



EARLS BARTON SPORTS & LEISURE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2024 at The Grange Sports Field

Present: Cllr Peter Morrall (EBUFC) (Chair), Cllr Tim Brennan, Bob Entwistle, Antony Owen (EBUFC), Rosie Smart (EBPC)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jayne Bond, Matt Kennedy and Paul Smith.

2. Meeting held 4th June 2024

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

3. Project Manager Update –

- AO advised that he would be meeting with Bob Aldridge to discuss project managing the build.
- RS and AO to look further into the regulations that require tenders to be advertised on Contracts Finder.

4. Planning Status – no update as awaiting decision on Football Foundation bid.

5. Site Actions/Handover Status with DWH –

- DWH have advised that 180kw has been agreed for the electrical loading.
- A grounds person has been asked to deal with drainage issues on the pitch, although it was noted that the window for carrying out this work has now passed and the new football season is imminent.
- DWH have refused to carry out any boundary work, despite it being in their planning obligations, as they state it is not part of the S106 agreement.

6. EBPC Update – a request for additional funding by EBCC will be discussed by the Project Management Team prior to it going back to EBPC for consideration.

7. Budget Update Review – no update

8. Funding Update/Discussion

(a) Football Foundation Funding – A decision on the funding application is expected by 16th August. The panel has looked favourably at the application and it has now been forwarded to the board for consideration.

(b) North Northants Council – no update.

(c) Other funding

- PS has submitted an application to Garfield Weston.
- AO is looking into funding from Avon and other organisations which relates to wellbeing.
- Consideration needs to be given to the wellbeing part of the development having it's own business plan.

9. Publicity

- A meeting was held with a member of the public raising concerns over the project and a way forward in terms of publicity of the project was agreed.
- The lack of a website holding information has been a frustration.

10. Earls Barton Sports and Community Trust Update (PS)

- A website has now been created for EBS&CT, and a link will be shared once content has been added.
- One School Global from Northampton used the facility for their sports day and will be looking to return in the future.
- Golden Years have been in contact about a regular booking.

11. Any Other Business (All) – none raised.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 3rd September 2024.