

Minutes

Braintree Swimming Centre Sub-Group

19th March 2008



Present:

Members	Present
Councillor Anthony F Shelton (Chairman)	Yes
Councillor Graham Butland	No
Councillor Mrs Wendy Schmitt	Yes
Councillor Anthony V E Everard	Yes
Councillor Eric R Lynch	Yes

Braintree Swimming Centre Team		Present
Charmaine Dean (CD)	Head of Public Protection & Healthy Living	Yes
Bob Woolley (BW)	Building Surveyor (Asset Management)	Yes
Taiwo Ajayi (TA)	Community Manager (Leisure & Health)	Yes

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Graham Butland.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

DECISION: The Minutes of the meeting of the Braintree Swimming Centre Sub-Group held on 27th February 2008 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Bob Woolley was introduced to the Members as Barry Mills replacement.

3. PROGRESS OF BUILD

Charmaine Dean reported on behalf of Barry Mills.

Update on Progress

- The Fun Pool was now operational.
- Handover to DC Leisure took place on the 18th March 2008.
- Cycle and motorbike shelters are now complete.
- Final fitting out includes installation of the electronic display board and external sign.
- Riverside would officially close on the 20th March 2008.

4. FINANCIAL UPDATE

A financial update was discussed.

5. OPENING OF NEW POOL

Invitations have been issued for the launch on Saturday 29th March 2008. Dave Monk is confirmed as Master of Ceremonies and Giles Long MBE Paralympic Swimming Gold Medalist, Graham Butland, Leader of the Council, Peter Kirkham, DC Leisure and Lady Patricia Newton, Chair of Braintree District Council will be guest speakers. Demonstrations will take place by Braintree Swimming and Sub Aqua Clubs with Giles Long and Sponge Bob Square Pants making guest appearances.

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Braintree and Witham Times article in relation to school children walking 200 metres to the pool was being investigated.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A presentation of the drawing competition by Lady Patricia Newton will take place at Braintree Swimming Centre on Saturday, 29th March.

There will be a tabletop display of memorabilia from Riverside Pool at the opening ceremony.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Causeway Room at Causeway House on the 23rd April 2008 at 7.30am.

Councillor A F Shelton
(Chairman)

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23rd April 2008



Present:

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Councillor Anthony F Shelton (Chairman)	Yes
Councillor Graham Butland	Yes
Councillor Mrs Wendy Schmitt	Yes
Councillor Anthony V E Everard	No
Councillor Eric R Lynch	Yes

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1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Anthony VE Everard and Taiwo Ajayi.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

DECISION: The Minutes of the meeting of the Braintree Swimming Centre Sub-Group held on 19th March 2008 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Councillor Anthony Shelton wanted to thank everyone involved with the pool and the launch, in particular Councillor Graham Butland, Councillor Lady Patricia Newton and Giles Long, which proved to be a very successful day.

3. **REVIEW OF POOL OPENING**

Public Relations: Charmaine Dean confirmed that Braintree District Council and DC Leisure would continue with the public relations and marketing of the pool for the coming months.

Customer surveys are undertaken by DC Leisure and are discussed at the Partnership Board.

Snagging and Defects: Charmaine Dean and Bob Woolley are working with Architects, Designers and Contractors to identify and resolve snagging and defects.

4. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Negotiations are still ongoing with the Contractors.

5. FUTURE OF BRAINTREE SWIMMING CENTRE SUB-GROUP

Councillor Graham Butland felt the group should continue until outstanding issues are resolved.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The use of Solar Panels is still being investigated.

Due to the popularity of the new pool, the first weekend was over subscribed. This was managed by DCL and will be monitored over the coming weeks.

The action sheet to be made available upon request from Charmaine Dean.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Causeway Room at Causeway House on the 4th June 2008 at 7.30am.

Councillor A F Shelton
(Chairman)