

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Shareholders Committee

27th February 2024

Report on Arrow Valley Lake

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Matt Dormer
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services
Ward(s) Affected	N/A
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
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1. **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to set out the background to the use of Arrow Valley Lake (the Lake) so that Rubicon Leisure can make informed decisions about future use of the Lake.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That Rubicon Leisure approach the Sailing Club to discuss its proposals for future use of the Lake,
- 2) That Rubicon Leisure consider asking the Sailing Club to enter into a Shared Use Agreement to sit alongside the current Lease once it has finalised its proposals for future use of the Lake.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Redditch Borough Council (RBC) entered into a 30 year lease with the Trustees of Redditch Sailing Club (the Sailing Club) in June 2006.
- 3.2 The terms of the Lease set out the arrangements for the use of the Lake.
- 3.3 Under the terms of the Lease there are certain times when the Sailing Club has “exclusive use” of the water. This does not prevent the use of the lake by fishermen, as long as they are active only within 5m of the bank.
- 3.4 By separate arrangement, the Sailing Club does not use the “Cove” area of the lake in front of the Arrow Valley Visitor Centre.
- 3.5 For ease of reference, the hours of exclusive use for the Sailing Club under the Lease are as follows:

Exclusive use hours: 10 hours per week all year round

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Sundays – up to 5 hours (ideally 09.00 to 14.00hrs)

Tuesday Eve – up to 3 hours (ideally 18.30 – 21.00)

Thursday Eve – up to 3 hours (ideally 18.30 – 21.00)

October – March

Sundays - up to 8 hours (ideally 09.00 to 17.00)

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings – total up to 2 hours

Also – by prior agreement:

Up to 5 Saturdays Open Meetings for 6 hours (normally 10.30 – 16.30)

- 3.6 In the past, the Club has been prepared to limit its exclusive area further by special request to enable a one-off water sports event to be held at the AVVC.
- 3.7 The hours of use by the Sailing Club set out in the Lease and highlighted above mean that there are limited hours of use outside of those times available for use by Rubicon Leisure. If Rubicon Leisure has proposals that require use beyond the times available to it, Rubicon may be advised to meet with the Sailing Club to discuss those proposals. A Shared Use Agreement could be entered into if necessary to document this.
- 3.8 The Council is happy to support Rubicon in this matter. Please contact the report author who will be happy to answer any queries relating to this.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Exempt Information

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