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Shaftesbury Swimming Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Shaftesbury Swimming Advisory Committee (SSAC) held at **10am on Wednesday 14th August 2024** in the Mayors Parlour, Shaftesbury Town Hall

Members Present: Stuart Edwards (Chair), Janice Jackson, Julie Jobling, Cllr Nigel Heritage and Cllr Lorah Wild (arrived at 10.27am)

Absent:

Officers Present: Brie Logan (Town Clerk), Billy Maddock (Assistant Town Clerk) and Harriet Green (Lido Manager)

In Attendance: Public (0), Press (0) and online (0)

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Minutes

Public Participation

No members of the public were present

The meeting commenced at 10:00am

SS1 Apologies

None

SS2 To receive an update on the 2024 season performance to date including Lifeguard update and customer experience feedback

Officer report 0824SS2 was received and the committee discussed feedback received. It was noted that income is up 24% on the previous season.

Recommendation: (1) That STC, at its budget setting process, considers adding £50,000 to the Lido EMR in 2025/26 and £50,000 in 2026/27 for a replacement filtration system and pool liner. Note; SSAC will also be seeking external funding opportunities.
(2) For SSAC to start the process of engaging with a specialist architect to evidence the maintenance investment required in to the plant room and understand the further potential development opportunities at the Lido.

Action: Full Council

Cllr Wild arrived at 10.32am.

SS3 To receive an update on the survey for 2024 season

Officer report 0824SS3 was received.

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It was agreed to encourage more users to provide feedback, especially those from general swims and families.
Feedback received up until 13th August.

SS4 To receive an update on the 2024 Lido @ Fringe

Officer report 0824SS4 was received.

The events helped put the Lido on the map. All events were well received.

Action: The Lido manager to engage with the mermaid performer for possible children's events next year.

SS5 To receive an update on the Channel Swim fundraiser

Officer report 0824SS5 was received and a verbal update on the planning of the event was provided.

FOSS have been asked to help with the lane counters.

Bad Co. will be asked to help with running the competition.

SS6 To receive an update on the filtration maintenance and locker replacement

Officer report 0824SS6 was received.

The Lido Manager reported that the filtration system is under strain, is posing a risk and will need to be replaced. A recommendation to STC has already been included in SS2.

SS7 To consider the planning required for the Shoulder Season

Officer report 0824SS7 was received.

It was agreed to move to a Shoulder Season+ timetable, depending on lifeguard availability. The pool will stay heated for two weeks after 2nd September. The time table and heating will be assessed every week, with the decision being delegated to the Pool Manager in conjunction with the Town Clerk.

SS8 To receive an update from FOSS including the plans for a 2025 calendar

Officer report 0824SS8 was received.

Janice updated the group on the idea of the calendar, with the aim for it to be published in September 2024.

Julie spoke about advertising FOSS at the Lido to recruit new members. Julie to supply a poster to the office, which will be displayed at the Lido.

Comms Officer to look on how to advertise the Lido further.

Stuart has been contacted by Philip Naylor from RHP architects to discuss options for improving the Lido operation.

The next informal meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25th September at 10am.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:51am.

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These minutes were adopted on enter date. under minute reference enter ref. as a true record of the decisions taken and are duly signed below by the chair of that meeting.

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