



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at The Grange Sports Field

Present: Cllr Peter Morrall (Chair), Cllr Jayne Bond, Bob Entwistle, Antony Owen (EBUFC), Paul Smith (EBS&CT), Rosie Smart (EBPC)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tim Brennan, Matt Kennedy (EBCC), Paul Smith for late arrival (arrived at 8pm).

2. Meeting held 7th November 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 –

- Ecology report is being finalised and will be forwarded to NNC Planning.
- Some neighbours have raised concerns over the noise assessment report and management plan. RS to contact them to advise that all matters will be addressed in line with any planning conditions. They will also be advised that the Consultation Event is to update the community on the development and the next steps. It's not a planning consultation.

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

- AO has chased up DWH.
- It is believed that DWH are waiting on confirmation of electricity supply information before responding to all outstanding points.

6. Budget Update Review (AO) –

- A miscalculation on the budget has now been rectified. Even with the reduced scheme, the budget is currently short by between £350,000 and £480,000. Alternative funding is still being sought and there is an option to increase the PWLB if necessary.
- Plans for the refurbishment of the existing pavilion have been drawn up. The plans provide slightly more floor space but it is better set out. AO to price up the costs.

7. Funding Update/Discussion (SG)

- **Football Foundation Funding** – A meeting with Football Foundation is being held on Friday 8th December.
- **Garfield Weston** – have responded to the expression of interest and have asked that EBS&CT reapply for the lower capital grant funding. This offers under £100,000 but is likely to be around the £30,000 mark.
- **Lottery Funding** – RS to make contact as soon as the planning permission is granted.
- **North Northants Council** – RS to find out how the allocated funding can be claimed.

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

- Meeting held on 27th November.
- Marketing, membership and bookings was discussed. MK and Chris Ellis to investigate.
- EBUFC to be advised that their representative has not attended meetings and they may wish to consider appointing an alternative representative. AO advised that no other representative is available at present.
- EBCC have requested funding for cricket nets as a priority. It was noted that this would be added to the list of priorities for the project, although there are other things, at present, that need to be prioritised in order to move the project forward. EBCC will be advised to look into alternative funding for the nets.

9. Any Other Business (All)

- AO suggested that consideration be given to postponing the Football Foundation funding, as not all of the work required has been completed and planning is still outstanding. It was agreed that AO, PS and RS assess the situation and report back after the meeting with the Football Foundation.
- PS has spoken to DKD about the implications of a delay with the build. They have assured PS that, whilst not ideal, they would be willing to defer for 1 year.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd January 2024.