

3g all-sports working group

25th April 2023

Minutes

Present: Cllr Louise Brice, Cllr Riordan, Mike Evans, (MBC) Jeff Davis, (Kent FA) Lee Seal SMYFC and Richard Griffiths

1. Apologies: Mel Alesi and Bill Mclaughlin

Note Nicola Stonebridge has stepped down from the group. It was agreed the project would be stronger with a SMFC representative.

2. Declarations of Interest - NA

3. Minutes of previous meeting - agreed

4. Update Report

RG – still waiting for the Site Feasibility Study, appointment of Bid Consultant on hold until then.

Cllr Brice asked is this an issue as have been on hold for some time and keep getting requests for funding (Legal Charge)

JD reassured the group this was not the case and would chase up on the Site Feasibility Study and cost issue (Done by email 26/4/2023)

5. Legal Charge, any other additional costs

RG raised the point about the legal charge - £2,000 plus VAT. We need to clarify if any other costs such as planning surveys are down to the Council.

JD / RG chase up (Done by email 26/4/2023)

6. Consultation programme (awaiting Site Feasibility Study)

Bid Consultant will work with us and need to build up a consultation programme: initial thoughts are

- Launch on 21st May 2023 at Football Clubs presentation day
- Information on website / social media
- Presentation to local clubs - potential users
- Information in Annual Report and questionnaire postal return every household
- Family Funday stall 2nd August 2023
- Presentation to public – September 2023

7. Fund raising – discuss

- Note the clubs already raised some funding for project
- FA Grants available – JF forward to RG – phoning next week

- KCC capital sports grant – RG chased up, up to £10,000 submit when you have planning permission, they have supported these types of projects in the past.
- Note KCC recommend “crowd funding”
KCC match up to £20,000 and Sport England up to £10,000 – some clubs have raised £50 – 60,000 this way. Also, KCC support to set up / operate to maximise crowd funding.
Best to come from the clubs rather than a Council.
- MBC grants – LB / ME to clarify
- Cllr Brice emphasised the need to get MBC to ring fence the S106 funding for the 3G project – RG email Rob Jarman (done by email 27/4/2023)
- Awaiting outcome of CIL request – expected June 2023
- SCEG potential grants – LB chase up
- Football Club presentation day 21st May 2023 – aim for fund raising such as collections, 100 club and auction – NS / LB and NS clarify
- In future Fund raising event / dinner / speaker Potential venues for events – LB chase up

8. Next meeting

Agreed to move meetings to evenings, as 4.45pm challenging time to make.
Next meeting Tuesday 16th May 2023 – 7:30pm at SPC offices