

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 23 May, 2016

Report of the Cabinet Member for Visible, Leisure and Regulatory Services

Jenner Park Clubhouse

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to renew the temporary licence arrangements with Barry Town United AFC (the Club) in respect of its use of the lounge area at the Jenner Park Clubhouse.

Recommendations

1. That a further licence for the use of the lounge area at Jenner Park Clubhouse be granted to the Club for a period of up to 24 months and upon appropriate terms and conditions to be agreed in consultation with the Head of Financial Services.
2. That Cabinet agree a licence fee of £300 per month plus the cost of any specifically metered utilities from 1st June 2016 to 31st March 2017.
3. That provision is made within the licence for the Council to make use of the facility up to at least 3 times per month for its own purposes and at no cost.
4. That a further report be provided to Cabinet on proposals for the long term management of the Jenner Park Stadium in due course.

Reasons for the Recommendations

1. To enable the Club to continue operating the Clubhouse building whilst the long term management of the stadium is considered.
2. To provide an income to the Council for the use of the space and to ensure that all utility costs specifically associated with the lounge area be borne by the Club as licence holder.
3. To enable the Council to make use of an attractive asset owned by the Council.
4. To allow detailed negotiations to continue regarding future management arrangements.

Background

2. Cabinet approved the construction of a new 3G pitch at Jenner Park Stadium and 3G 5-a-side pitches at the Colcot Sports Centre at its meeting on 11th May 2015 (Minute C2774). Following this, Cabinet agreed a short term licence to the Club to use the lounge area of the Jenner Park Clubhouse at its meeting on 19th October 2015 (Minute C2943).
3. Discussions regarding future management arrangements at Jenner Park generally remain on-going as the process of developing a potential trust model is taking longer to explore than first envisaged. The Council is however continuing to manage the day to day use of the site without any significant issues and usage has continued to increase.

Relevant Issues and Options

4. It is proposed to renew the licence for the use of the lounge area at the Clubhouse for a period of up to 24 months and whilst the long term management of Jenner Park continues to be investigated and considered.
5. The Club has recently received confirmation from the Welsh Football Association that Jenner Park meets the ground criteria required for Welsh Premier League Football whilst some of their close rivals for promotion do not have this in place, therefore increasing the possibility of promotion for Barry. The use of the Clubhouse is integral to this requirement.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

6. It is recommended that the fee for the lounge area of the Clubhouse be increased to £300 per month from the previous £250 per month and that the cost of any specifically metered utilities also be passed onto the Club as licence holder. Should the Licence still be in operation on the 1st April 2017 the fee will be considered as part of the review of fees and charges for Leisure Services. This will be reflected in the terms and conditions of the licence.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

7. As a result of the recent refurbishment of this area new technology has been introduced within the lighting and heating systems to increase energy efficiency.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

8. A new licence will be drafted by Legal Services containing and in accordance with the appropriate terms and conditions.

Crime and Disorder Implications

9. The provision of quality leisure facilities will serve to reduce crime in the area and provide security for the facility.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

10. The use of Jenner Park is subject to compliance with the Council's equal opportunity principles.

Corporate/Service Objectives

11. This report contributes to Well-Being Outcome 4 - 'An Active and Healthy Vale' and specifically objective 7: 'Encouraging and Promoting Active and Healthy Lifestyles and the following action:

'Work in partnership to deliver a range of activities through our leisure and community facilities and parks to increase levels of participation and physical activity'.

Policy Framework and Budget

12. This is a matter for Executive decision.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

13. No Ward Member consultation has taken place in relation to this report as Jenner Park has authority wide significance.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

14. Environment and Regeneration

Background Papers

None.

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Officers Consulted

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