



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at The Grange Sports Field

Present: Cllr Peter Morrall (Chair), Cllr Jayne Bond, Cllr Tim Brennan, Bob Entwistle, Matt Kennedy (EBCC), Antony Owen (EUBFC), Paul Smith (EBS&CT), Rosie Smart (EBPC)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

2. Meeting held 2nd January 2024

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

3. Project Manager Update (CS2)

(a) Completed Actions – CS2 went out to acquire costings for the build. The indicative costs have been received but the report is due towards the end of this week.

(b) Current Activities – Rather than carrying out a full refurbishment on the existing pavilion, it would be possible to update the facility and make some minor changes, as well as converting the changing rooms into treatment rooms, and then build a basic room onto the new changing rooms which could be used as a classroom/exercise space/ flexible workspace for the same cost. This would remove the issue of DKD needing a space that does not include a bar. This option should be considered by EBPC.

(c) Outstanding Decisions/Approvals Required – no report

4. Planning Status –

- The ecology officer has come back with points raised that need addressing. The planning officer has assured RS that the points highlighted with the bat survey will be dealt with as this has never previously been raised as an issue. The contractor has responded with her views, including that the ecology officer is using a method to calculate the BNG figure which has been superseded, and these will be sent back to the planning officer. Discrepancies relating to the area of the site are due to David Wilson Homes taking ownership of the hedgerow, meaning the red boundary line was amended. It also includes access to the site which don't form part of the site area.

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

- Lee Willier has now left DWH and no response has been received to AO's emails. RS to chase up.

6. EBPC Update

- EBPC to discuss financing the project at the potential shortfall at the next meeting.
- It is also recommended that the PC discuss taking on grant funding finder – two organisations have been identified who would take a commission of 10% on any grants successfully awarded.

7. Budget Update Review (AO) –

- Updated shortfall needs to be calculated.

8. Funding Update/Discussion (SG)

• Football Foundation Funding –

- PS, AO and RS continue to work with the Football Foundation and are meeting with them fortnightly.

• Lottery Funding – RS made contact. National Lottery suggested applying for a Sport England grant, which we are not eligible for. RS to look into Awards for All funding.

• North Northants Council – RS has made contact. Still awaiting a response.

• Other Funding

- All other avenues of funding to be explored, including consideration by EBPC to apply for additional funding under the Public Works Loan Board.
- Waiting for the Mick George website to update.

(a) Funding Finders – see under EBPC Update

(b) Community Engagement Event – to be held on 8th February between 7pm and 8.30pm. AO to bring plans. RS to finalise questionnaires. Questionnaires to also be made available online and at EB Library and Community Centre.

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

- Next meeting to be held on Monday 19th February.

10. Any Other Business (All)

- No other business was raised.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th March 2024.