



# Arthur Hill Save Our Swimming CIC

Community update and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

7pm, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

The Warehouse Centre



# Plan for the evening



- Recap on the Story so far
- Formal AGM business
  - About the company
  - Accounts
  - Business plan
- Food
- Awards



# The story so far



9 News | Reading & Berkshire News | Arthur Hill Pool

## Arthur Hill Pool in Reading will close by the end of this year, councillors decide

Reading Borough Council opted to permanently shut the pool at a meeting on Tuesday, October 18

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BY HUGH FORT, NATHAN HYDE  
08:53, 19 OCT 2016 | UPDATED 13:52, 30 JAN 2017

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## Century-old Reading Arthur Hill Memorial Baths closes

18 December 2016 | Berkshire

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Arthur Hill Memorial Baths opened on 29 November 1911

A 104-year-old swimming pool has closed after a council said it could no longer afford to repair the building.

# Second community meeting

17<sup>th</sup> November 2016



Objective 1:

**Do we agree with this plan?**

- to set up a Community Interest Company
- to appoint the initial board of directors

To support our appeal:

**£10,000**

by 31 December 2016

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/arthur-hill>

Thank you for your support!



# Since the last meeting



- Last meeting 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016
  - Agreed to set up a new company
  - Agreed a name: “Arthur Hill Save Our Swimming”
  - Appointed initial Board of Directors
- New community interest company set up.
- Over £10,000 raised through crowd-funding – thank you!!
- Now working on a business plan.



# Working group



- 14 of us
- Meeting weekly
- Comms, operations, finances, Amateur Swimming Association, sub contractors, council, insurance, sponsorship, setting up company, ARTHUR HILL etc, etc...





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26 Feb

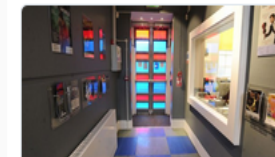
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[www.arthur-hill.org.uk](http://www.arthur-hill.org.uk)



# Arthur Hill Save Our Swimming Community Interest Company





# Our Aims

- To keep Arthur Hill open at least until the new pool opens up in Palmer Park
- To work with the council
- To coordinate raising money for the pool
- To establish a 3-5 year business plan
- Promote swimming and sport in East Reading

# Why do we need a new organisation?

- To give us credibility
- To give us a legal status
- To receive funds, set up a bank account, etc.
- **Community group** – no formal legal status.
- **Charity** – takes a long time to set up, and cannot do certain types of business activities.
- **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)** – takes a long time to set up and need reserves of £5000.
- **Company** – does not qualify for gift aid and charitable benefits.

# Company objectives



- *To provide swimming and gymnasium services at the Arthur Hill Memorial Baths, Reading, and organise leisure and fitness training activities in Reading.*
- *To work with health care agencies, local schools, and community organisations to increase participation in swimming, sports, and social activities, especially among disadvantaged and minority groups.*
- *Community: Residents in Reading and surrounding area.*
- *Any surplus will be invested back into the business.*



# The directors



- Run company responsibly, ensure it complies with legal obligations, make decisions in the community interest.
- Current Board:
  - Chris Beales
  - Peter Burt (Company Secretary)
  - Sarah Gardner
  - Nikki Gordelier
  - Stewart Johnston
  - Marjan Kuyken
  - Marlon Minty
  - Phil Vaughan
  - (We'd also like to appoint Gerard Stewart as a new Director)
- All Directors are members of the Working Group  
speak to Peter if you'd like to join us



# Members



- Everyone is invited, and please do join us! :)
- Shows community support
- Lets the community shape the direction of the company
- £1 lifetime membership



# Accounts



- Accounts prepared for 2016
- Surplus of £881.01 for the year – all from donations
- Does not include crowd-funding income of £10,727 (next year's accounts)



# Business Plan



Various options:

- A) ~~Stop council from closing the pool~~
- B) Press Council to re-open pool – we support financially
- C) Work with a leisure company to re-open pool
- D) Re-open pool ourselves - main option we are currently working on

If this does not succeed:

- E) Buy site – re-open pool
- F) Buy site – develop new community sports centre (no pool)
- G) Work locally to organise sports events and seek pool time
- H) Give up and close down



# Community Right to Challenge



- Submission to Reading Borough Council
- Decision to be made at Policy Committee on Monday 10 April
- Please come along to show your support





# Any questions...?



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# The Arthur Awards

