

Minutes of the Virtual Tews Lane Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 24th September 2020 at 11.30am via Zoom.

- Present:** Cllr I Capon (Chairman)
Cllrs I Crawford, C McCormack Hole, S Kingdom.
Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock (Deputy Executive Officer (DEO)), A Leighton (Barnstaple Youth Football Club) and M Birchmore (Barnstaple Town Football Club).
- 2009/45 **Apologies**
Apologies from Cllr B Sherborne.
- 2009/46 **Declarations of Interest**
None received.
- 2009/47 **Public Participation Period**
None present.
- 2009/48 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman at a later date.
- 2009/49 **Co-opted Members**
Barnstaple Youth Football Club and Barnstaple Football Club.
It was reported that they were using the facilities and keeping Risk Assessments up to date.
- 2009/50 **S.106 Funding**
Members were reported that the Section 106 Agreements for Tews Lane specified funds available for a MUGA and that previous meetings and the current design of the enhancement works do not include the provision of a MUGA. Therefore it was unanimously **resolved** to write to North Devon Council to apply to change the S.106 schemes to the following:
- Drainage works at the football pitches, Tews Lane
 - Extension to the community building, Tews Lane.
- 2009/51 **Fun Fair**
Members were submitted a request from a company to site a Fun Fair on the Tews Lane site over the October half term. Whilst members felt this would be a great idea, concerns were raised over social distancing, the potential impact of high tonnage vehicles on the site and the condition of the pitches and drainage and also whether in the current climate it would be appropriate for this kind of event to take place. The Football Clubs also had concerns as the event would mean that the

pitches would not be available for two match days. Therefore, it was unanimously **resolved** to refuse the application.

2009/52

Tews Lane Enhancement/Drainage

a) To receive verbal report from the Deputy Executive Officer on the drainage issues at Tews Lane

Members were reported that she had had a meeting with the Devon Football Association who had recommended a company, STRI to complete a drainage survey, as they had completed other work for the Devon FA at various locations. STRI were able to conduct a site visit, inspect the pitches and check the drain lines and profile. Their report would summarise findings and give recommended options with brief costs. They would also look at the maintenance and advise accordingly. Members felt this is an important part of the Tews Lane Project, which would identify the drainage issues and possible remedial works and help to identify any potential funding streams once the problem is identified. It was unanimously **resolved** to appoint STRI to conduct the survey and report at a cost of £1500.00 + VAT and travel expenses.

b) To receive update from the Deputy Executive Officer on the Tews Lane Enhancement project and consider any action therefrom.

Members were reported that the Deputy Executive Officer had had a meeting with the Devon Football Association with regards to the Tews Lane plans. They were supportive of the scheme but wished to see additional football storage, access for the football clubs to the kitchen area and lockers within the Changing Rooms. They recognised that there is minimal need for additional changing rooms as the ground at Tews Lane would be unlikely to cope with any further football teams being affiliated to the pitches.

The Deputy Executive Officer reported that the final bat survey had been completed and it was reported that a bat mitigation licence would be required. A full report will be submitted to members at the next meeting, once received.

Cllr Crawford raised his frustrations at the lack of information on solar panels and that he wished to see costings for these in order for the Council to make a decision as to whether they would be feasible. The Deputy Executive Officer explained that the current funding streams would not cover the full cost of the building, therefore if solar panels were chosen, external funding would need to be sourced. Mr A Heighton stated that he would be willing to help investigate this option and can give some advice in relation to Solar panel options.

Cllr Capon also asked regarding the provision of an electric car charging point at Tews Lane. Cllr Kingdom responded that they are in the region of £30,000 to install and a Town Council had recently

placed one which was not being used as the costs were too high for users. There is also free of charge charging points at supermarkets.

Cllr Capon reported to members that he had sent a vision statement around to the District Councillors in support of the project and prior to the meeting with District Councillors. He felt this would be beneficial to be included within the public consultation. Members agreed.

After further discussion, it was unanimously **resolved** that the current plans are accepted, and a public consultation is undertaken, and the Deputy Executive Officer investigate the provision of Solar Panels with the Council's Architect and report back to members.

Meeting ended at 12.23pm.

Signed: Dated: