



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th August 2023 at The Grange Sports Field

Present: Cllr Peter Morrall (Chair), Cllr Jayne Bond, Cllr Tim Brennan, Bob Entwistle, Matt Kennedy (EBCC), Antony Owen (EUBFC), Cllr Sam Weller, Rosie Smart (EBPC)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Paul Smith (EBS&CT).

2. Meeting held 4th July 2023

(a) **Approval of Minutes** - It was agreed to approve the minutes.

3. Project Manager Update (CS2)

(a) **Completed Actions** – no report.

(b) **Current Activities** – no report

(c) **Outstanding Decisions/Approvals Required** – no report

4. Planning Status (CS2) –

- RS to attend a meeting with the planning officer, Richard Colson and ecology advisors. It was agreed that the construction of a second 3G (training) pitch be moved to phase 3 in order to reduce the level of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) over phases 1 and 2. If required, Aggate Way can be used to offset a negative BNG associated with the development. RS to contact the planning officer to ask why the BNG is required when new regulations are not being introduced until November.
- It was also agreed that 5-6 apple trees could be planted on site to help with BNG. Also, make clear that there is a reduction in CO2 emissions relating to less vehicle travel to use training facilities in other areas.
- Planning permission is not expected to be granted until September at the earliest.

5. Site Actions/Handover Status with DWH (AO) –

- No response from DWH – AO to continue to monitor.
- DWH require levels for services, which can't be provided until planning permission is granted.

6. Budget Update Review (AO) –

- There is currently a shortfall of around £1m – EBPC need to assess and guide on how this will be managed.
- It was agreed that we need to publicise more information about the finances.

- It was noted that we don't know the current costs as we don't know what conditions will be applied to the planning permission.
- It was agreed that TB write an article for Barton Today, including basic financial information and an invitation to a consultation event, to be held once planning permission has been granted, where further information will be available.
- TB to circulate article for feedback and approval prior to submission.

7. Funding Update/Discussion (SG)

- **Football Foundation Funding** – PS has shared documents with AO and RS. These will be shared more widely to allow additional input into the application.
- **Additional Funding** – applications to be submitted once planning permission is granted.
- **Brewery Funding** – The brewery is able to provide a loan or grant against barrels.

8. Earls Barton Sports and Community Trust Update (BE)

- Alternative banking facilities are being considered.

9. Any Other Business (All) – none

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th September 2023