

Summer 2017

efocus Special - SAVE JUBILEE POOL!

Apologies in advance to those that do not need to be included on this list.

It is aimed at residents of Knowle and anyone else that would like to know what is happening in the area, or has an interest in some of the citywide issues reported. You are welcome to stay but please e-mail me if you want to be removed from the list. The E-Focus is an addition to, and not a replacement for, the quarterly paper Knowle Focus Welcome to new Readers.

Save Jubilee Pool

South Bristol residents -

We urgently need your help for a public demonstration of support for jubilee pool at 12.00 on Saturday 18th February at the pool. Petition signatures are being gathered at a rate of knots and a list of other actions are planned including an amendment to the budget. Please come and make your presence felt.

A head of steam is building up behind the campaign to Save Jubilee Pool. This is being led by Knowle Councillors Gary Hopkins and Chris Davies and strongly supported by Brislington Councillor Jos Clark and campaigner Andrew Varney. This was threatened with closure over 5 years ago when Labour and Tory Councillors agreed that the provision of the new Hengrove Pool was all that was needed in this part of Bristol.

A smart investment into a mini gym by the then Lib Dem Administration changed the picture completely, with usage up and subsidy slashed. An anonymous budget line came out in budget papers this year proposing that the subsidy be abolished but with no plan for the future. Liberal Democrats have submitted a Budget Amendment to prevent the removal of the subsidy, but with a Labour Mayor and Majority it may not pass.

There are many options for the continuation of the vital local facility but Council Sports Development are not answering or returning calls. We now see an updated budget description which indicates a plan for closure (and sell off?)

Gary Hopkins said " We now seem to be moving from the unfortunately all too common bodged saving to a pre-planned closure. The fact that there was a failed attempt by Council Officers, including Legal Officers, to censor our petition adds to the suspicions. This follows on from the revelations that Council Officers worked behind the scenes with First Bus to delete the 51 bus service. We stopped that one!

A demo/meeting will take place outside the pool at 12.00 on Saturday 18th February.

Petitions are being signed in paper form and on line versions can be found at: http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/epetition_core/community/petition/3779