

**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees Held on Wednesday 31st May 2023
18.00 hrs Kilmardinny**

Present:

Craig Bell	(CB)	Trade Union Director
Greig Russell	(GR)	Independent Director
Ian Gallagher	(IG)	Partner Director
Jim Neill.	(JN)	Independent Director (Chair)
Jimmy Watson	(JW)	Independent Director
Maeve Kilcoyne	(MK)	Company Secretary
Mark Grant	(MG)	General Manager
Sandy Marshall	(SM)	Independent Director
Stewart MacDonald	(SMD)	Partner Director
Vaughan Moody	(VM)	Partner Director (Vice Chair)

Apologies:

Alix Mathieson	(AM)	Partner Director
Jim Gibbons	(JG)	Partner Director

In Attendance:

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Welcome JN welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies As above.	
3.	Declaration of Director's interests None.	
4.	Minutes of Meeting of 29th March 2023 and Matters Arising GR said that he wasn't at the last meeting. Minutes were proposed by VM and seconded by SMD.	
5.	Allander Leisure Centre Opening The new build opened on the 6 th March 2023. Gym and swim has proved very popular partly due to the size of the gym and also due to the free swim and gym initiative. Parking is still problematic but should be sorted in phase 2. Phase 2 will be completed in autumn of this year including two large five a side pitches and a tennis court. This weeknd is the picketball championship and is a good opportunity to showcase the new Allander outwith EDC. SMD said he is very impressed and said congratulations to David Kelly and all the staff at the Allander. The picketball was mentioned on the 9 programme on	

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	<p>television. GR asked about sports halls in terms of clubs. MG said that this is operating well. Football development had held back because the sportsdrome was not available. GR asked if there are any other issues. MG said the heating is being looked at as the building is hot a times and there still some snagging. The contractor and Mclaughline Harvry are on site dealing with the snagging issues. GR also asked about the hydro pool. MG said that there is a booking system which has been steady and mainly private bookings so far. ARC are using the hydrotherapy pool also. IG asked about swimming and instructors. MG said that we have managed to get some additional staff. Swimming lessons should catch up by the next block. SMD asked if the café had opened in the new ALC and MG said yes.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Vaccination Centres – EDLCT Facilities</p> <p>Vaccination centre are still operating 1 day per week from KTH for vaccinations and will continue till August from 8am to 8pm. The Council is in dialogue with the NHS to find out what is happening with the autumn vaccination programmes. We want to accommodate community events and we will engage with the community council on this.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Operational Performance Report – Period ending 31 March 2023</p> <p>MG said the deficit for year ending March 2023 is less than budgeted. Library usage although slower in person, the digital continues to increase. DD numbers at the end of March were 10,906 which is an all time high. At close of April there were over 11,000 DD members. Free swim and gym accounts for about 3,000 of this. We are aiming to increase to 12-12,500 by the end of this financial year.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Briefing Note on the Pitches Strategy</p> <p>MG said that the Pitches Strategy was last produced in 2016. It was agreed that in conjunction with the Council that an new up to date strategy would be commissioned. There is still some initial work that we need to do. Contacts will need to be drafted between the Council and EDLCT, key partners etc. We will review where we are now, what are the main issues, what is the supply and demand of pitches. The work will include 2 major consultations for clubs across EDC. It is hoped that this will be reported back to the Council and EDLC Board early next year. SMD confirmed that this is a lot of work and asked if pitches could be opened up for kids. MG said the grass pitches are closed for maintenance at the end of May and open again in August. For the synthetic pitches i.e. Huntershill and Merkland there are problems with vandalism if left open. CB asked about the blaze pitches and MG said there is a few eg. Etive Cresent, Lennoxtown etc. CB agreed with SMD that it does seem disappointing that a pitch cant be used. JN said perhaps we can be pro-active with council re the vandalism. Regarding merkland we cant have open access but in the summer put in a coach and had low cost sessions but uptake was low. GR agreed his trust experienced the same issues.</p>	

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9.	<p>Free Swim and Gym Update</p> <p>MG said Free Swim and Gym is continuing to grow. There was 13,000 members in the first month of operation this financial year. Hopefully we will be able to retain these members after the free scheme ends in March 2024.</p> <p>IG asked for clarification of price bands. MG said we will be giving a reduction on fee they would pay for 6 months if they decide to retain their membership.</p>	
10.	<p>Independent Director Appointment</p> <p>MG said the post is advertised. 16 application packs were requested, 6 were returned. 4 or 5 candidates will be short listed for interviews. This will be reported back to the next board meeting.</p>	
11.	<p>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training</p> <p>Training will take place on the morning of the 23rd August. Training has been sourced through ACAS. If only 7 or 8 board members can attend we will ask managers to fill their places.</p>	
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>CB wanted to highlight by referencing the Operational Performance Report on page 14 that there is an issue with EDC's itrent system due to the additional day leave. MG said we will record the 1 day additional leave manually. Other absence we will record manually also .</p> <p>GR gave advance warning that he wont be at the next meeting, it is his daughter's birthday.</p>	

Signed:



Date 9 August 2023