area in Eastwood Park gym

Hi Colm

Thanks for this but.....

See attached photo.

It was not the cleanliness of the ceiling tiles that was my main concern.

It was the ceiling grills.....above toilet, sink, showers and in main area and how they will now be kept clean. They would appear to be air vents and at least one covers an air conditioning vent?

I would say that dust and grime etc is trapped underneath these grills, and the grills themselves need to be removed and regularly deep cleaned if you want to see an improvement in cleanliness.

Can you confirm that 'clean/dust ceiling tiles' and 'dusting ceiling tiles in changing areas on a deep weekly clean.' includes the regular deep cleaning of these grills/vents.

Thanks

-----Original message-----

From :

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Date : 24/02/2019 - 23:41 (GMT)

Subject : RE: RE: RE: RE: RE: State of Men's Gym Changing area in Eastwood Park gym

Staff will clean/dust ceiling tiles when necessary on their routine checks at regular intervals.

There are daily/weekly cleaning plans which include dusting ceiling tiles in changing areas on a deep weekly clean.

This is an area that the venue assistants have only just started to include in their cleaning routine, to assist the gym staff who are responsible for this area, and it is expected that a marked improvement in cleanliness will be seen

Best regards,

Colm Merrick (Cllr).

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Re: Eastwood Park Leisure Centre

Posted by Tom - 24 Apr 2019 13:56

Absolutely unbelievable.....

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