

**MINUTES OF INVERCLYDE LEISURE
BOARD MEETING
held on
Monday 23rd September, 2024 at 3.00pm
within the Waterfront Leisure Complex**

Present: Bill Hawthorne (Chair), Dr Liz Cameron, Councillor Jim Clocherty, Councillor Lynne Quinn, Corey Beaton and Bobby McVitie.

Observer: Jamie Cunningham, Cluster Manager.

In Attendance: Kieron Vango, Chief Executive, David McCorkindale, Head of Leisure & Community Facilities, Audrey Lavelle, Finance Manager and Andrew Hetherington, Head of Business Development and Corporate Support all Inverclyde Leisure, Tony McEwan, Head of Culture, Communities and Educational Resources Hugh Scott, Service Manager and Mary McCabe, Finance Manager, Education & Communities, both Inverclyde Council and Graham Smyth, Minute Secretary.

1.0a Appointment of Chair, Vice-Chair

After each AGM, in accordance with Article 15.1 of the Articles of Association, IL is required to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair. It was proposed by Corey Beaton and seconded by Bobby McVitie that Bill Hawthorne be re-appointed Chair and Dr Liz Cameron be re-appointed Vice-Chair.

2.0 Apologies for Absence

2.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Graeme Brooks, Puneet Gupta and Councillor Sandra Reynolds.

3.0 Minutes of Meeting of 29th July, 2024

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of 29th July, 2024 were submitted and approved on the motion of Corey Beaton and seconded by Cllr Lynne Quinn.

4.0 Matters Arising

4.1 None.

5.0 Presentation – Annual Report 2023/24

5.1 The CEO supported by the Executive Management Team gave a presentation on the Annual Report 23/24. This highlighted the company's corporate, operational and financial achievements.

5.2 The Chair thanked the executive and senior management team for the good presentation.

5.3 In a response from Cllr Jim Clocherty surrounding Gourock Pool's season and the poor weather this summer.

5.4 Discussion arose around the cost of pitch hire from Cllr Jim Clocherty.

6.0 Financial Monitoring Report

6.1 There was submitted a report dated September 2024 by the Finance Manager updating Directors with the financial projection for 2024/2025 versus the previous update at the July board meeting.

6.2 The Finance Manager presented an update on key income forecasts versus projections.

6.3 The Finance Manager presented an update on key expenditure versus projections.

6.4 In a response to a query from Liz Cameron regarding the Live Active program funding the Finance Manager explained that IL receives funding from the NHS and IL funds the remainder of the scheme.

6.5 Decided:

i that the Directors noted the content of the report.

7.0 Business Plan Update

7.1 There was submitted a report dated September 2024 by the Chief Executive updating Directors on areas of the Strategic Plan being worked on by the team.

7.2 The CEO informed Directors that IL are working with the Larkfield Voluntary Managed Committee and are taking a proactive role. Cllr Jim Clocherty noted that he was pleased with the outcome.

7.3 Directors were informed about a development project at Boglestone Activity Centre in partnership with IC to create childcare facility on site. Funding from the Scottish Government has been secured by IC.

7.4 The CEO informed the Board the recruitment for a new Employee Director will commence in October. The term of the Employee Director has been proposed to be a one year term instead of 3.

7.5 Directors were updated on the latest KPI information.

7.6 Decided:

i. that the Directors noted the content of the report.

8.0 Leisure & Community Facilities Update

8.1 There was submitted a report dated September 2024 by the Head of Leisure & Community Facilities updating Directors on the company's operations in line with IL's three-year Strategic Plan.

8.2 The Head of Leisure and Community Facilities provided Directors with an update on the company's operations and highlighted the following key issues: -

- Strength Shed has now been affiliated with Hyrox
- Kilmacolm Running Festival was a great success and had its highest participation to date
- Boglestone Activity Centre celebrated its 50th birthday
- IL triathlon was well attended
- Head of Leisure informed Directors new works at the parks and pitches to replace old floodlights with LEDs is underway
- Works are ongoing at Greenock Town Hall with the new roof installation. IL continuing to work closely with IC.
- Summer playschemes attendance grew against the prior year

8.3 Discussion arose on how Inverclyde Leisure could capture the cruise ship market and make it more of a destination.

Decided:

8.4 i. that the Directors noted the content of the report.

9.0 Corporate Development Update

9.1 There was submitted a report dated September 2024 by the Head of Business Development & Corporate Support updating Directors on the company's corporate development areas in line with Inverclyde Leisure's three-year Strategic Plan.

9.2 The Head of Business and Development informed the Board IL's NPS is currently trending significantly above the UK leisure industry average.

9.3 Directors were updated on the recent Wow! Awards issued to IL employees.

9.4 Corey Beaton noted it was positive to see an increase in Wow! Awards being issued to staff and enquired to the levels of marketing for such awards.

9.5 The Head of Business and Development informed Directors that IL have completed 90% of the review process for EDFs.

9.6 The Board were informed of IL's September marketing campaign.

Decided:

i. that the Directors noted the content of the report

10.0 **AOCB**

10.1 None.

11.0 **Date of the Next Meeting**

11.1 The date of the next meeting will be Monday 25th November, 2024 at 3.30pm within the Waterfront Leisure Complex.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed.

Chair.....

Date.....