

Nearly 150 people attended a public meeting organised by Save Glenogle Baths at Stockbridge House on 4<sup>th</sup> September. The meeting started with a slide presentation by the Project Architect, Don MacKenzie and was followed by a question and answer session with Don and representatives of Edinburgh Leisure.

**The main changes to Glenogle will be:**

- A new lift offering disabled access from Glenogle Road to all levels of the building
- New reception area
- New pool side sauna & steam room with relaxation area
- New changing cubicles including family & disabled changing facilities
- New showers and WC's
- New tiling to the pool & surround
- New staff accommodation
- New multi-purpose rooms

**Main points that were raised during the meeting:**

(These are my own memories/understanding of what was said on the night. Any mistakes/inaccuracies are mine.)

**Construction work:** The contractor will be expected to minimise disruption to local residents. There will be set times for starting and finishing work. Particularly noisy work will not be carried out early in the morning. Deliveries to site will be scheduled to take place outwith rushhours. If parking for local residents is disrupted, alternative arrangements may be considered.

**Bicycles:** Secure parking for bikes will be provided.

**Funding:** Funding for the refurbishment project is coming from prudential borrowing. This is ringfenced for Glenogle so it is highly unlikely that funding could be withdrawn at this stage.

**Sustainability:** All services and plant will be renewed. The most environmentally sustainable options have been chosen wherever possible. Delays to the project mean that it is now possible to consider the option of solar panels.

**The Snakey:** In theory this could still be sold off. However the Snakey has recently been included on the Council's core path network and Save Glenogle Baths are still trying to get the path declared a public right of way.

**Doors on Gents' Changing Cubicles:** The current  $\frac{3}{4}$  length doors will be replaced with full length doors as has been done at all the other refurbished baths. A member of the public objected to this however and it will be considered.

**Lighting:** This will enhance the building but will not interfere with the natural light from the glass roof.

**Materials:** The aim is not to restore the building to original Victorian standards but to enhance the existing structure by using the most appropriate, high spec materials throughout.

**The Name:** It was suggested that Glenogle return to its original name of Glenogle Baths but at present Edinburgh Leisure intends to continue to call it Glenogle Swim Centre.

*Linda Wilson, Secretary of Save Glenogle Baths.*