

Play N Care

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Dear Member

I am writing to invite you to attend our forthcoming Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to be held at the above address on Wednesday 28th April 2010 – 7.15pm.

For the last couple of years our club has been part of an exciting initiative to bring together out of school care clubs from across West Lothian into one organisation. This organisation called “Simply Play” will be a charity and a social enterprise (where any annual surplus is reinvested in the club).

As a committee we have played an active role in helping to design and move this project forward. We have given careful consideration to how Simply Play will be structured and managed, as well as ensuring that all of our children will benefit from improved play opportunities and enhanced resources. We are pleased that this initiative will not only ensure that Bathgate Play N Care continues to provide a crucial local service to all of our families but that it will ensure the long-term sustainability of our club for future generations.

In these financially challenging times it is reassuring that, by joining together, all of our clubs will become stronger and better resourced. We are also delighted that West Lothian Council has agreed to be a key supporter of this initiative, committing £750,000 of investment over the next 5 years. In addition, as regulatory requirements increase, it is comforting to know that all of our children will be cared for by appropriately qualified, vetted staffs, who are suitably rewarded for their efforts – all of which will be delivered under this initiative.

As a committee of volunteers who currently govern and manage Bathgate Play N Care we can reassure you we have given this opportunity careful consideration, including taking legal advice, to ensure that this initiative is in the best long-term interests of Bathgate Play N Care, its children, parents and employees. Therefore it is our recommendation that Bathgate Play N Care join Simply Play by transferring our assets, liabilities and staff.

We are also pleased to announce that, on conclusion of this transfer, all parents will be relieved of the burden of work and personal liability that we currently hold from the daily governance and management of our club.

We look forward to seeing you at our EGM and ensuring a bright future for everyone at Bathgate Play N Care.

Yours faithfully

Angela Weir

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On behalf of – Bathgate Play N Care Management Committee