

SEVENOAKS SPORTS STRATEGY MEETING

Date: Tuesday 28th April 2015

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber, Bradbourne
Vale Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3QG

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Notes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2015 (copy attached)
3. Sevenoaks Sports Strategy – Review of Feasibility and Timetable proposals for discussion from page 21 onwards. (Appendices not copied at this stage).
 - 3.1 Update on Raleys Development
 - 3.2 Update on Sevenoaks Indoor Cricket School
 - 3.3 Update on Sevenoaks Rugby Club
 - 3.4 Update on Sevenoaks Junior Football Club proposal for Greatness Recreation Ground.
4. Questionnaire for Audit of disabled access facilities and access to sports.

Notes of meeting held on 13th January 2015 at 7.00pm at Sevenoaks Community Centre to discuss a Sports Strategy for Sevenoaks

Present:	Cllr Mrs M London	Sevenoaks Town Council
	Gill Chadbon	New Beacon School
	Barry Lamb	Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls Club
	N Crabtree	Hollybush Residents Association
	S Campbell	Shonas Runners
	Alison Longhurst	Oak Martial Arts
	Darren Maddison	Sevenoaks Hockey Club
	Alex Farmer	Kent Cricket
	Alison Carroll	Lightning School of Gymnastics
	Kay Thorne	Plymouth Drive Resident
	Mary Boyle	Knole Academy
	Marcia Deighton	Knole Academy
	Cllr Marilyn Canet	Sevenoaks Town Council
	Adam Perry	Sencio
	Camilla Wimble	Tennis Academy
	John Heuerman	Tennis Academy
	Nigel Phillips	Sevenoaks Town Football
	Trevor Nicholson	Sevenoaks Rugby
	Mark Cheeseman	Sevenoaks District Cricket
	Cllr Richard Parry	Sevenoaks Town Council
	G Oatley	Sevenoaks Sports Council

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Also Present:

Linda Larter – Town Clerk
Bonnie Tarling – Committee Clerk

Apologies for Absence:

Gavan Burden
Geoff Cox
Cllr Robert Piper
Sam Palmer
Mojo Running

	Apologies for Absence	Actions of Meeting
1	<p>Councillor Andrew Eyre chaired the meeting. Everyone present was asked to introduce themselves and state what organisation they represented. Each person was invited to enter the name and email details on the attendance list to ensure they received the report of the meeting and future updates.</p>	
2	<p>Notes of the Meeting held on 30th October 2014</p> <p>Report of last meeting was noted.</p>	
3	<p>Sevenoaks Town Council – Community Investment Plan and matters relating to the Sports Strategy including:</p> <p>3.1 New Community Centre. Facilities for some sports. 3.2 Replacement Raleys Gym provision – extend Sencio facilities 3.3 Replacement Indoor Cricket facilities 3.4 Multi Use Games Facility 3.5 £1 million to support match funded sports strategy initiatives</p> <p>A brief update was given by the Town Clerk. Sites for the Multi Use Games Facility had not yet been agreed. It was noted that Raleys Gym would be incorporated into the Sencio upgrade. It was noted that the £1 million must be match funded.</p>	
4	<p>Sevenoaks Sports Strategy – Review of Feasibility and Timetable proposals for discussion from page 21 onwards.</p> <p>4.1 Update on Raleys Development It was noted that contracts for the sale of Raleys Gym development had been received today and would be signed shortly. It was noted that the last day of opening for Raleys would be 31st May 2015. A Deed of Modification was currently under review. The unilateral s.106 agreement was agreed and due to be signed shortly.</p> <p>4.2 Update on Sevenoaks Indoor Cricket School Options had been looked into regarding the replacement of the Indoor Cricket School. It was noted that the Wildernesse School Site was the preferred new location and meetings had taken place with plans in the final stages.</p> <p>It was noted that the hiring of the Cricket nets at Knole Academy were near capacity at the present time.</p> <p>4.3 Update on Sevenoaks Rugby Club An update was received from Trevor Nicholson regarding three main projects that were ongoing at the Rugby Club. Drainage to pitches is ongoing with a meeting taking place next week to discuss the timetable to enable a fair impact on cricket and rugby disruption to matches. Changes to providing an overflow area to the current parking area at Raleys would be completed by the end of February. A new spectator area development was underway to enable cover</p>	

	for spectators with an estimated finish time for the project of three weeks.	
4	<p>A. Greatness Recreation Ground</p> <p>An update was received from the Town Clerk. It was noted that discussion were ongoing between Sevenoaks Town Council and Sevenoaks Football club regarding changes to facilities. It was noted that the Football club had invested funds in order to further research plans for a new development. It was noted that Sevenoaks Town Council were awaiting the outcome of plans from the Football Club in order to move forward with the provision of public toilets, café and community facility</p>	Football Club to keep Sevenoaks Town Council updated
	<p>B. The Vine</p> <p>An update was received by the Town Clerk. It was noted that drawings for disabled access had been submitted to Sevenoaks District Council for pre planning advice but had been returned stating that the disabled access would need to be at the rear of the building and no changes to the of the front of the building. The plans are now back with the architects to redesign.</p> <p>It was noted that the Band Practice Room project would now be run by Sevenoaks Town Council with an estimated opening time of June 2015.</p> <p>The Hockey Club issues are still ongoing and it was noted that the Hockey Club had been in communication with Knole Academy regarding renting pitches. Further discussion with the new Wildernesse school site were needed to see if this would be a viable option.</p> <p>It was noted that the outdoor Cricket Nets at the Vine need replacing or refurbishment.</p>	Hockey Club to liaise with Knole Academy
	<p>C. Knole Paddock</p> <p>Information previously discussed.</p>	
	<p>D. Hollybush Recreation Ground</p> <p>John Heuerman from the Tennis Academy stated that there is an area on the site that could be used as Tennis Courts but lighting would be an issue to the residents of the area. It was noted that the café building needs updating with better access to toilets.</p> <p>It was noted that Knole Academy has facilities for Tennis and Netball with a MUGA and lighting.</p> <p>Mr Crabtree stated that the Hollybush Residents did not want a MUGA at the Hollybush area and if the upper bowls pitch were to be made into Tennis Courts they would need to be excavated down to ground level. The residents would prefer the area to be used as a children's play area.</p>	

	<p>Barry Lamb stated that the Indoor Bowls Club would prefer the Indoor Cricket to be housed at Wildernesse school site as the Bowls Club would be affected if building work was to take place. It was noted that the building housing the Indoor Bowls Club is very expensive to run and funding had been applied for through Sport England to help with the installation of a new heating system. It was noted that 2/3 of members to the club are of retirement age. The club was looking at ways of encouraging new members.</p> <p>It was stated that the adjacent Walthamstow Hall School would be having building extension work starting shortly but this would not be publically available.</p>	
	<p>E. Community Centre An update was given by the Town Clerk. The new community centre would have potential to house some sports at the site.</p>	
	<p>F. Former Wildernesse School Site An update was given by the Chairman stating that two new schools would be built on the site. Discussions for sport facilities are ongoing.</p>	
	<p>G. Sencio Leisure Centre An update was received from the Town Clerk stating that negotiations are ongoing regarding upgrades to the Sencio Centre.</p> <p>Disabled Basketball facilities could be provided in the new build on Wildernesse site.</p> <p>It was noted that Knole Academy has facilities for Junior Basketball with hoops that can be lowered which might be suitable for disabled basketball.</p> <p>An update was received from Adam Perry regarding new developments at Sencio. It was noted that currently Sencio only offer introduction session for gymnastics. Adam Perry stated that he had some concerns regarding pathways for sports due to so many different sites for each sport.</p> <p>It was stated by the Town Clerk that the Sports Strategy document will be used as a planning document to help all sports in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Trevor Nicholson stated that he felt that in 2-3 years time the Sports Strategy would need a facilitating body to move certain projects forward.</p>	
	<p>H. Informal free access to sports It was noted that more running tracks and jogging facilities were needed in the area with access to parking and toilets.</p>	
	<p>I. Traditional school sports lessons It was stated that it was hoped schools would look to local clubs when booking lessons to utilise skills in the local area. It was noted that funding for primary schools is available from Government but must be applied for as soon as possible.</p>	

	<p>J. Spectators Spectator facilities adjacent to the Rugby Club currently being provided.</p>	
	<p>K. School Sites An update was received regarding the new sports hall at New Beacon. Plans have been submitted and outstanding issues are ongoing.</p> <p>It was noted that Knole Academy has spaces available on some facilities and are currently running offers for combined sport sessions.</p>	Schools to provide details of current facilities and days available to hire.
	<p>L. Partnerships with Neighbouring and or other authorities It was requested that the Tarmac development site be placed on the next Agenda</p>	Place item on next agenda
	<p>M. New sports sites No comments received.</p>	
	<p>N. New Sports Sites No comments received</p>	
	<p>O. Access for disabled and vulnerable people A questionnaire had been emailed to all members and it was requested that this be completed by the end of January 2015</p>	Questionnaire to be redistributed as a reminder

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm

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4. Research the feasibility (including funding, land allocation, shared usage and planning requirements) of achieving the sports provisions identified within the Sports Strategy for Sevenoaks.

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A	Greatness Recreation Ground <i>Appendix G</i>	Creation of new sports pavilion / community building, including café and public toilets. Improvements to current changing facilities adjacent to pitch 1.	Football Aerobics? Zumba? Joggers / Running Groups Basketball? Outdoor gym Skateboarding	£800,000	Recommendations from Greatness Environs Working Party includes representatives from Sevenoaks Town Council; Greatness Residents Association; Sevenoaks Junior Football Club. Revised proposal to improve football facilities adjacent to pitch 1 Sevenoaks Junior Football Club and Greatness Residents Association want to pursue option 1. Pre planning advice being sought.	2015

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		A2 Current pavilion refurbished as community facility to include public toilets, café and small community room		£50,000	Refurbishment following drawing up of plans. On hold see A1 above	April 2014 subject to A1
		A3 Outdoor Gym facility	Free Sports	£15,000	Completed	April 2014
		A4 Installation of 3 / 4G pitch? Potential to include outdoor basketball?	Football Basketball	£500,000	Pre planning advice being sought.	
		A5 Improvements to Greatness environs.		Tbc	Public consultation June 2013. Note potential issues re Green Belt land. Long term aspiration items and to proceed subject to planning and funding requirements	
B	Vine	B1 Refurbish Vine Pavilion and enable disabled access	Cricket Winter Sport – football?	£50,000	Vine Pavilion within conservation area. STC to prepare drawings. Initial drawings obtained, some	2015

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					queries to be addressed.	
	B2	More energy efficient		Tbc		
	B3	Band Practice Room to be converted to public café		£50,000	Grant obtained. To proceed subject to planning and finance requirements. Create increased utilised community area. <i>STC to manage this project.</i>	April 2015
	B4	Seek additional winter sport for use of facilities should hockey move to another venue. Hockey Club still had aspirations to move to another venue with two all weather pitches alongside club house.		n/a		
	B5	Upgrade public toilets.		£10,000	Grant obtained from KCC	April 2015
	B6	2 x outdoor practice nets to be refurbished.	Cricket	£12,000		

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		B7 Outdoor storage required for equipment	Cricket	tbc		
C	Knole Paddock	C1 Improve drainage to rugby pitches	Rugby Cricket Tennis Football	£60,000 est £40,000 <i>confirmed</i>	Green belt /planning policies to be considered. Grant obtained Following outline proposals to proceed subject to planning and finance requirements <i>Quotation obtained. Work to commence August 2015</i>	2015
		C2 Installation of 3 / 4 G pitch Request to consider installing 2 nd 3G pitch for Hockey	Football Hockey	£500,000 £500,000	Planning, funding and public consultation to be considered particularly regarding Green Belt matters.	
		C3 Installation of MUGA		£35,000		
		C4 Improved SRFC pavilion facilities for spectators	Rugby Cricket Football	£20,000 (combined grant)	Grant obtained, planning	October 2014

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						permission being applied for. <i>Work completed</i>	
		C5	Retention of Cricket Pitch	Cricket		Site meeting held March 2015	
		C6	Retention of Football Pitch	Football			
		C7	Enable long term sustainability of Lawn Tennis Club	Tennis			
		C8	Raleys Gym to be closed and area redeveloped		£95,000	Relocated to Sencio	tbc
		C9	Remove some strain on parking issues. Grass crete for 46 spaces		£15,000	Grant obtained. Planning permission to be applied for. <i>Work completed</i>	2014
D	Hollybush Recreation Ground <i>Appendix H</i>	D1	Indoor Bowls Club altered to enable shared club house with other sports and space for Indoor Cricket School	Indoor Bowls Outdoor Bowls Tennis Hockey Joggers / Running Groups Taekwondo Archery	£150,000 tbc	Park owned and managed by Sevenoaks District Council. SDC to confirm Agreement. STC to prepare Business Plan and drawings. Hollybush Resident	2015

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D5		Footbridge across Seal Hollow Road for link to Knole Paddock and improved pedestrian access			To be considered within the Neighbourhood Development Plan.	
D6		Expansion and improvement of lodge with public toilets, children's nursery and community facilities			Need to retain parkland for public. Agreed to proceed with following proposals subject to planning and funding. Evaluate against potential of improvements to facilities in the Bowls Club. Note playground would remain. See D7 below	
D7		Strategic plan for Hollybush Park			Request SDC consider develop strategic plan include issues regarding public toilets and car parking.	
D8		Consider provision of Cricket at Hollybush Park	Cricket			

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		D9	Open space for running, children play, dog walking etc to remain				
E	Community Centre <i>Appendix I</i>	E1	Convert to two storey to <i>potential</i> replacement Raleys Gym.	Gymnastics Judo Taekwondo Dancing Tennis Netball Tai Chi Exercise Classes Zumba Indoor running & fitness Pole dancing Boxing Indoor Basketball? Cross Fit	£1,800,000	Agreed to proceed subject to planning and finance. Noted also part of LEP strategy for regeneration of Bat & Ball area. See <i>STC Community Investment Plan</i> <i>Indoor basketball not possible within building</i>	Plans for 2015
		E2	Retain outdoor multi sports facility		£100,000	<i>Subject to space available in new plans</i>	
F	Former Wilderness School Site <i>Appendix J</i>	F1	Two new schools with sports provision.	Tennis Football Netball? Hockey? Mat sports Basketball		Subject to government decision. Planning permission granted June 2014	

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			Squash		Potential being discussed for following sports: Indoor cricket, archery, climbing wall, table tennis, netball, dance/exercise, volleyball and running track	
		F2	Two new multi-use games areas			
		F3	Upgraded Sencio facilities			
G	Sencio Leisure Centre	G1	To support the long term sustainability of the facility.		Swimming Basketball Badminton Gym Aerobics Gymnastics	
		G2	Improve disability provision re basketball.			
		G3	Incorporate current Raleys Gymnastics into Sencio	£95,000	Sencio confirmed that current Raleys facilities could be accommodated within Sencio	Tbc

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J	Spectators	Good facilities (including public toilets, viewing area under cover, refreshments) for spectators for all sports was identified as a key factor in sustainability of the sports clubs and buildings.	Rugby Cricket	£14,000	New spectator facilities adjacent to SRFC pavilion <i>Building work completed</i>	2014
K	School sites	Work in partnership with schools to provide sports provision.			Encourage schools to be more involved in Sports Strategy and providing details of their public facilities. <i>Working with 2 new schools being built on Wildernesse site</i>	
	Sevenoaks School		Swimming Indoor cricket Cricket Rugby Badminton Dance and aerobic studio, Squash courts Fitness suite Indoor tennis Climbing wall		Investigate whether Hockey Club could use Hockey pitches.	

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	Walthamstow High School	K2	Yoga			
	Knole Academy	K3	Football, Hockey, Badminton, Volleyball, Basketball, Dance Studio, 3G Pitch, Mugga Pitch, Tennis, Rugby, Climbing Wall, 4 indoor cricket nets with professional bowling machine (Bola), "Life Fitness" Gym with "Boditrax" machine, indoor hockey and handball, junior basketball, studio for pilates, zumba, spinning, circuit training etc, trampoline rig, table tennis,			

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	Wilderness School site	K4		sports party facilities			
	New School at West Heath	K5		Swimming, Tennis, Cricket, Football, Rugby			
	New Beacon	K6		2x Astro pitches, swimming pool, 2x tennis courts			
	Granville	K7		None			
	Walthamstow Hall Juniors	K8					
	Sevenoaks Primary	K9		Football, Rugby and bike track			
	St Johns	K10		None			
	St Thomas's	K11		None			
	Lady Boswell	K12		None			
L	Partnerships with Neighbouring and or other authorities		To ensure that there is a clear exchange of information to avoid duplication of facilities in close proximity to each other.	sailing		Working with KCC and SDC (re Sencio)	

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M	New sports sites	New sports sites within the town are extremely limited. Blue skies thinking could be to purchase land e.g. Bartram's Farm or Vestry Estate and build purpose built sports facilities and arena.			Costs are likely to be prohibitive. Such a venture could have a detrimental impact on the long term sustainability of other sports clubs	
N	New sports sites	Land adjacent to Greatness Recreation Ground available following completion of Tarmac operation?	Additional sports pitches		Allocation to be considered within Neighbourhood Plan	
O	Access for disabled and vulnerable people	All facilities to be reviewed to address this aim	All sports	To be included within each project	Advice from appropriate governing bodies and local access group. <i>Monkey survey report to be circulated</i>	

Note – Key sports provision need identified but without resolution to date.

1. Outdoor Basketball – free use.
2. Indoor Basketball Courts with spectator area. Club currently rents courts at approx. £60 - £100K per year.
3. Outdoor Netball courts with floodlights and facilities. – Potential Wildernesse site.
4. Outdoor Archery provision. – Potential Wildernesse site
5. Hockey 2 x 3G pitches in same location with clubhouse.

5. To produce a timetable for delivery – subject to other points identified.

See final column above