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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - 23 MARCH 2023

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the next meeting of the Community Services and Licensing Committee, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

4. **Public Question Time (Pages 3 - 4)**

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Members of the Public's Questions to Council.

Questions from Jess McQuail

I would be grateful if the Council could confirm:

(1) What steps they will be taking to encourage SLM to ensure there are at least 2 early morning swim sessions provided for Stratford Park Lido's 2023 season?

Reply

This question, previously raised at the Lido meeting between Stroud District Council and Friends of the Lido on the 10th of March 2023. The action was for the officer to take to the client meeting with SLM on the 27th of March 2023 where the opening times for this summer season has been added to the agenda. The response will be shared with the friends group. To note the contract obligation for the opening of the Lido for the summer season section 2.68 – *The Stratford Park Outdoor Pool and Toddler Pool are required to open from the preceding Saturday of the last Bank Holiday of May to the end of the first weekend of September. The hours of operation are from 11.00 – 17.00 as a minimum every day including Bank Holidays.*

SDC officers work closely with SLM and will work to find a solution which works for swimmers and the contractor.

(2) How it would like to work with the growing Friends of the Lido group as it establishes itself as a charity this year. To note, the Friends Group has already organised a volunteer clean up session for the changing rooms, a new partnership with Stroud College art and other departments to improve the decor of the changing rooms and raised over 5k to support these improvements?

Reply

A Task & Finish (T&F) group will be set up to collaborate with the Friends of the Lido regarding charity status, partnerships, and plans. Due to officer changes within Community Services over the last 6 months the officer resource has not been available to dedicate the time needed on this work.

This group will be reestablished in time for this year's opening of the Lido.

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