

ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Illogan Park Improvements Working Group held in the Council Office, Unit 2 Wheal Agar, Tolvaddon Energy Park, Tolvaddon, Camborne on Monday 6th March 2017 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Ferrett (Chairman), Cllr Crabtree (Vice Chairman), Mr A Rowe, Mr D Rowe and Mr Troon

ALSO PRESENT: Ms Willsher, Clerk; Mr Mitchell, Development Manager Cornwall FA

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

IPIWG17/03/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Ekinsmyth and Mr Simons.

Cllr Ms Cadby was absent.

IPIWG17/03/2 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY OVER £25

There were no interests declared.

IPIWG17/03/3 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no applications for dispensations.

IPIWG17/03/4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES – EVERY SPEAKER HAS A LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES UNDER COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS)

There were no comments from the public.

IPIWG17/03/5 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH JANUARY 2017 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Cllr Crabtree , seconded by Cllr Mrs Ferrett and:

IPIWG17/03/5.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Illogan Park Improvements Working Group held on the 9th January 2017 are received and approved and signed by the Chairman.

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On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously of those entitled to vote.

IPIWG17/03/6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND A REPORT ON PROGRESS OF ACTIONS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr Mrs Ferrett asked the Clerk to contact the Rugby Club and ask whether they were still willing to put locks on the internal changing room doors, and if so, when this would be done.

IPIWG17/03/7 TO DISCUSS FUNDING OPTIONS WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FOOTBALL CLUBS AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS

Mr Mitchell had looked at the Park with Mr A Rowe.

Cllr Mrs Ferrett explained that the Council had completed some improvements to the facilities so that they were useable for the current season. The Council and the Clubs that use the facilities were keen to complete a larger project with newly built changing rooms, a new entrance, better parking, improved play equipment, seating and picnic benches and to generally tidy the whole area to make a facility that the area can be proud of. Illogan Parish Council had some funds but nowhere near enough to deliver the whole project and we were therefore looking into potential sources of funding. At this stage this group were looking for advice and guidance on where to start, what we would need to do and whether the planned project would be feasible.

Mr Mitchell explained that the investment in football was delivered through the Football Foundation. The Football Foundation was funded by the Government via Sport England, the Football Association and the Premier League. It funds the development of new and refurbished grassroots sports facilities improving the quality and experience of playing sport at the grassroots level to sustain and increase participation and improve general skills levels.

Funding was available. The proposed scheme at Illogan Park could be looked at. The Council, as owner of the land would be the applicant for a grant and therefore would, with the clubs, have to:

- Provide evidence for the demand for facilities/accommodation that was fit for purpose, modern, clean, safe etc.
- Complete a structural condition survey on the existing facilities to assess and evidence that they are beyond their practical use and are not suitable to be refurbished or extended/adapted.
- Have a business plan for the Park alongside the Clubs business plans to evidence the future management and maintenance of the facilities and the impact the project would have on football.

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- Complete an assessment of the space at the Park and how it is used to ensure that it is being used efficiently and that the use would be sustainable in years to come.
- Complete an assessment on the existing surface of the football field and the maintenance being completed. The Football Foundation would look at this and consider whether the surfaces or maintenance regime could be improved.

As a rule of thumb the Football Foundation would generally contribute around 50% of the total project costs. The remaining 50% or so could be funded from anywhere else i.e. Parish Council funds, other grants etc. It was noted that if we were successful with a grant from the Football Foundation, Sport England would be unlikely to support a grant application directly to them as they contribute towards the Football Foundation.

It was noted that the Football Foundation favoured refurbishment; extension and adaption over re-build where it was possible. It was generally cheaper to refurbish, extend or adapt rather than to complete a new build. The Football Foundation needed to ensure that their investment would be best value for money. It was suggested that potentially the internal layout could be amended to meet the needs of the users. If a re-build was necessary it would be more cost effective to build on the existing footprint as the services were already there.

It was suggested that the layout of the site was considered and that the space be utilized to its fullest. This could be by re-orientating the pitches, possibly including more pitches and moving the children's play area to another area on the site. When considering the pitches it would be worth considering their orientation in relation to the sun; ideally the goals should not point towards the sun. There was also the option of multi-pitching i.e. marking two 9x9 junior pitches on the same area as the full sized adult pitch.

It was noted that the football season and access to the site would need to be considered. Generally, to fit in with football leagues the project should start in April/May and be finished by September; if this was not enough time to complete the project the Clubs could talk to the leagues and ask that they scheduled all their home matches for the beginning or end of the season to allow enough time to complete the project.

The next step would be to review the surveys that were completed when the Parish Council took over the Park. If there are not any suitable surveys, the Council would need to have the surveys completed. The Football Foundations Technical Advisor would look at the surveys and could give advice on a way forward. The Council and

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the Clubs would need to decide how they wanted to proceed and then get plans and designs drawn up. Once the plans were drawn up the Council would need to get costings for the work. Illogan Parish Council would complete and submit an application to the Football Foundation with the support of the football clubs.

Cllr Mrs Ferrett thanked Mr Mitchell for coming to the meeting and for the helpful guidance and advice that he had given.

Mr Mitchell left the meeting at 7.20pm.

Members discussed the guidance and advice they had received. It was agreed that the Clubs would measure the Park and would consider ways that it could be re-configured to make the best use of the space. The Clerk would forward maps of the Park to the Clubs and would try to obtain large printed maps to assist the Clubs. The ideas from the Clubs would be considered at the next meeting.

Mr A Rowe and Mr D Rowe left the meeting at 7.30pm.

IPIWG17/03/8 TO REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF ILLOGAN PARK AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS

Mr Troon was happy with the changing facilities and the Park. The showers were hot when they used them on Saturday.

Cllr Crabtree said that there had been a bag of clothes left in the changing rooms. The showers had bits of grass and debris in them after they had been cleaned by the Clubs. Mr Troon said that when they cleaned them after use there was quite often a layer of foam left over from the shower gel and shampoo used by the players, if there was grass under the foam they might not of seen if when they were cleaning. The grass may be sticking to the wet floor and not being moved by the brooms. It was suggested that the showers and changing rooms could be left to dry before they were swept out.

The Council were obtaining quotes to reinstate the sign at the end of An Vownder directing people to the Park.

IPIWG17/03/9 TO CONSIDER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items raised.

IPIWG17/03/10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be arranged once the Clubs had measured the Park and compiled some ideas on the layout.

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There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.

Signed: Chairman

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