

Arthur Hill Working Group Meeting – 20 April 2017
@Phil's House

Present

Philip Johnson (chair), Peter Burt, Phil Vaughan, Blair Williamson, Gerard Stewart (notes)

1. Minutes and Actions Arising

Minutes from meeting of 5 April were not available so weren't signed off.

Action: Peter to circulate minutes.

2. Review of Council Meeting

Everyone present shared their views. Overall it was felt we did as well as we could have under the circumstances. One area we could have done better was communications. Peter has circulated a summary of the meeting to the group.

Action: Comms group to consider lessons at forthcoming meeting.

3. Options now open to us

- Leisure centre operator (meeting with a leisure operator planned 21 April at the pool and others could be approached).
- Raise money to buy site (Baptist Church has first refusal). Possible option would be to set up a leisure centre – probably without pool. Raising money would be a drawn out and incremental process – possible but challenging.
- Promoting and encouraging sports in East Reading. Plans afoot for some events this summer.
- Giving money to suitable cause.

It was suggested that we should approach locally based businesses. It was agreed that this had potential merit but that Directors needed to discuss this and how it fitted with other options.

Action: Directors to consider options and whether / how to approach businesses.

4. Fusion Leisure

Peter and Phil (poss Gerard) to meet Fusion Leisure rep and RBC rep 21 April at the pool.

Action: Report back after meeting.

5. Legal Challenge

RBC provided some 300 pages of evidence 11 April (day after council meeting). Injunction on draining the pool is set to expire 14 days after this an application to extend the injunction, based on valid grounds, is submitted.

6. Working Group for Summer Events

Waterfest and East Reading Festival – both in June. Peter explained that it was proposed to have a fun fitness challenge. We have put in a couple of funding applications. People are needed to help planning and running. Gerard said he could provide some support.

Action: Peter to talk to Amanda about fitness instructor contacts.

Action: Gerard to look into exercise bike that powers electrical appliances.

7. Comms Strategy

Action: Gerard to set up meeting and let Peter know date.

Action: After Directors meeting it was agreed that we should send out a press release on our plans.

8. AOB

Blair thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment.

9. Next meeting:

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