

3G Multi-Sports working group

27th June 2023

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Mclaughlin, Sharp and Alesi plus Nick Winter (Hawkhurst Utd) Caroline McRoyall (Continuum Leisure) Lee Seal (SMYFC) Mike Evans (MBC Leisure Manager) Chris Rhodes (Girl Guides) and Richard Griffiths Clerk

1. **Apologies;** Cllr Riordan Arger Jeff Davis (Kent FA) and n Stonebridge (SMFC)

2. **Declarations of Interest** - NA

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Agreed by those present

4. **Confirm if Girl Guides, SMFC and SMYFC are forming a consortium to manage the operation of the site if 3G multi-sport pitch is completed.**

Cllr Alesi and Chris Rodes confirmed the girl Guides were not interested and lee Seal Confirmed that the SMYFC were not interested either. Have not heard back from SMFC.

Therefore agreed that a consortium bid would not be forth coming.

5. **Site Development plan – CM**

(The partners in the Football Foundation bid oversee this in the “Project Steering Group”)

Caroline McRoyall talked through the Site Development Plan (SDP) refers to the development plan for the usage of the 3G pitch and improvement to related grass pitch (youth 11v11 pitch)

CPD – Continuing Professional Development

CACT – Charlton Athletic Community Trust

SPC – Staplehurst Parish Council or nominated contractor

LSEG – Lower Socio - economic groups

FA – Football Association

FC – Football Club

SE – Sport England

CFA – County FA

SMFC – Staplehurst Monarchs FC

SMYFC -Staplehurst Monarch Youth FC

HUJFC – Hawkhurst United Junior FC

Partner Clubs – All clubs represented on Steering Group e.g. SMFC, SPYFC, HUJFC

N/A – Not applicable – The format of the plan means some options cannot be deleted even though they are not applicable to the project

This is an element of the bid to the Football Foundation. The reason we will receive significant funding is to grow the game and sporting activities in our area. We will be measured by the Football Foundation on how successful we are.

This will also be a key element of the performance indicators for a contractor managing the site.

The group discussed the key sections such as

1. Pro club scheme – we are linked to Charlton FC, focus on CPD and support
2. General recreational football – Low cost, increased usage, Vets football,
3. Workforce – CPD courses, support for club volunteers
4. Partner clubs – how they will develop
5. Disability sport – how to grow and support activities
6. Female – support for women's and girl's football
7. Retaining participation – retain young people / BTEC course?
8. Grass Pitches – improve the quality
9. Lower economic groups – how we can support activities for these groups
10. Multi-sport activities – healthy activities

Noted that top soil from 3G pitch could be used for main and new grass pitch also potential for grants – away from football.

Group agreed that CM would circulate and any comments back by Friday 5th July 2024 to Caroline for final amendments.

6. Management contract – areas for discussion

Note RG has 20 years-experience in leisure contracts and client manager role, while ME is the Leisure Contract manager at Maidstone Borough Council.

The vast majority legal document – seeking support from Kingsford.

Some key areas for discussion are “schedules” these help make up the Invitation to Tender document and the management contract specification

The management contract schedules need to be developed by the 3G Multi-Sport working group. Note partners on site is Girl Guides / SMYFC and SMFC.

7. General Update – EOI, Planning application

EOI on contract finder search Sport and Recreation

Planning application in process of being sent to MBC planning

8. Next meeting – 4th Thursday of the month 25th July 2024