

The Courts Development Working Group Meeting 16th April 2024

Present:

Alan Lankester FCPC (Chair)
Tristan Clark FCPC
David Williams FCPC
Linda Williams FCPC

Martyn Williams (FCRFC)
Tim Mason (FCCC)

Apologies

Johnathon Trollope (FCPC)
Steve Bassett (FCPC)

This meeting was via the zoom platform, it should be noted that there were considerable connection and sound problems and some information may have been missed.

1. Notes of the meeting 10th October 2023

The notes had been circulated and were accepted

2. Multi Use Games Area/Wheels Skate Facilities

The working group noted that the Councils' youth provider FACE are currently working in conjunction with the Councils' Communications Officer to produce a survey that FACE will roll out via schools, clubs, youth club and community engagement to ascertain the needs and views of Frampton Cotterell's youth.

Both Martyn and Tim offered their assistance in reaching out to the youth they have signed on at their clubs respectively.

3. Pathways

The working group noted that full analysis of the survey hadn't yet been conducted. The group were presented with the statistics from the survey. Concerns were raised about:

- The current runoff from the rugby pitch and whether a risk assessment had or could be conducted
- Why the Council hadn't shared the specification for the pathway showing what materials it was likely to use and requested details of the specification be shared with the sports clubs and details of where a similar pathway is in place so it can be viewed by the clubs
- Crossover with the area reserved for Nets
- That the RoSPA report should be shared with the sports clubs and clubs want to carry out an internal poll/seek views of their members.

Councillors felt that perhaps the survey had been too simplistic but agreed that surveys are always a balancing act irrespective of the amount of detail. People tend to go with their gut and spontaneity and not necessarily with facts which had been apparent in some of the comments made. Council had commissioned a report by RoSPA before the survey was distributed and it was agreed to share the report with all attendees at this meeting.

It was agreed that if the Council could allay some of the fears raised and provide a better understanding of the project to the clubs that an agreement could be reached.

4 Tennis Court Refurbishment - Update

The working group noted that the courts had been painted over the previous weekend and that the advice is that a 7-day cure be observed before any use. The nets will be installed either this week or next week.

It was noted that there will be an open day when the courts are finished and that there will be an active push on recruiting volunteers to help run free group sessions on Saturdays between 10-11am as per the LTA requirements.

It was agreed that the RoSPA report would be discussed at the next meeting.

5 Date of Next Meeting – TBA

Abbreviations:

FACE – Foundation for Active Community Engagement (Councils' youth engagement provider)

RoSPA – Royal Prevention of Accidents

FCPC – Frampton Cotterell Parish Council

FCRFC – Frampton Cotterell Rugby Football Club

FCCC – Frampton Cotterell Cricket Club