

Time commenced - 6.00 pm

Time finished - 6.35 pm

**SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
PETITIONS SUB COMMISSION  
8 FEBRUARY 2010**

Present: Councillor Higginbottom (in the Chair)  
Councillor Webb

**01/09 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies

**02/09 Late items introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items

**03/09 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of Interest.

**04/09 Consideration of a petition requesting that the dance studio at Moorways Sports Centre be renamed 'The Judie Williams Studio'.**

The Sub-Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director for Environmental Services. It was explained that the Council had received a petition signed by 354 people asking that the dance studio at Moorways Sports Centre be renamed in memory of Judie Williams, who had passed away in summer, 2009, following a lengthy battle with cancer having spent more than 20 years working as an aerobics instructor in the city.

The corporate director explained that the proposal was supported in principle, but highlighted that the council's lack of policy on naming buildings or rooms in buildings meant that agreeing to the proposal could create a precedent which may make it difficult to set down any formal policy in the future. The corporate director proposed an alternative way forward, being that the council fund and erect a plaque in memory of Judie Williams. It was further explained that this measure would be a more secure tribute in the longer term as the plaque would be moveable should the need arise.

The Sub-Commission were presented with various newspaper and magazine cuttings featuring Judie Williams by the lead petitioner. It was agreed that Judie Williams had made a considerable impact and that the council should make efforts to remember her.

**Resolved to note Judie Williams' significant impact on dance in Derby and to make the following recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture**

- 1. That a plaque should be erected at Moorways Sports Centre to**

**commemorate the life of Judie Williams, to be funded through Environmental Services.**

- 2. That the Corporate Director for Environmental Services should be authorised to liaise with the lead petitioner over the arrangements, design and positioning of the plaque.**
- 3. To request that a policy for naming rights of council rooms and buildings be considered as part of the council's Leisure Strategy.**

Minutes End