

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

held at

The Council Chamber

Symington Building, Adam & Eve Street, Market Harborough, LE16 7AG

on 27th April 2023

Commencing at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillor Nunn, Chairman

Councillors: Bilbie, Hollick, Johnson, Mrs Page (remote), Bremner, Mahal, and Whitmore

Officers: K. Parsons, Democratic Officer, C. Pattinson - Director of Governance and Law & Interim Monitoring Officer, David Atkinson – Director of Planning and Regulation and Matt Bills – Neighbourhood and Green Space Officer (remote).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Mrs Ackerley, Cllr Hollick who was substituted by Cllr Bremner and Mrs Robinson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Communities Scrutiny Panel noted that there was an amendment to the minutes of 16th February 2023 - the Climate Emergency Plan to be brought back to the committee at a future date.

The Communities Scrutiny Panel also noted that they are still awaiting a response regarding the Cemetery Chapel on page 4 of the 16th February 2023 minutes. Response the Cemetery Chapel is available to hire for services.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Panel held on the 16th February 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. Playing Pitch Strategy Review

The Communities Scrutiny Panel received the report the overall purpose of the Playing Pitch Strategy review is to update both the evidence base and the strategic direction for the provision of outdoor sporting facilities in Harborough District. The revised Strategy provides a recommendation and action plan to satisfy Sport England requirements and informs future investment in outdoor sport and recreation. The Neighbourhood and Green Spaces Officer gave an overview of the report to the Committee. The Communities Scrutiny Panel had the opportunity to scrutinise the report and discussed matters regarding:

The Chair invited the Panel to ask questions and comment on the report.as follows: -

Comment/Question	Response
2018 started when there was a plan at that time then a review in 2021 and then an update on that and then we reach the final review November 2022 is this the final review?	Original Playing Pitch Strategy was adopted in 2018, this review every 3/5 years Sports England suggest that all figures are review. This is a full review of the strategy.
Page 279 key strategic actions the process you have come to decisions on this if we look at in the footfall identifying a site.	There is no location but will apply across the district
When a site is identified who is involved in identifying the site?	The governing bodies and the site owners and there will be a need for a planning application
Are Ward Councillors informed of potential sites?	Ward Councillors are involved in the process at the preliminary stages off identifying a site.
Page 238 there is a large variation on fees, howe accessible is bowls to everyone?	The fees have been provided by Sports England and the Bowls clubs are private clubs.

<p>If we provide S106 money, how do, we ensure sports fees are as low as possible and accessible to all?</p>	<p>Example is Paddle Tennis which is now in the Squash Club the fees were negotiated through the grant procedure to provide low fees to young people</p>
<p>Page 253 netball court provision has anyone been in touched with schools to see if they would hire their courts out?</p>	<p>Yes, Robert Smythe do and when grant funding is available a community use agreement is included which is one of the strategic points of this plan.</p>
<p>Hockey pitches are very successful, some have conditions that they cannot use the pitch on a Sunday can this been changed?</p>	<p>Yes, the club would need to apply for a variation to conditions through the planning process.</p>
<p>Can you give us an update on the G3 pitch at Welland Park School</p>	<p>The resurface will enable multi use of the pitch from Football, hockey etc and is now in place.</p>
<p>Government Sports Strategy includes disable people how ae we are providing facilities</p>	<p>We are building on this strategy to provide good Facilites an example of this is Burrall Alliance Football Club is an all-inclusive club.</p>
<p>In the report there is a possible G3 pitch on a recreation ground which would not be appropriate to have a designated pitch on a recreation ground</p>	<p>Clubs do send out some aspirations for future sites which is included in this report, however, it would need to go through planning etc.</p>
<p>What provisions are there for older people?</p>	<p>Walking football, walking netball</p>
<p>There is no mention of Great Bowden Tennis Club?</p>	<p>They would have been consulted they are called the Market Harborough Tennis Club page 225.</p>
<p>What do you call the area on the tennis club at Welland Park?</p>	<p>The Welland Park Tennis Club on page 226.</p>

What is the cost of a G3 pitch?	An artificial grass pitch can be from £750,00 to over a £1m
Do you have a current map of artificial pitches?	Yes, they are in the report from Page 74 onwards and are accessible within a 25mins radius of Market Harborough
Maturing of the SDA and Lutterworth East and there is a plan for football pitch and how do we manage this?	Pitches at Airfield farm we would need to find a partner club to manage this. We have been speaking to the developer and a local club.
Sites specific football table there is quite a few of applications on poor quality changing facilities one is asking for a pavilion which is medium and there is another further a field that is low	This is based on what facilities they currently have and how much use the facilities have.

It was therefore,

RESOLVED that the comments and recommendations of the Panel be noted and forwarded to the Cabinet.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

The meeting finished at 7.20pm.