

Notes of meeting held on 28th April 2015 at 7.00pm at Sevenoaks Community Centre to discuss a Sports Strategy for Sevenoaks

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| Present: | Cllr Andrew Eyre (Chairman)
Cllr Pam Walshe
Jim Knight
Alan Duffy
Steve Seagrove
Cllr Roger Walshe
Paul Lansdale
Jason Crow
Gill Chadbon
Elizabeth Purves
Jim Purves
N Crabtree
S Campbell
Alison Longhurst
Darren Maddison
James Emmitt
Marcia Deighton
Cllr Marilyn Canet
Adam Perry
Trevor Nicholson
Edward Oatley | Sevenoaks Town Council
Sevenoaks Town Council
Sevenoaks Athletics
Sevenoaks Primary School
Riverhead Angels
Sevenoaks District Council
Sevenoaks Football Club
Better Body Group
New Beacon School
Sevenoaks District Council
Hollybush Residents Association
Hollybush Residents Association
Shonas Runners
Oak Martial Arts
Sevenoaks Hockey Club
Sevenoaks School
Knole Academy
Sevenoaks Town Council
Sencio
Sevenoaks Rugby
Sevenoaks Sports Council |
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Also Present:

- Linda Larter – Town Clerk
- Bonnie Tarling – Committee Clerk

Apologies for Absence:

- Alison Carroll
- John Heuerman
- Helen Whitaker (email comments received)

I was a user at Raleys Gym for a number of years, providing two Pilates classes per week. Raleys was a good venue as it had mirrors. Pilates is best taught using mirrors so that participants are able to see and correct their movement during the class. I have moved to another Council site, the Sevenoaks Community Centre, and there are no mirrors. The class continues, but I would like it minuted that in the new Community Centre that is to be built, mirrors need to be incorporated into the design for users such as me, and any other movement instructors, who use mirrors, e.g. dance, yoga and so on.

Gavan Burden
 Brian Richardson
 Hayley Brooks

	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. The Chairman stated that the aim was to complete the Sport Strategy Working document at the next meeting and integrate into the Neighbourhood Plan. A full copy of the document with appendices would be circulated prior to the next meeting. The Final meeting of the Sport Strategy Group would take place in July 2015.</p>	
2	<p>Notes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2015</p> <p>Report of last meeting was noted.</p>	
3	<p>A. Greatness Recreation Ground</p> <p>An update was received from Sevenoaks Football Club regarding their current improvement project at Greatness Recreation Ground.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Disabled stand for wheelchair spectators being installed. II. Turnstile and new meeting room being installed. III. There would be a pre-planning meeting on 30th April to discuss the new 3G pitch and new pavilion projects which included a café, meeting room and public access toilets. <p>It was noted that Riverhead Angels Football Club was at full capacity and needed new pitches to accommodate demand.</p>	
	<p>B. The Vine</p> <p>An update was received from the Town Clerk regarding the Vine Café project. The project was ongoing and opening was planned for August 2015.</p> <p>Drawings for disabled access to the Vine Pavilion would be ready shortly to submit for planning permission and for grant application.</p> <p>There was no update regarding Hockey provision at the present time.</p> <p>There had been issue with the Environmental Health Department regarding the public toilets and staff toilet for cafe. Drawings for the project are yet to be finalised.</p> <p>It was noted that Sevenoaks Cricket Club requested that the practice nets be taken down. Costing for this would be sought by Sevenoaks Town Council.</p>	

	<p>C. Knole Paddock</p> <p>An update was received by Sevenoaks Rugby Club. The new spectator area was now open and pitch drainage work would be starting in August. The over flow car park was now complete with seeding being done by Sevenoaks Town Council. The proposal for a new 3G pitch was still on going and research was being sought regarding the demand for a 3G pitch in the area. The results would be bought to the next meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that Raleys Gym would close on 31.5.2015</p>	
	<p>D. Hollybush Recreation Ground</p> <p>It was noted that the Town Council was no longer pursuing the idea of moving the Indoor Cricket Club into the Indoor Bowls facility at Hollybush.</p> <p>It was noted that a Sevenoaks District Council strategy for area users was underway starting with discussing car parking.</p>	
	<p>E. Community Centre</p> <p>An update was received from the Town Clerk. A RIBA competition had taken place with 5 architects now chosen to display their projects to the public on 15th (2-8pm) & 16th (10-1pm) May at the Community Centre. After public consultation one architect would be chosen.</p> <p>The retention of the current outdoor multi use games area was uncertain at this point and would depend on the final drawings for the whole project.</p>	
	<p>F. Former Wildernesse School Site</p> <p>It was noted that this project was currently on hold until after the elections.</p>	
	<p>G. Sencio Leisure Centre</p> <p>A verbal update was received by Sencio Leisure Centre.</p>	
	<p>H. Informal free access to sports</p> <p>It was noted that more running tracks and jogging facilities were needed in the area with access to parking and toilets and alongside footpaths.</p> <p>It was noted that outdoor gym equipment at the Environmental Park would be welcomed by Running and Athletic Clubs.</p>	
	<p>I. Traditional school sports lessons</p> <p>It was noted that Rugby lessons were being introduced in most schools. It was stated that most school sports are done in house with specialist coaches being bought in to teach higher level sport.</p>	
	<p>J. Spectators</p> <p>Spectator facilities adjacent to the Rugby Club had now been completed. Spectator facilities for Football at Greatness was on going.</p>	
	<p>K. School Sites</p> <p>Sevenoaks School – An update was received from Sevenoaks School. Facilities are mainly for school children with some facilities being used by outside clubs. The school was aiming to increase bursaries</p>	

	<p>and community use of facilities. An aspiration was for a 3G pitch and floodlights.</p> <p>Knole Academy – An update was received from Knole Academy. Sport facilities are open for community use with a Gym and Dance Studio available for membership</p> <p>New Beacon – An update was received from New Beacon. It was stated that sports facilities were available to local clubs for hire. Planning permission had been granted for a new school hall. It was felt that there was a need for further swimming facilities in the area.</p> <p>Sevenoaks Primary School – An update was received from Sevenoaks Primary School. New building plans were underway with some funding from the Government. The school would need to raise £500,000 to fund part of the project. The aspiration was for the new building to be for community and school use.</p>	
	<p>L. Partnerships with Neighbouring and or other authorities It was requested that the Tarmac development be invited to provide a presentation at the next meeting alongside a 5 minute presentation from the Senior Action Forum.</p>	
	<p>M. New sports sites No comments received.</p>	
	<p>N. New Sports Sites No comments received</p>	
4	<p>O. Access for disabled and vulnerable people A questionnaire had been emailed to all members and it was requested that this be re-sent and completed by June 2015.</p>	

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:30pm