# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

<u>Held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm at Ringwood Gateway, The Furlong, Ringwood.</u>

PRESENT: Cllr Tony Ring, Town Mayor

Cllr Philip Day, Deputy Mayor

Cllr Andy Briers
Cllr Gareth Deboos
Cllr Hilary Edge
Cllr Rae Frederick
Cllr John Haywood
Cllr Jeremy Heron
Cllr Peter Kelleher
Cllr Darren Loose
Cllr Gloria O'Reilly

Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine

Cllr Glenys Turner

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Chris Wilkins, Town Clerk

Mrs Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk

# C/6425

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Representatives from AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust and Ringwood Town Football Club were in attendance to speak on agenda item 7 – Long Lane Sports Ground Improvement Project. There were no other members of public present.

# C/6426

# **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members were present.

# C/6427

# **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none declared at this time.

### C/6428

# LONG LANE SPORTS GROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Members received a presentation on a potential ground-sharing partnership arrangement from representatives of AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust and Ringwood Town Football Club (*Annex A*), and considered the Town Clerk's report (*Annex B*).

Such an arrangement would meet the Trust's need for a permanent base and allow the Club to grow and improve facilities, as well as benefitting the local community.

Proposals were in very general terms as the Trust was looking for the Town Council's support before committing thousands of pounds on detailed investigation and planning work to take the project forward.

Page 1 of 5 Chairman's initials Members agreed that this was an exciting project and there was a clear need for improvements, for the Club to grow, and to make best use of the site.

Cllr Heron fully supported the project but cautioned that there was a need to safeguard what was one of the Council's most significant assets for the people of Ringwood. The facility was already heavily subsidised by residents and he was concerned that this should not extend to residents from other areas, bearing in mind that the Trust's main area of operation was currently Bournemouth and Poole.

There was some concern at the proposal for rent to be broadly similar to that currently charged to the Club. It was acknowledged that there would be a benefit to the community, but also that the Trust and Club would benefit from better facilities, improved income streams and savings made elsewhere. However, it was also clear that fees needed to continue to be affordable for local people to participate. It was therefore agreed that rent should be set to accurately reflect the community benefit to Ringwood residents.

With regards to the term of the lease, it was felt that further work was required to establish the exact number of years, however Members agreed that a long lease should be offered.

Members voted on the recommendations in the Town Clerk's report, which were unanimously agreed with amendments to the wording of 3.2, 3,3 and 3.4.

### **RESOLVED**:

- That the Council declares its support in principle for the football facilities at its Long Lane Sports Ground to be shared by Ringwood Town Football Club and AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust;
- 2) That the Council declares its willingness in principle to replace the current lease in favour of Ringwood Town Football Club with a new long lease granted to AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust for a term to be agreed;
- That the Council declares its willingness to include in such replacement lease all the land in the ownership of the Town Council at Long Lane, with the exception of the Upper Kingston Allotments; and
- 4) That the rent charged under the new lease will be set to accurately reflect the community benefit delivered to Ringwood residents.

# **ACTION C Wilkins**

### C/6429

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED**: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

### C/6430

# RECREATION, LEISURE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Cllr Briers presented the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**RESOLVED**: That the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be received.

## C/6431

PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Day presented the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**RESOLVED**: That the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be received.

### C/6432

### **POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Heron presented the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**RESOLVED**: That the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be received, with the exception of F/5772 which was considered as a separate item on the agenda.

### C/6433

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Members considered a recommendation from Policy and Finance Committee in respect of the annual risk assessment review.

**RESOLVED:** That the Annual Risk Assessment be received and approved.

# ACTION C Wilkins / R Fitzgerald

### C/6434

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED**

The Town Mayor reported the following:

- 1) He was sad to note the resignation of Christine Ford, who had been a considerable asset to the Council. He proposed that a formal presentation to recognise her 21 years of service take place at the Annual Town Assembly in May. An election will now take place to fill the vacancy in the North Ward.
- 2) He had attended a meeting of the Crow Hill Residents Association, at which members were very supportive of a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3) He had attended a meeting with Wessex Water to discuss the impact of new development on sewerage infrastructure. He would also be meeting with NFDC's Chief Planning Officer to discuss proposed development of the strategic site north of Hightown Road.
- 4) The tree planting at Poulner Lakes organised by RACE had been a great success.

### C/6435

# REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS AND STUDENT ADVISORS

<u>Cllr Day</u> – had attended a fascinating talk in the Meeting House, organised by Ringwood Society on the subject of listed buildings in the town. He encouraged everyone to attend the exhibition, which would run until 20<sup>th</sup> March. He had attended the tree planting at Poulner Lakes, for which there had been a great turnout, including many young children. 424 trees had been planted. Another session had been arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> March from 12 noon.

<u>Cllr Turner</u> – raised the issue of recent catapult damage by wheel nuts through car windscreens. This had been reported to the Police, but the case had been closed. She encouraged everyone to ensure that all such incidents are reported to the Police.

<u>Cllr Frederick</u> – had attended a meeting of Ringwood Society, whose members believed a Neighbourhood Plan was a "done deal". It had been clarified that the Council had agreed to move forward with the process, but at this stage no decision had been made about the scope of such a plan and there would be a need for widespread consultation. The process will inevitably take a long time to come to fruition and will in due course require a series of resolutions to be put before the Council.

She had been contacted by a local business owner who was prepared to pay to reserve a table at the VE Day event and suggested the Events Team might like to consider this. Cllr Day confirmed an area would be reserved for those less able, but it was difficult to see how the team could manage reserved tables on the day.

<u>Cllr Deboos</u> – expressed his concern about the closure of the post office in the town centre. It was noted that McColl's had given up the main lease of the premises and therefore the Post Office would have to move out when the shop closes in September. There was no confirmation that the Post Office was seeking alternative premises.

<u>Cllr OReilly</u> – had attended the meeting with Wessex Water who reported that Phase 1 (installation of holding tanks) had been successful in that it had prevented internal flooding of properties. Phases 2 and 3 were still to be delivered, although they were unable to provide any detail on what those phases would involve. She also commented that more car parking was required in town, as people were having difficulty finding spaces at times.

It was agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the meeting to continue past 9.00pm.

### C/6436

# REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

<u>District Councillor Rippon-Swaine</u> commented on the Boundary Commission's review, which included proposals to reduce the number of district councillors. The first draft of these proposals was expected in May and, after further public consultation, the review would conclude in the Autumn and the changes enacted in time for elections in 2023.

<u>District Councillor Heron</u> reported that NFDC had now set the Council Tax for 2020/21. Based on a band D property, it would be £178.36 a year, an increase of £5 or 2.88%.

County Councillor Thierry was not in attendance, but had prepared a written report (*Annex C*).

# C/6437 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 4th March 2020
Planning, Town & Environment	10.00am	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 18th March 2020
Full Council	7.00pm	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020

### C/6438

# **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED:** That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it

Page **4** of **5**Chairman's initials

was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw (*Confidential Annex D*).

# C/6439 COMMUNITY AWARDS

Members consider nominations for community awards to be presented at the Annual Town Assembly in May.

Cllr Deboos left the meeting at 9.10pm.

**RESOLVED**: That the recipients of community awards be agreed.

# **ACTION C Wilkins**

There being no further business, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 9.11pm.

APPROVED 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**TOWN MAYOR** 









# Developing a Premier sporting facility for Ringwood



















Steve Cuss
Head of Community

Andrew Battison
Senior Manager



Phil King Chair

Chris Till Vice-Chair



Long Lane Sports Development & Football Club Working Party 06.02.20

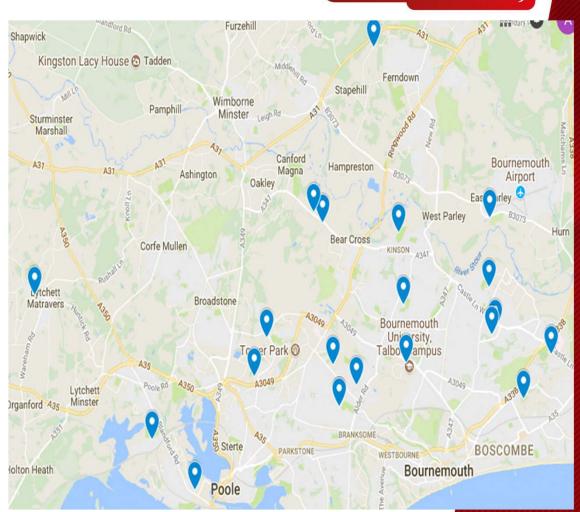
Chris Wilkins Town Clerk
Andy Briers Cllr
John Haywood Cllr
Darren Loose Cllr
Tony Ring Cllr



# Where are we now



- Community Trust the Charitable arm of the football Club: registered charity
- Office base (x38 Full Time staff) in Ferndown Industrial Estate (BH21 7PQ)
  - 14 miles from Vitality Stadium
- Currently use circa 28 different sites (primarily around Bournemouth & Poole) to deliver programmes



# Ringwood Town FC

Formed 1879



Currently run 30 teams from U6 through to First Team (Wessex League Div 1), including two girls team's

- cannot grow due to lack of training/match facilities

Feasibility study commissioned by Town Council & Club:

- Town Council meeting 05.09.18
- Existing facilities (pitches and Club house) in need of repair/upgrade
- Local plan supports re-development of Long Lane

# Ringwood Town FC

Development of site not feasible at present, due to:

- Lack of day time usage
- Operation and management capacity
- Impact of sustainability of facility development (inc. sinking fund)
- Shortfall of capital funding for existing (car park, floodlights),
   along with any new potential facilities

Club recognise need for third party to be involved

– but ensuring community use!



# 150+ sessions per week 4k+ engaged per week





# **Education**



**Social Inclusion** 

AFC
Bournemouth
Community
Sports Trust



**Participation** 



Health



# PLPS – New Forest West



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Ballard School	BH255SU	Schools Reached		% of Schools Reached
Bransgore Church of England Primary School	ВН238ЈН			/T TO/
Breamore Church of England Primary School	SP62EF	19		<b>63.3%</b>
Fordingbridge Infant School	SP61HJ	<b>—</b> 2	natuli .	00.070
Fordingbridge Junior School	SP81HJ	Langport	Gillingham	
Hordle CofE (VA) Primary School	SO410FB	A	Shaftesbury	Romsey Chandle
Lymington Junior School	SO419GP	1	Ctalbridge	Eastleigh
Milford-on-Sea Church of England Primary School	SO410RF	Yeovil	Stalbridge	Forgatishridge Totton
Moyles Court School	BH243NF	Ilminster	Sturminster Newton	
New Milton Infant School	BH256PZ	Chard Crewkerne		Verwood Lyndhurst Hythe
New Milton Junior School	BH256DS	Chara	Blandford Forum	Lyndhurst Hythe
Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Primary School	SO418GY		West N	Noors
Pennington Church of England Junior School	SO418HX	Beaminster	Wimborne Minster	Ferndown
Poulner Junior School	BH243LA	Axminster	New Paris	Otton Cow
Ringwood Church of England Infant School	BH241LG	Lyme Regis Bridport	Bere Regis	Newmin
Ringwood Junior School	BH241NH		Dorchester	Christchurch Yarmouth New
Sopley Primary School	BH238ET		Wareham	Freshwater
Western Downland Church of England Aided Primary	SP63NA I	0 km		A Treshwater

- Online school: A school that has signed up to PL Primary Stars through www.plpriamrystars.com.
- CCO School: CCO (Club Community Organisation) delivers specific PL Primary Stars sessions at that school.
- Super Movers: A school that has been reached by the PL and BBC Super Movers scheme.
- School not yet reached: A school that has not signed up online & there has been no CCO delivery.

# Linked Club – Ringwood Town





**Club Delivery** 

Coach CPD

04.11.19 Developing the Social Corner



**Stadium Tours** 



06.11.19 Goalkeeping CPD

08.11.19 U23 Preparation & Match Analysis



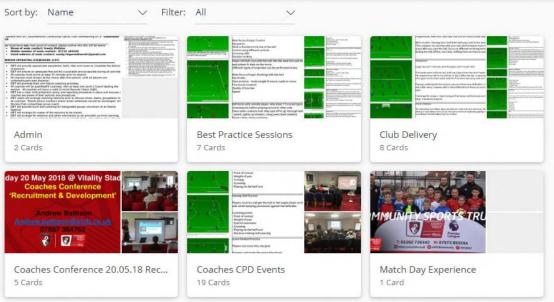


Soccer Schools/ **Festivals** 



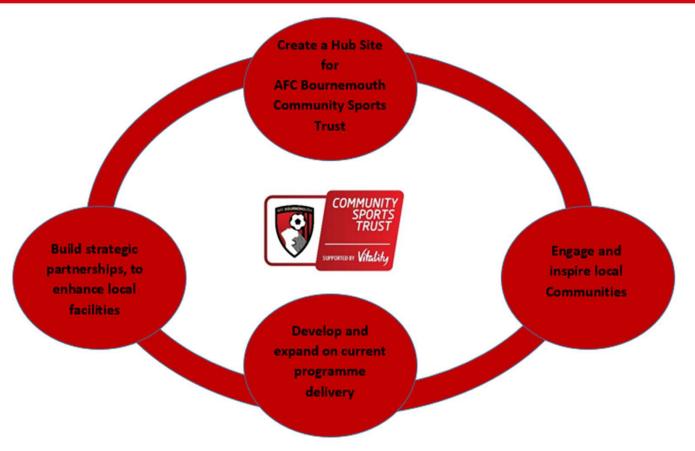
Online e-book





# Facility strategy





TOGETHER, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

# Football Facility Plans







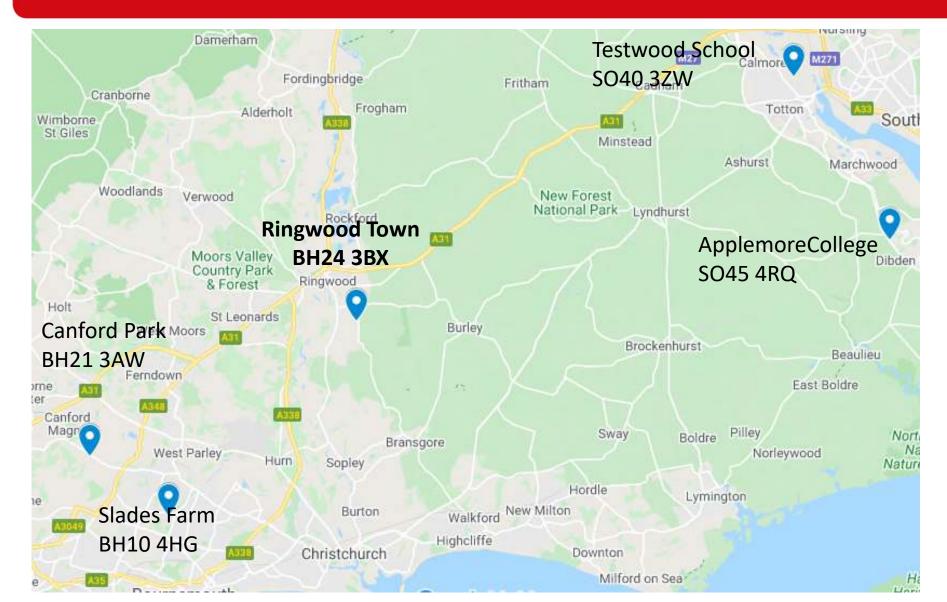
- County FA support demand for new facility in Ringwood
- No Playing Pitch Strategy for New Forest

# LFFP consultation identifies:

- Team training demand identifies a shortfall of <u>5.25</u> full sized
   3G pitches in the New Forest
- Likely to increase in line with population and housing demand (local plan in consultation)

New Forest LFFP findings to be presented (26.02.20)

# Current 3G ATP





# Demand continued...



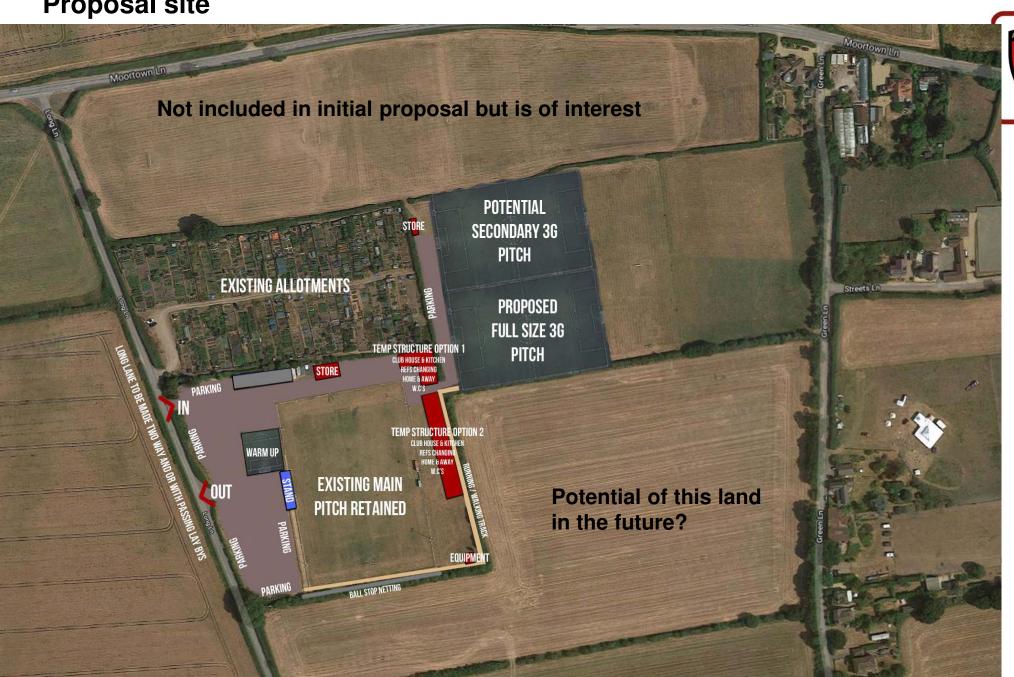
- A number of 3G artificial grass pitches (AGPs) are also required in Bournemouth & Christchurch (5.5 pitches) and Poole (1 or 2 pitches) to satisfy unmet demand now and in the future
- Would these users travel to Long Lane?
- <u>Compliment</u> the use of good quality facilities rather than displace or compete with Ringwood Town FC and/or local residents/groups

# **Current site**

Ownership complexities?



**Proposal site** 



COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

SUPPORTED BY Vitality

# Proposal Outline

# COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

# **Potential** for:

- Office space for CST staff (used everyday)
- Community Café
- Classroom space
- Changing facilities for multiple pitches
- Parking
- Gym area
- Medical, kit room, storage (kit and machinery)

# Playing Areas:

- 1 x 11v11 floodlight 3G ATP (potentially x2)
- 1 x 11v11 grass
- 1 x 9v9 grass, 2 x 7v7 grass, 1 x 5v5 grass (other field?)
- GK area grass or ATP
- Community Cruyff Court (small sided/caged area)

# **Opportunities for Growth**





Team Development: better training space, less matches cancelled

Further targeted work: Girls and Womens, Disability



Education: PLPS offer, 2 weekly After School Clubs at Ringwood Infants

Employment: employability opportunities including; community coaches, site managers, ground staff, apprenticeships

Coach Education Hub: deliver formal Coach Education and CPD

# Opportunities for Growth





PL Kicks: Social Inclusion, crime reduction example at Verwood – engaged 110 participants aged 8-19 years

Holiday Activities: Soccer Schools, NCS

Health: Walking Football (currently engage with over 105 participants)

Obesity strategy











# Opportunities for Growth





Recreational offer: Activity space, Walking, free to use outdoor keep fit equipment, play options (children)

Club house: Community activities available to all (not just football)









# Funding



After advisory group feedback, we will pursue funding; including:

- Football Foundation PL facilities fund (circa £1M maximum or 60% project costs)
- Capital funding from Community Sports Trust
- Major Partner Bournemouth University; existing Higher Education partner
- External grants Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, Sport
   England/DCMS (only likely if multi-sport site), County Sports Partnership
- Sponsorship/naming rights of facility
- Existing section 106 monies District Council
- Possible developer contributions in the future (linked to housing growth)









# Summary





- We feel the project offers a unique opportunity for all parties!
- For the Trust and Ringwood Town FC to continue as pillars in the local Community
- Address local football facility needs (Club and Community)
- Develop and sustain a football legacy

# **Next Steps?**

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### **TOWN COUNCIL**

# 26th February 2020

# B

# Report on Long Lane sports ground improvement project

- 1. Introduction and reason why decision required
  - 1.1 The Long Lane Sports Development and Football Club Working Party met on 6<sup>th</sup> February to consider a report on the improvement project and a presentation from AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust. The draft notes of that meeting are attached (Annex A).
  - 1.2 The Working Party members considered that the proposal made by the Trust and supported by Ringwood Town Football Club (RTFC) was of such importance and the need to arrive at a decision in principle whether or not to support it so pressing that it should be brought before the full Council at the earliest opportunity.
- 2. <u>Background information, options, impact assessment and risks</u>
  - 2.1 Steve Cuss and Andrew Battison of AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust intend to attend the meeting, make a presentation and answer questions. Phil King and Chris Till of RTFC will also attend and be available to answer questions.
- 3. Issues for decision and any recommendations

### Whether the Council should:

- 3.1 Declare its support in principle for the football facilities at its Long Lane Sports Ground to be shared by RTFC and AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust;
- 3.2 Declare its willingness in principle to replace the current lease in favour of RTFC with a new lease granted to AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust for a term of at least 25 years;
- 3.3 Declare its willingness to include in such replacement lease all the land included in the current lease and at least that portion of Bernie Guy's field that is currently used for football; and
- 3.4 Agree that the rent charged under the new lease will be broadly similar to that currently charged to RTFC.

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# Long Lane Sports Development and Football Club Working Party

Notes of meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7:00pm in the First Floor Meeting Room, Ringwood Gateway, The Furlong, Ringwood. BH24 1AT

Present: Cllr Andy Briers

Cllr. John Haywood Cllr Darren Loose Cllr Tony Ring

In attendance: Chris Wilkins, Town Clerk

Jamie Burton, NFDC

Steve Cuss, AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust

Phil King, RTFC Chris Till, RTFC

### 1. Election of chairman

Cllr. Briers was proposed by Cllr Ring and seconded by Cllr Haywood. There were no other nominations.

Cllr. Briers was duly elected chairman of the Working Party until the first meeting after the next annual meeting of the Council.

# 2. Apologies for absence

There were none.

### 3. Declarations of interest

It was noted that Cllr Briers is an allotment holder at Long Lane and Cllr Loose is involved with the football club, therefore, each has a non-pecuniary interest in the matters to be discussed.

# 4. To agree notes of last meeting held on 10th September 2018

The notes were agreed as a true record.

# 4. Sports facilities improvements (inc. 3G AGP) project

Members considered the report from the Town Clerk on development of the project since the last meeting (Annex A).

Jamie Burton reported that similar projects have been completed successfully elsewhere in the district but would require the preparation of a Funding Plan, a Usage Plan and a Development Strategy together demonstrating financial and managerial sustainability.

The general conclusion was that the Town Council and Ringwood Town Football Club are unlikely to be able to develop a viable project within the foreseeable future without outside assistance.

# 5. Proposal from AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust

Steve Cuss explained the role of his Trust as the charitable community sports arm of AFC Bournemouth. It is closely associated with the premier league club but is legally separate



Annex A

from it and has no direct involvement with the club's professional teams. He outlined their existing activities and facilities, including the work they already do in Ringwood and the links they have with Ringwood schools and RTFC.

He explained that the Trust is hampered somewhat by their lack of a permanent base and has been talking to RTFC about the possibility of sharing their space at Long Lane. Early discussions have been positive; it appearing that their needs and the needs of RTFC would complement rather than compete with one another. The Trust is used to developing and managing precisely the kinds of new facilities that are needed at Long Lane and has access to sources (and levels) of funding not available to RTFC and/or the Council.

The Town Clerk reported that he had been consulted about these discussions and had arranged this meeting so that members could assess the idea before matters develop further. Steve Cuss explained that further development of a "ground-sharing" partnership arrangement would require a significant investment of resources by the Trust on which they cannot prudently embark without a commitment from the Council as the owner of the site. Specifically, it would be a condition of securing the funding required that the Council grant the Trust (not RTFC) a lease of the site for at least 25 years. The Council would therefore need to commit to that in principle before the project could proceed further.

It was acknowledged that the interests of RTFC and the Rifle Club would need to be protected and the project would have to demonstrate wider public benefits in order to justify the commitment of the public resources involved. The project would also have to take account of factors like the uncertain tenure and future of the "Ten-Acre Field", access to the site, likely future housing development in the town and many other issues of detail. However, members present agreed that there is sufficient merit in the proposal for it to receive further consideration and that in view of its importance and urgency it should be considered as soon as practicable by the full Town Council rather than just the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

That the commitment sought by the Trust from the Council be formulated more precisely and brought for consideration to the meeting of the full Town Council scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> February.

# **ACTION C Wilkins**

# 6. Date of next meeting

To be arranged following the Council decision on 26<sup>th</sup> February and subsequent developments.

# LONG LANE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND FOOTBALL CLUB WORKING PARTY 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019



# Sports Facilities Improvements (inc. 3G AGP) Project

# 1. Introduction and reason for report

1.1 It has been a considerable time since members last received an update on this important project and it is timely that members receive an explanation of the reasons for the delay now that a critical turning point has been reached.

# 2. Background information and update

- 2.1 A feasibility study was completed in 2018. This Working Party accepted that it provided a basis for further discussion between Council officers and representatives of Ringwood Town Football Club (RTFC). Those discussions have continued since with the aim of working up a more detailed proposal for consideration by both organisations.
- 2.2 A project which this Council could approve would need to meet many criteria. Two of these need particular mention:
  - 2.2.1 Since the capital costs of the improvements would have to be met in part by means of a grant from Football Foundation (FF), the conditions attached to such a grant must be understood and capable of being complied with; and
  - 2.2.2 The stable and robust financial viability of RTFC (as an essential party to long-term land tenure and facility management arrangements) would need to have been demonstrated.
- 2.3 In the course of discussions with FF, it emerged that it requires grant applicants to show how the renewal of the facilities will be funded when they wear out. Specifically in this case, they would require RTFC to transfer £25,000 into a sinking fund every year for ten years to meet this requirement as a condition of receiving the grant needed.
- 2.4 RTFC committee members have carefully and thoroughly researched how the new facilities (especially the 3G AGP) could be used to maximize use and revenue and the effect this would have on its finances. Even taking a reasonably optimistic view of future finances, they can see no possible way of funding so large an annual transfer to a sinking fund for as long as FF would require. Accordingly, they have been forced to conclude that the project as presently conceived is not viable and have advised the Town Clerk accordingly.
- 2.5 Every effort has been made to try to salvage the project. Different combinations of new facilities have been considered, numerous third parties have been approached and consulted, alternative sources of finance have been considered and football clubs elsewhere have been asked how they were able to complete similar projects. All to no avail. The picture that has emerged is that grant-funded improvement schemes of the kind considered so far only now work for clubs significantly larger than RTFC or if, in addition to the football club, there is another major partner (such as a university, college, large school or large sports club) involved who will share use of the facilities in a way that complements rather than conflicts with the football club use and will contribute to the funding requirements. (In our case, Ringwood School considered the site too remote from the school to enable them to use it during the day. The Rugby Club were interested but this was would have required use of a different type of "carpet" which would have prejudiced FF funding and RTFC use.)



- 2.6 The Clerk has since also received indications from Football Association sources that 3G AGP facilities tend to require regular use by about 40 teams to be financially sustainable. This bears out the calculations made by RTFC, which currently runs a little under 30 teams and is, therefore, under the "critical mass" required to go it alone.
- 2.7 However, the need for the new facilities remains as great as ever. RTFC's clubhouse has major dilapidations and the changing facilities for teams and match officials are inadequate. The lack of a full-sized, all-weather playing surface is preventing RTFC from expanding its youth teams and offering more opportunities for girl's and women's football, walking football and so on, as it otherwise could and would like to do. Apart from the Rifle Club, there remains no provision on the site for any sport other than football.
- 2.8 Improving the facilities is essential to the Council's current strategic plan for the site and to the appropriate use of developer contributions collected by NFDC and provisionally allocated to this site. Accordingly, the Council may have little choice but to review and revise its strategy for the site (which could have implications for the allocation of the developer contributions) unless some means can be found of increasing predicted usage of the new facilities.
- 2.9 With this predicament in mind, RTFC has been discussing with a local Community Trust whether their respective needs are compatible and could be met by proceeding with some form of facility-sharing arrangement. The Town Clerk was recently made party to these discussions and desires members to have an opportunity to hear what is being discussed and say if it is worth pursuing further. All parties are keen to work towards clarifying any "red lines" that any such arrangement could not cross if it is to receive the necessary Council support.

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# **County Council - February 2020 Report**



Councillor Michael Thierry - Ringwood Division

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# **Hampshire County Council**

COUNCIL BRIEFING - Attended
FULL COUNCIL MEETING - Attended
Budget setting meeting

# PRIVATE MEETING WITH COUNCIL LEADER - Cllr Keith Mans

Confidential Ringwood update

# **COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRANT**

County Councillor Grant to RACE
County Councillor Grant to FOREST FORGE ARTS CENTRE
County Councillor Grant to RINGWOOD PEDAL CAR RACE

RINGWOOD COMMUNITY NETWORK - Attended

LAUNCH OF POULNER RECYCLING SHED - Attended

# **New Forest District Council**

FULL COUNCIL MEETING - Attended

# **Monthly Councillors' Surgery**

- In attendance Sir Desmond Swayne TD MP, Cllr Christine Ford, Cllr Michael Thierry Concern over Eastfield Lane/Southampton Road junction Sewage report in Hampshire Hatches area Bransgore Enforcement issue raised Northfield Road speeding

Domestic Homeless emergency situation Complaint about the 101 Service