

Agenda item 79 Update from Southwell Leisure Centre
Report from Cllr P Barron

We had a meeting with representatives of NSDC a week ago [22.08.24] and the Trust Board is meeting this evening to discuss the outcomes from that meeting and next steps.

I agree that it is now about 3 months since our last public meeting and that we need to have another public meeting before long. However we do put regular updates on the website. <https://www.southwelleisurecentre.co.uk>

In the past 3 months since NSDC made its decision to request withdrawal from the Lease agreement, there has been a lot of work on examining the pool further so that we have a clearer idea about the extent of works required to repair the pipework and the cost. We had to raise money, because we had none. Fortunately we have had some significant donations and have been able to afford various legal fees recently, so have gained further legal advice on our position. Further fundraising efforts are being undertaken.

We are keen to move to the Trust being completely independent and not having elected councillors on it, but we have not made wholesale changes to the Scheme of Administration as yet. There are currently 7 Trustees, of whom 4 are completely independent, one is a non-councillor elected by STC in May and 2 are town councillors.