



Save Glenogle Baths

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Tom Aitchison
Chief Executive
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Dear Mr Aitchison

Glenogle Baths

On 24th May 2007 Councillor Hinds' motion that '*this Council agrees to look at all possible options to refurbish Glenogle Baths within the current building without detriment to the local environment*' was passed unanimously by a meeting of the Full Council. This was in response to an overwhelming outcry from the public, 8,500 of whom signed a petition calling for Glenogle Baths to be conserved and maintained in their present form as a public swim and sports centre and for the area of open space known as the Snakey to be kept as public open space and a pedestrian thoroughfare.

We have also received strong support from the elected members across the board, many of whom also signed the petition, as well as backing from local residents' associations, community councils and heritage organisations such as the Cockburn Association and the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland.

We are now coming to a critical point for the future of Glenogle Baths when funds for the refurbishment must be identified to allow the significant capital investment that is required to upgrade the building and create disabled access. We have been encouraged by the process so far and by the level of cooperation we have received from Council officers who have met with us on several occasions and we understand that a bid for £6 million has now been put forward for inclusion in the 2010/2011 Capital Investment Programme.

We would now ask for a commitment that Glenogle Swim Centre be reinstated into that proposed Capital Programme to allow the Council's commitment to upgrade all of the City's Victorian public baths to be fulfilled.

Yours sincerely

Linda Wilson

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Secretary

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Councillor Dawe, Leader of the Administration
Councillor Grubb, Lord Provost
Councillor Brock, Convenor of Culture & Leisure Committee
Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Opposition
All sitting Councillors

Andrew Holmes, Director of City Development, Edinburgh Council
Jim Inch, Director of Corporate Services, Edinburgh Council
Stephanie Anne Harris, Head of Sport & Physical Activity, Edinburgh Council
Anne Crawford, Property Manager, Edinburgh Council
David Wardrop, Sports Manager, Edinburgh Council
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Stockbridge & Inverleith Community Council
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Saxe Coburg Residents' Association
Glenogle Court Residents' Association
Inverleith Society
Howard Place Association
Warriston Crescent Residents' Association
New Town/Broughton Community Council
Broughton Village Association
Friends of George V & Scotland Yard Park

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Cockburn Association
Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland