

TENTERDEN SPORT, LEISURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES REVIEW



NOTES OF A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2022

Present: S. Parker (Footballers), S. Saunders (Footballers), G. Smith (Footballers), M. Carter (TTC), J. Nelson (TTC) and M. Roberts (TLC).

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr. K. Mulholland (TTC) and Mr. M. Seymour (TST).

12 ELECTION OF CHAIR.

Cllr. Carter was elected chair.

13 MINUTES.

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2021 were agreed.

14 MATTERS ARISING.

Cllr. Nelson enquired whether the recommendations from the last meeting had been reported to Council, the Town Clerk reported that they had been put to the External Committee on 8th March 2021.

Cllr. Carter offered to enquire whether Homewood school have received the shelters.

The sub-committee asked Ms. D. Baines, the Town Clerk to contact John Weller to establish the outcome of the 3G pitch inspection at Homewood school and whether a Pitch Equivalence agreement had been reached.

The sub-committee agreed to wait until a decision has been made on the Wates appeal for planning permission on the Appledore Road land before enquiring about pitches on the site.

15 TERMS OF REFERENCE.

As several members had not read the draft Terms of Reference this will be deferred to the next agenda. The Town Clerk will re-circulate the draft along with the Code of Conduct policy.

16 SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Sub-committee agreed that the Town Clerk will bring a sports groups list of contacts to the next meeting so that a decision can be made on representation.

17 SPORTS TENTERDEN CIC

The sub-committee discussed whether the promotion of sporting activities

in the town could be achieved through the existing charitable Leisure Centre Trust rather than setting up a CIC. Matthew (TLC) will make some enquiries and bring some notes and suggestions to the next meeting.

18 RECREATION GROUND RE-ORDERING.

The Town Clerk, Ms. Baines advised that the Planning Officer has not yet made a decision on the recreation ground re-ordering.

Potential outcomes of the re-ordering planning application were considered including the possibility of the Secretary of State being called in to determine the application and whether any conditions regarding provision of alternative football pitches would be included, if approval were granted. Concerns raised by Sport England in respect of equivalent replacement provision of football pitches were noted.

It was suggested that liaison between the Leisure Centre Trust as the main sports provider and Tenterden Town Council could result in a stronger outcome for the town. The use of room and space in the leisure centre could for example provide changing facilities for tennis court users.

The committee discussed removal of the mound between the football pitch and the Leisure Centre. Graham Smith commented that ABC had carried out a bat and bird survey and it was found that the mound was an important feeding line for bats. Cllr. Nelson commented that rather than removing the mound he understood that the application included cutting pathways through.

19 REPORTS FROM INVITEES.

Matthew commented that the Leisure Centre leaks continue but the roof is being fixed. The Gym and Dance Studio activities are available with the Sports Hall's availability being on an ad hoc basis dependent on the weather. The swimming pool should be open by Easter.

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 6pm.

22 LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Put together a sports groups list of contacts.
2. Contact John Weller to establish the outcome of the pitch inspection and whether a Pitch Equivalence agreement had been reached.