

ANGUS COUNCIL

CONTRACT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 30 MAY 2000
RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 1 JUNE 2000

KEPTIE POND OUTDOOR RECREATIONS - BOATING

JOINT REPORT BY CONTRACT SERVICES MANAGER AND
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the measures taken to update the welfare facilities and operating procedures at Keptie Pond to meet current legislative requirements.

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to note and approve the contents of this report.

2. BACKGROUND

Contract Services Leisure Management employees from the Saltire Leisure Centre manage the facilities at Keptie Pond.

The Personnel Department Safety Section identified that staff on-site welfare facilities did not comply with current Health and Safety legislation nor do the operational practices previously used comply with the ROSPA Safety at Inland Water Sites, Operational Guidelines. Contract Services Committee report 990/99 detailed the operational and staff welfare problems at the facility.

3. CURRENT POSITION

Discussions have taken place between Recreation Services, Contract Services, Property Services and Personnel Department Safety Section, with the following having been agreed to overcome the identified problems:

Staff Welfare

- Portable gas heating and cooking facilities will be provided in the existing Outdoor Recreation Hut on site. A container of wholesome drinking water will also be provided and changed daily.
- Staff toilet and washing facilities will be provided via the Automatic Public Convenience, which is situated adjacent to the site, with the staff being reimbursed for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them for the use of the public convenience.

Health & Safety

- Staff numbers will be increased from two to three for all opening hours, with at least one on-duty staff member holding a National Pool Lifeguard Qualification. Due to recruitment and training requirements sufficient trained staff may not be available initially. However this situation will be resolved for the peak season.
- A second hut will be positioned at the opposite end of the pond from the mooring point. The third staff member will be based at this hut to provide supervision for all the pond area.
- The staff members at each end of the pond will be in radio contact with each other to summon help etc. if required.
- A "height limit" will be enforced for children using the boats, with those below the limit having to be accompanied by an adult.
- A fence will be erected at the mooring point to assist in the control of users as they embark/disembark from the boats etc.

4. **CONCLUSIONS**

The above measures should resolve all the current issues raised regarding staff on-site welfare facilities and the ROSPA Safety at Inland Water Sites, Operational Guidelines. The operation of the facility etc. will be monitored this season and reviewed as required, to ensure that all current legislative requirements are being met.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of erecting the fence and the provision of the second hut will be the subject of a bid to Property Renewals and Repairs for Health and Safety/Welfare Improvement at Keptie and West Links. Other revenue costs will be contained within existing Revenue budgets.

6. **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Director of Law and Administration, Director of Finance and Director of Property Services have been consulted on the contents of this report.

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10 May 2000

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No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.