

Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 12:31

Sent: 03 January 2020 16:49

Subject: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

I am writing to you regarding the Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

The first report regarding this matter was commissioned in early 2014. It is now 2020 - 7 years on.

I would request that your constituents are represented regarding this matter and the following be addressed in the terms of reference and/or agenda -

1. Why no representation on the group from Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee, Williamwood ? How will these Residents have their views/requirements represented?
2. The Councils inability to maintain the existing complex(if the Council had spent money on maintaining the existing complex, there would not be such an urgent need for new build replacement)
3. The Councils inability to maintain any new Leisure Complex and/or buildings in Eastwood Park
4. What is the cost of the continuing support by consultants?
5. What input from Residents/Leisure Centre Users? Why Membership of group should not include Residents/Leisure Centre Users?
6. The influence of the Leisure Trust on the group? (Group dominated by 6 Leisure Trust members - CEO + 1 non elected member + 4 Elected members)

7. What will be the cost for this cross party member and officer working group?

8. What about openness and transparency -

- Is this cross party member and officer working group to be conducted in secrecy?

- When can we expect information during the life of this cross party member and officer working group?

- Will this this cross party member and officer working group conduct business/convene in public?

- Will this cross party member and officer working group meetings be available via webcast?

9. The case for a 50m pool?

10. The cost of 50m pool?

11. The case for a 25m pool?

12. The saving cost of 25m pool?

13. What about running costs for all the options?

14. What about Maintenance costs for all the options?

15. Will the actual cost be nearer Â£60M?

16. How can the current Leisure Centre/pool be kept open for another 5 years?

17. Running Costs for keeping Leisure Centre/pool open for another 5 years?

18. Maintenance Costs for keeping Leisure Centre/pool open for another 5 years?

19. Public transport access to Eastwood Park from Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee, Williamwood

20. Is this not a 'Vanity Project' rather than what is actually required?

21. There is a sizeable number who regularly use the current gym facilities and who are currently satisfied with the size of the gym and the facilities - They are not interested in a large 'barn' gym and a Changing Village. How will their views be represented by this group ?

22. Is Refurbishment of the current facilities still a viable option?

23. It is essential that the input from Councillors who are members of East Renfrewshire Culture & Leisure Trust Board - Councillors Paul O'Kane , Colm Merrick, Barbara Grant , Jim Fletcher is clearly defined as to whether they are acting on behalf of

- Their constituents/Council

or

- East Renfrewshire Culture & Leisure Trust

For clarification -

Councillors who are members of East Renfrewshire Culture & Leisure Trust Board -

Councillor Paul O'Kane , Councillor Colm Merrick, Councillor Barbara Grant , Councillor Jim Fletcher

Company law demands that -

~all board members must place the interest of the trust before that of the Local Authority, including councillors and officers.

'Although councillors can and will be on the board, the law is clear that they are there in a private capacity and not present to reflect the needs of the council.'

23. The latest info from The Leisure Trust still posted on their Website is -

'Therefore, we strongly support Option 4 - a new state-of-the-art culture and leisure facility on a different site within the Eastwood area. This is the only option which would allow us to gain a specifically designed culture and leisure centre which can provide all these required facilities.'

Is it still the view of the Leisure Trust that the only option is a new build on an alternative 'greenspace' site?

24. Is the School/Education Dept taking over Eastwood Park?

Your help with raising and addressing these matters with the group will be appreciated.

An acknowledgement and update would be appreciated.

Thanks

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Re: Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 13:13

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

Date:07/01/2020 23:17 (GMT+00:00)

To: "Miller, Stewart (Cllr)";

Subject: Re: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

Hi Stewart

Thanks for this.

But again you talk no sense.

I do not write to you about you being my Cllr and I being your constituent.

I write and/or contact you because you are my Councillor and I am your constituent.

Is this not the democratic process?

For the life of me, I cannot think of why else I would write to and/or contact you.

Again you talk no sense.

I have never suggested and/or made a request that you serve on any committee or have ever expected you to serve on every single committee.

You did not write to and/or contact me before you joined these committees.

I have no problem with publicising your membership of these committees, but I think joining them was your own choice.

Councillor Miller's profile.

Membership of Committees

Appeals Committee

Audit and Scrutiny Committee (Chair)

Cabinet (Police and Fire)

Civic Hospitality Committee

Education Appeals Committee

Joint Consultative Committee (1st Tier)

Licensing Committee

Planning Applications Committee

Local Review Body

Membership of Statutory and Other Bodies

COSLA Convention

East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board

East Renfrewshire Renewable Energy Fund (Substitute)

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee

West of Scotland Archaeological Service Joint Committee

You did not say that you accept payment of Â£21,245.00 pa for being a Councillor(Â£16,994.00 plus payment for your role as Chair of Audit and Scrutiny Committee).

(However, if you do not accept the payment and/or donate the payment to Charity (or other) then please do let me know.)

Again in light of there being no representation on the group from Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee, Williamwood my request was that (as you are my Councillor and I am your constituent) you ensure the views of all your constituents are heard and given due consideration by the Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

I don't think this unreasonable or time consuming.

Others must also share these views and/or concerns.

Is this not the democratic process ?

Again, your help is appreciated.

Thanks

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Re: Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 13:17

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

From: "Miller, Stewart (Cllr)"

Sent: Wednesday, 8 Jan, 2020 At 09:11

Subject: Re: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

Good morning Sir

Thank you for all the information below of which I am well aware

I have patiently tried to explain to you exactly how this cross party working group will operate and to assure you that there will be full public consultation but without success

Can I recommend that you write to either the council leader or CEO who may explain it better

Thank you for your time and concern in this matter

Regards

Stewart

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Re: Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 13:26

Cllr Wallace is a member of Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

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

From: "Wallace, Gordon (Cllr)"

Sent: Wednesday, 8 Jan, 2020 At 12:47

Subject: Re: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

Thank you for your email and the list of questions contained therein with reference to the above.

I would advise you make contact with a councillor(s) from your own Ward (Ward 4 - Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood - link below), whom I am sure will be only too happy to address your concerns and answer any queries you may have.

I would recommend Councillor Stewart Miller but please note that data protection restricts me from forwarding your details to him.

I hope this helps,

Kind regards

Gordon Wallace

Councillor

Giffnock & Thornliebank

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

To: "Wallace, Gordon (Cllr)"

Sent: Wednesday, 8 Jan, 2020 At 19:32

Subject: Re: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

Hi Gordon

Thanks for this.

Sorry, I wrote to you as I understood you were a member of this working group.

Is this not the case?

Are members of the Working Group not to be contacted?

I am concerned that there is no representation on the working group regarding Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood residents.

In light of there being no representation on the group from Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee, Williamwood my request to you was that as a member of the Working Group you could ensure that the views/concerns of all residents/constituents are heard and given due consideration by the Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

In the circumstances I don't think it is an unreasonable and/or time consuming request.

These are not extreme views/concerns.

What is the problem in getting these views/concerns included in the terms of reference and/or agenda of the working group?

However I must say your reply doesn't exactly fill me with any great hope regarding openness and transparency and/or any meaningful consultation.

As I have already been in contact with Cllr Miller (who was not really happy to 'address your concerns and answer any queries you may have')

'.....there being no representation on the group from Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee, Williamwood my request was that (as you are my Councillor and I am your constituent) you ensure the views of all your constituents are heard and given due consideration by the Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party

member and officer working group.'

you have my permission to contact/discuss with him regarding the matter(as he has to contact/discuss with you).

Your further help with this matter will be appreciated.

Thanks

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Re: Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 13:32

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

To:

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Sent: Wednesday, 8 Jan, 2020 At 18:33

Subject: Fwd: Cllr Wallace and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

Hi Stewart

Please see below from Cllr wallace who is a member of Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group?

Doesn't exactly fill me with any great hope regarding meaningful consultation.

Over to you

Thanks

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

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Sent: Wednesday, 8 Jan, 2020 At 12:47

Subject: Re:Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

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Re: Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 13:45

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

From: "Miller, Stewart (Cllr)"

Sent: Thursday, 9 Jan, 2020 At 08:18

Subject: Re: Cllr Wallace and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

At the risk of repeating myself yet again, I did refer you to the people who proposed and agreed to set up the working group which were Cllr Buchanan and the council's CEO

Regards

Stewart

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

To:

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Sent: Friday, 10 Jan, 2020 At 10:06

Subject: Re: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

Hi Cllr Buchanan

I refer to my email request of 3/1/2020 and the emails below from Cllr Miller instructing me to contact yourself regarding my request of 3/1/2020 to have the views/concerns of Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee, Williamwood residents/constituents addressed in the terms of reference and/or agenda of the Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

I would appreciate answer/reply/update regarding this and the current state of the group.

Thanks

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

To:

This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

Sent: Monday, 20 Jan, 2020 At 09:48

Subject: Re: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

Hi Cllr Buchanan

Would appreciate reply in order that I can update Cllr Miller.

Thanks

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

Date:23/01/2020 11:34 (GMT+00:00)

To: "Miller, Stewart (Cllr)";

Subject: Re: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

Hi Stewart

As instructed by yourself, I have emailed Cllr Buchanan.

However Cllr Buchanan has so far ignored my email (see below) and failed to respond.

Would appreciate if you can ask Cllr Buchanan for a response.

Your help with this matter is appreciated.

Thanks

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

From: "Miller, Stewart (Cllr)"

Sent: Thursday, 23 Jan, 2020 At 17:51

Subject: Re: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

Dear Sir

If the leader of the Council chooses not to respond to you, that is his prerogative and is entirely up to him.

If you wish to complain, please find the procedure on the councils Web site

Regards

Stewart

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Re: Councillors and Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 14:58

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

To:

This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

Sent: Sunday, 12 Jan, 2020 At 17:54

Subject: Fwd: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

Dear Chief Executive

I refer to the emails below from Cllr Miller instructing me to contact yourself regarding my request of 3/1/2020 to have the views/concerns of Busby, Clarkston, Netherlee, Williamwood residents/constituents addressed in the terms of reference and/or agenda of the Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

I would appreciate answer/reply/update regarding these views/concerns and the current state of the group.

These are not extreme views/concerns and are shared by other residents.

Thanks

Sent: 20 January 2020 09:50

To: McMillan, Lorraine

Subject: Re: Fwd: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

Dear Chief Executive

Would appreciate reply in order that I can update Cllr Miller.

Thanks

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

From: "Tait, Alison";

Sent: Monday, 20 Jan, 2020 At 12:39

Subject: RE: Fwd: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

Thank you for your email below and your email of 12 January addressed to Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive, to which I acknowledge safe receipt.

As there are a number of parts to your enquiry, Lorraine will respond to you within 20 working days from the date of your original email.

Kind regards

Executive Assistant to Chief Executive

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

From: "McMillan, Lorraine";

Sent: Thursday, 23 Jan, 2020 At 16:06

Subject: RE: Fwd: Eastwood Park Masterplan cross party member and officer working group.

Thank you for your email of 12 and 20 January 2020.

In your email you have outlined 24 issues and you have requested that the working group, which has been set up as a result of a decision by East Renfrewshire Council on the evening of 17 December 2019, takes these issues into consideration.

Having reviewed the issues, I am sure that the working group will consider many of these when developing options for a final decision by Council.

I will pass a copy of your issues to the chair of the working group, once appointed, for his or her consideration.

However for clarity, I will not be suggesting to the chair that a reply is given to your letter as most of the issues you raise have still to be determined.

It will be up to the working group to consider the priorities for preparing the final business plan and for achieving Best Value.

The exception to this is issue 23 regarding the Leisure Trust which is not a matter for the Council or the working group.

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Leisure Centre.

Kind regards

Lorraine McMillan

Chief Executive

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