

## **The Courts Development Working Group Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

### **Present:**

Matt Hemmings (Chair) FCPC  
Tim Niblett FCPC  
Tristan Clark FCPC  
Ian Davidge FCPC  
Kim Jefferies Projects Officer  
Laura Cruden parishioner  
Ian Roylance Cricket Club

### **Apologies:**

David Goodwin FCPC (Substitute)

#### **1. Stakeholder List**

The list had been circulated and there were no additions at this time.

#### **2. Design Overview of MUGA, Wheels Track & Pathways**

Tim Niblett and Ian Davidge reported that they had been out on site and measured all existing pitches and courts and Ian was overlaying this onto a google map image. The overall conclusion was that it is very tight for space at The Park, both football and rugby pitches are undersized, and it was felt that a better understanding of the existing location of football pitches was required. The Projects Officer informed the meeting that Rangers FC would be making an application to Finance and Governance Committee Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October and locations of pitches would become apparent. It was felt that the tennis court would remain where it is now, but further consideration would be required as to where the MUGA and Wheels Track could go. Ian asked that the working group wait until outcomes from the survey were known to establish what the parishioners wanted.

#### **3. Allocation of Tasks**

Tim Niblett previously had obtained indicative pricing from Courtstalls due to previous conversations that had been held with the Tennis Club and other stakeholders. Since then, he has a rough order of magnitude for the MUGA, Tennis Court and Wheels Track which enabled the Council to gain funding from SGC. Matt Hemmings had reconnected with the original company he had had talks with about the wheels track to update them on the project to date and check that the current indicative pricing was still valid.

#### **4. Lawn Tennis Association**

Tim Niblett had been working with the LTA in the past about refurbishment of the tennis courts. He explained that any funding provided by the LTA would be for tennis only but that they were willing to allow netball markings due to the historic nature of them using the site for some time. His contact at the time has now changed roles and is primarily a funding manager and he has been able to strike up a good relationship with him. The LTA indicated they would only support the pay as you play system via an app making it a sustainable project by generating a future income to maintain the tennis courts in the future. Ian Davidge requested the working group wait for the outcome of the survey to ascertain if one or two tennis courts were required.

**ACTION:** Tim Niblett to reconnect with the funding manager and start conversations about funding opportunities.

## **5. Engagement with Stakeholders**

The Project Officer reported that the survey had been circulated for amendments and would be completed and out for distribution by end October beginning of November via the following streams:

- Council Website 3
- Social media posts on Facebook and the local blog
- Frome Valley Voice advertisement in the next edition (*distribution early November*)
- Engagement with all Stakeholders on the list

Laura Cruden suggested asking the schools to place a link and/or QR code in their newsletters to reach children and parents alike.

## **6. ACTIONS LIST AND TRACKER**

**ACTION:** Tim Niblett to produce an actions/tracker document in excel to monitor the projects.

Ian Roylance requested their previous application for nets and identified areas be considered in the overall scope. Matt Hemming explained that the funding won from SGC was specific to the Council and could only be spent on Tennis Courts, MUGA, Wheels Track and pathways. Ian explained that if they were to secure long-term tenure this would be used to fund the nets. The Project Officer explained that the new User Agreements had now been issued and all queries presented to the Clerk from the Cricket Club in relation to the agreement were currently being looked at.

Ian Davidge reiterated that when the survey was complete the demand would then be known, space is tight at The Park and may well hinge on how many tennis courts are required. Matt Hemmings reported that a typical wheel's track is 30m x 15m which is currently the size of the existing basketball court and skate ramp.

**ACTION:** Project Officer to provide Ian Davidge with Cricket Clubs original application for nets.

## **7. Next Meeting**

It was agreed to allow time for survey results to be collected and that the next meeting would be 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm via the zoom platform

*Note taker – Project Officer*