

MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF  
**SPORTS PAVILION USER STEERING GROUP**  
**HELD ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

**Present:**

Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt	Hythe Town Council (In the Chair)
Councillor J A Schoner	Hythe Town Council
Councillor R Belcourt	Hythe Town Council
Councillor A Smith	Hythe Town Council
Councillor D Owen	Hythe Town Council
Councillor M J Lyons	Hythe Town Council
Councillor R Watson	Hythe Town Council
Mrs J McCormick	Town Clerk
Mr T Houlahan	Hythe Folkestone & District Sunday Morning League
Mr C Watson	Stars & Stripes FC - Chairman
Mr D Haden	Kent FA
Mr A Boorman	Hythe Wanderers FC
Mr S Johnson	Stars & Stripes FC
Ms E Matthews	Stars & Stripes FC
Miss D Atkins	Saga Sports & Social FC
Mr S Way	Contract Administrator

**Apologies:** Councillor A J Ewart-James (dental appointment) and Mr M Whybrow

**1 MINUTES OF THE SPORTS PAVILION USER STEERING GROUP MEETING OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor J A Schoner  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor A Smith and

**AGREED** – That the Minutes of the Sports Pavilion User Steering Group Meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 be approved as a correct record.

**2 NEW FOOTBALL PITCH – PROGRESS REPORT**

Mr S Way reported that the new football pitch was tantalising close to completion and it had been previously anticipated that the pitch could come into use at the end of February, but it did need require to be rolled and some further works were required. The pitch laying contractors were contracted to return in the spring to add additional seed and roll the pitch. The pitch was, therefore, not to be brought into use prior to the next season. He further stated that the sockets and goals were not the same size and that the pitch required to be marked out properly.

**3 PAVILION USAGE ISSUES**

(i) Water Fountain

The Town Clerk reported on the situation in regards to the water fountain and informed Members that the drawing showing the proposed layout was now with the contractor.

- (ii) New Charging Structure  
The fees, as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, had been previously circulated to Members of the Group. Reference was made to caretaking and the generic policy of the Council in this regard. The Consumer Price Index had been used for the basis of the calculation of fees (3.2%) as had been previously agreed by the Football Foundation. The Town Clerk was to write to the Cricket Teams to advise them on the change of terms, as there was no representative at the meeting.
- (iii) Emails from Miss J Fagg & Mr C Yianni  
The previously circulated e mails were noted. It was also emphasised that all e mailed correspondence was circulated to all parties.
- (iv) Support Day  
The Town Clerk had previously circulated to Members details of the Football Foundation Support Day which was due to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011. She expressed the importance of the attendance of all users to this meeting.
- (v) Swapping of Fixtures  
Miss D Atkins was to write in to the Town Clerk's office on this matter so as to ensure that this was practicable.

#### **4 FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Members discussed progress to date on the Football Development Plan and went through what had been achieved and what was left outstanding. Mr D Haden referred to his liaison with the Salvation Army and the Church League of which he was previously unfamiliar. Saga FC, Hythe Wanderers FC and Stars & Stripes FC had undergone considerable progress as regards the Development Plan, which was deemed to be fluid. Saga FC and Stars & Stripes FC both play in the Charter Standard League. Level 1 or referee courses were being looked into. One or two girls' teams were mooted for next season and these would require usage of a Junior Pitch.

#### **5 OTHER LOCAL FOOTBALL INITIATIVES**

The "Get into Football" scheme was discussed. Mr D Haden reported on progress with local football initiatives and his meeting with local teams on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011. He had been advising the Salvation Army team and had, therefore, noted that there was also a Church League in operation. The Shepway area was poorly served, with no "3G" pitches available. The "3G" pitches had a truer bounce and were more like grass, enabling Clubs to train and play games on it. He had approximately £9k over 3 years to develop local football. The following were some of the projects that had been identified: Girls and Women's' teams, Coaching Programmes to include Women, Sunday Morning League U20's Division and Over 40's League and Disability Team Development.

#### **DATE, TIME VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 6.00 pm in the Sports Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.