



## **EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at The Grange Sports Field**

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

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jayne Bond and Colin Wells.

#### **2. Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December 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 –**

- The final ecology report has been submitted and we are now awaiting a decision.
- RS to chase up.

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

- Lee Willier has now left DWH and all outstanding action has been passed to a colleague.
- AO has chased up DWH.

#### **6. Budget Update Review (AO) –**

- Shortfall stands at around £450k.
- EBPC need to discuss how the shortfall will be met.
- RS is having a meeting with Caloo on 11<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the requirements for the outside gym.
- Updated plans for the refurbishment of the existing pavilion were shared.

#### **7. Funding Update/Discussion (SG)**

##### **• Football Foundation Funding –**

- The application has been put back to April 2024.
- FF have indicated that, if the application can't meet the April deadline, they will need to withdraw from the process.

- All outstanding documents need to be submitted by the end of January.
  - CS2 to be contacted to ask for their help with the updated tender process – a limited brief to get prices.
  - **Garfield Weston** – awaiting confirmation that planning permission has been granted before proceeding.
  - **Lottery Funding** – RS to make contact and advise that planning permission is imminent.
  - **North Northants Council** – RS to find out how the allocated funding can be claimed.
  - **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.
- 8. Earls Barton Sports and Community Trust Update (BE)**
- DKD have advised that they will put back their programme at The Grange by 12 months.
  - They can't operate in a room with a bar, in order to provide a classroom environment. Further discussions to be held to work out how to overcome this.
  - Two booking systems are being considered for the facility.
  - MK and Chris Ellis are looking at the Marketing and CE is putting together a marketing/promotional strategy.
- 9. Any Other Business (All)**
- It was agreed that a date should be set for the Community Engagement event, with the hope that planning permission will have been granted at that point.
  - The event will be held at The Grange on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm-8.30pm.
  - Chris Law of NNC Planning to be invited.
  - Residents to be given the opportunity to submit questions in advance.

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**