

MARLBOROUGH SPORTS CENTRE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Sports Centre Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough
on Thursday, 9th February, 1989 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor C. M. Green
Mr. N. Merrick
Councillor L. H. Bulley

Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Town Mayor

Mr. J. Belben
Councillor M. P. Cooper
Councillor S. R. Dobson
Ms. A. Marsden
Mr. P. Mathias
Mr. H. C. Yeoman

Mr. A. Smith

Kennet District Council

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. D. Hemery, and the late arrival of Councillor Green, it was agreed that Councillor Bulley should Chair the first part of the meeting.

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APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Hemery.

Councillor Bulley welcomed, Mr. A. Smith, Kennet District Council's Recreation Officer, who was attending his first meeting.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 25th January, 1989 were approved as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

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ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC TO MEETINGS

After discussion on whether meetings of the Sports Centre Sub-Committee should be open to the Press and Public, in the same way as meetings of Marlborough Town Council and its Standing Committees, it was agreed to ask the Recreation Committee to make a decision.

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DESIGN BRIEF

Mr. Smith opened the discussion by asking who the proposed Sports Centre was meant to be for.

It was agreed to include a new 'first aim' -

2.0 The main purpose of the centre is to provide a broad range of wet and dry activities on one site for the local Marlborough community and surrounding area with particular emphasis on opportunities for youth.

Aims 2.4 and 2.5 in the existing Design Brief should be transferred to part one of the brief and become points 1.7 and 1.8.

Mr. Smith said that Kennet District Council was only expecting to pay a limited amount towards the running of the Sports Centre and would not employ more than the three full-time staff currently running the swimming pool.

The District Council he said, did not want to incur any further losses to the ones it already made at the pool.

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DESIGN BRIEF ctd

If Marlborough Town Council wanted to provide extra facilities which were likely to lead to further running costs, it must be prepared to contribute towards the running costs of the centre, said Mr. Smith.

There was general disappointment among committee members at the limited amount Kennet was prepared to put towards the cost of running the centre. Mr. Smith said that Kennet Councillors had yet to take a decision over funding and the views expressed were those of officers.

It was agreed to make the following further amendments to the Design Brief -

3.3. The following facilities should be provided in one go but, if necessary, could be phased in the following order -

- A: Main Hall and major social and changing facilities
- B: Auxiliary Hall
- C: Squash Courts and Health Room

3.12 Delete paragraph and replace with:

All artificial lighting, emergency lighting, heating and ventilation should be in line with SASH specifications.

4.1 Minimum width of Sports Hall should read 17 metres and not 32 metres. Under Accommodation add - 'dividing netting and cricket nets'.

4.2 Under Food Preparation Area delete the words 'capable of use by outside caterers'.

The Sports Centre Committee asks the Recreation Committee to look again at the inclusion of an alcoholic bar at the centre in view of the likely income which would be generated.

4.4 Should read Weight Training Room and Health Studio

4.5 Should read Snooker Facilities with 2 - 3 tables (delete any reference to room or measurements)

4.6 Delete word 'creche' but add 'A creche should be provided as a separate facility if it cannot be incorporated into the above room'.

After 4.12, 4.13 becomes -

'Two glass backed squash courts approximately 140m in total with removable back and/or centre walls'.

(Delete - 'possibly in second phase' and 'Health Studio'.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 8th March, 1989 and call a meeting on Tuesday, 21st March, 1989 at 8 p.m. to report the decision of the Recreation Committee and Town Council. (This meeting to take place in the Court Room).

It is likely that the meeting on the 21st March, 1989 will be the last meeting of the Sports Centre Committee as its role will be taken over by the new Steering Committee made up of Town and District Councillors.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.