

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 Heurman	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 Heurman 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

