
Carrying the Torch for Lightwaves

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Update 9th of January:

We have had a meeting at the Council to discuss our proposal to make Lightwaves a community-run facility. The Council is now working on a report that will be send to all relevant departments to have a look at any issues. Following that, the report will go to the Council's Cabinet for a decision. This is now planned for mid-February.

We think it's positive that the first hurdle is taken and that the proposal is still in the process of being considered for an asset transfer.

Please contact us if you would like more information, have some ideas or want to be involved.

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You can sign a petition at the local shops & chippy to support this, or go online to:

www.ipetitions.com/petition/keep-lightwaves-open/

Please pass this on to your friends and other potential users. We need as many people as possible to join our campaign to keep the lights on in Lightwaves for the next generation.

Wakefield Council will close Lightwaves Leisure Centre in the Summer of 2012 -when Sun Lane opens. The Sun Lane facility will offer new opportunities for swimming and fitness, but it can't house the range of other sports and activities that are taking place in Lightwaves.

Lightwaves' users, the local community, Wakefield College and Next Generation have therefore put together a bid, which has been submitted to the Council, to keep Lightwaves open as a community-run facility. The pool itself will close, but we will develop plans to have 'extreme activities' in this part. If our bid is succesful, we will use the 'dry side' of the building to offer a base for sport, leisure, social and much needed community activities, in partnership with the Council and other

organisations.

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If you agree that Lightwaves is important and want to keep it open, we need you to register your support for our bid NOW as the Council will make a final decision before Christmas. Get in touch with Next Generation on 01924 302320 or e-mail nxtgen@wakefield.gov.uk for more information.

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