



Sports Review – Minutes

Meeting at 10.00 a.m. Wednesday 11th July 2018 in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Tenterden.

Invitees:

TTC: Cllrs Mike Carter, Roy Isworth, Alan Sugden, Ken Mulholland & Justin Nelson.

TLC: Victoria Crosbie-Cowley & Sarah Channing

Sport Tenterden: Graham Smith

Tenterden Juniors: Glenn Thompson

Homewood School (TST): Mark Seymour & Richard Grady

Ashford Borough Council: Cllr Paul Clokie (Chair), Cllr Mike Bennett, Ben Moyle & Len Mayatt

In attendance: Town Clerk, Phil Burgess (Minute taker).

1. Apologies for absence. Kevin Day & Cllr Mike Hill (KCC) Victoria Crosbie-Cowley & Sarah Channing (TLC Serco) Cllr Alan Sugden TTC & Stuart Saunders (TTFC)

2. Minutes of the last meeting. Agreed.

3. TLC Update Apologies had been received from TLC staff but an update report would be sent by Victoria Crosbie-Cowley to the clerk and distributed to members. Cllr Nelson told the meeting that the trustees have had to reorganise membership rapidly following two high-profile resignations. Following discussions with ABC and in pursuance of their grant funding request, soft market testing is an option which will be explored. Cllr Clokie said that ABC want to ensure that the money spent was not to subsidise duplication of facilities over the recreation ground and TLC. Cllr Nelson confirmed that there would be no duplication.

4. Football Provision

Tigers Cllr Clokie asked why this organisation has folded when Appledore Rd (Homewood Land) was still available. Graham Smith responded that the Tigers are separate from the Seniors but linked and he is not aware of all the circumstances. However, when the Tigers had a membership of 300, Biddenden facilities were open to them. TTC made the front of the recreation ground open to the Tigers and Homewood had made Appledore Rd available. Both the recreation ground and Appledore Rd have playability issues despite the latter having been improved by Homewood. The issue is that it is simply more attractive to play at High Halden and Rolvenden which have the support of both councils.

Ben Moyle advised the meeting that if Tigers are not in existence as a club it is difficult to demonstrate need for Sport England funding for any future pitches. Cllr Carter asked if the agreed grant to Tigers which had not been paid following their disbanding could be held in reserve for their re-formation. It may be possible to for them to re-join with TTFC and they

would need as few as 10-12 players in the interim. TTC should talk to Glenn Thompson to find a resolution to this.

Homewood Visit Members agreed that the plans for the new pitch were exciting and the facilities were more than adequate. The changing rooms are very close to the pitch and although designed for youngsters they did meet the FA's minimum size requirement easily.

Section 106 funding Ben Moyle cited the example of the John Wallace Academy where the council administer the pitch and the community usage hours are greater. That is based on a 60% council, 40% school funding model. In this case he feels a 50/50 share is more appropriate. Cllr Nelson said he was happy to propose 50% to council.

It was agreed that the 50/50 funding should be based on the *end cost* of the project excluding the additional security fencing work needed to separate the school from the pitch. The lowest tender received had been £470k and Chris Metherell advised that the end cost is never set at tender stage (so this may increase). The final split therefore may exceed 50% of the Section 106 funding available if there are unforeseen expenses.

Any loss or profit from the on-going fees would be borne by the TST.

In addition to the capital provision within S106, there is a commuted sum for maintenance. Richard Grady requested that the same percentage contribution should apply in relation to this sum as applied to the end cost of the project as these sums were normally coupled. TTC would prefer to pay a straight 50% of this sum rather than the higher percentage. Ben Moyle would check whether these sums were inextricably linked.

Sinking Fund Pitch replacement (carpet) is required usually every 8 to 10. Chris Metherell advised that the lifespan can be extended by a good maintenance regime to 10 to 12 years. Cllr Clokie suggested that a pessimistic view of replacement should be adopted to ensure the sinking fund is sufficient to allow for additional unforeseen costs (repairs to the shock mat under the carpet for instance). The sinking fund provision in the business plan is £14,500 p.a.

Cllr Clokie enquired if excessive profits would be shared with the council. Mark Seymour stated that they would not! But the sinking fund would be bolstered.

General Chris Metherell offered the school advice on the tenders as he has dealt with many such issues and the information would remain confidential to him.

Cllr Isworth queried the potential link between Leukemia and 3g rubberised pitches following research on the continent. Chris Metherell said the make-up of British pitches was different and the UK had more stringent Health and Safety standards.

The project is due to commence on the 6th August with completion expected within 12-16 weeks. The project will be forward-funded by the TST as the section 106 funding will only be released in tranches following occupancy of each 20-house sector on the new development

Community Use Agreement Mark Seymour had no issues with Ben Moyle's suggested changes to the CUA. The school would specify the number of days when the pitch would not be available for such events as a parents' evening when the car parking attached to the pitch would be required for school visitors.

Monitoring meetings would be for help and support from ABC as well as monitoring. Quarterly meetings may well be excessive and their regularity later reduced. Richard Grady suggested that the specific requirements for monitoring should be included in the CUA. The CUA needs to be signed off by ABC. The updated version would be sent by TST to Ben Moyle and then be checked by legal teams. Although the CUA is to be signed off by ABC, TTC would need to agree the amounts and advise ABC. Where documents are referenced within the CUA, they would be included as an appendix.

Grass Pitches See attached confidential minute.

5. AOB.

- a) Mark Seymour thanked the members for their support and specialist assistance.
- b) Chris Metherell announced that he will be retiring from KCC next month after 34 years and this will be his last attendance at the Sports Review. His role is not being replaced - Kevin Day from KCC will attend the sports review from time to time.
- c) TST told the meeting that the sports hall would be more available following the creation of the 3G pitch, and they may be in a position to offer Kestrels gymnasts more regular usage.
- d) Cllr Clokie reported that the Local plan first draft had been received, a further consultation period is then due followed by its return to the planning inspector for finalisation around the end of September.

6. Date of Next Meeting. TBA following CUA agreement and funding level receiving full council approval from TTC.