



Layham Road Sports Ground Working Group

Notes from Meeting on 9th August 2019

Location of meeting. The Millfield Clubhouse.

Councillors Present:

Angela Gregg
Andrew Knock
Gavin Talbot
Rolf Beggerow

Rolf reminded Councillors of the remit of this Working Group as:

1. To review need to maintain LRS GMC as a separate Entity and make recommendations how Layham Road Sports Ground should be managed.
2. To review the current facilities and the plan for the new pavilion, explore the funding options and make recommendations for future planning.

Rolf updated Councillors with the layout and brief history of the Layham Road Site and the current usage of the grounds of approx. 12 acres. (Excluding the Millfield that is not in scope for this Group)

The main primary objective of the meeting was to review the constitution of the Layham Road Sports Ground Management Committee.

After a full discussion of options, it was agreed unanimously to recommend to Council:-

1. The current LRS GMC constitution is no longer fit for purpose therefore the LRS GMC should be Wound Up in accordance with it's constitution, by calling an EGM of the Committee at the earliest opportunity.
2. All income and expenditure currently managed through the LRS GMC Bank Account should be received and paid into the Town Council's bank with the Chart of Accounts being expanded to show new Income and Expenditure headings under the Layham Road Sports Ground Cost Centre. This will identify to the Council the true cost of running Layham Road that is currently unknown.
3. The Ipswich Building Society Account should be closed after making a final transfer of funds to the Town Council.
4. The objects within the LRS GMC constitution can be covered by the Town Matters Committee to whom the Working Group should report on a monthly basis.
5. The Working Group should invite user representatives of the 3 Clubs that use Layham Road Sports Ground, namely Rugby Club, Tennis Club and Football Club. The Working Group will provide the user clubs with a continued involvement in all operational matters. We should also invite the Town Council Services Officer to all meetings of the Layham Road Working Group to discuss operational and maintenance matters.
6. We recommend the current approved plans for rebuilding the Sports Pavilion changing rooms are frozen and revisited after we have clear understanding of the Rugby Club's position.

Topics for next meeting to be held on Friday 6th September at the Millfield 7pm

Hadleigh Games 2020. See Outline ideas from Angela below

Artificial Grass Pitch at Layham Road. Rolf's vision.



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HADLEIGH GAMES 2020

Objective Statement

Venues:

Hadleigh Suffolk has many sporting facilities that are, in my opinion under utilised. There are many clubs that have only a few members and are at risk of closure.

Participation

The idea of an Annual Hadleigh Games is it will be an open participation regardless of age, race, skill or experience. There will be no exclusion. Entrants can participate in more than one event. There will be Novice & Experienced categories so everyone can join in.

Dates

Over a four day period (August Bank Holiday 2020 Friday 28th - Monday 31st August 2020) a series of events will take place at different venues. A full programme of events will be available.

Competition

All events will be age relevant starting at 10 years - adult. Depending on the number of entrants Heats will take place, followed by semi finals, and then finals.

Awards Ceremonies will take place shortly after the Final in each event. Local and National dignitaries will be invited to present awards.

Inspiration and Community Engagement

It would be hoped that these games will encourage people to participate in a sporting activity they have never tried before. Being a competition adds excitement to the games and will bring large audiences to watch.

Participants will utilise the facilities prior to the games to train. It will hopefully inspire some to take up a new sport. Team events will be encouraging families to enter together.

Inclusion

All schools and existing Clubs will be asked to support the Games. Allowing equipment and facilities to be used for the Games. Existing Clubs will be asked to participate and promote their clubs activities, opening times, age related etc. Sports Teachers will be asked to join a working group and support with Umpiring events. Using Hadleigh High Sports GCSE students as volunteers. Ask local Colleges for Student Volunteers.

Layham Road Sports Committee Responsibility

The committee will be responsible for all decisions made. However a working group would be useful to include Members of existing clubs to participate and input ideas. Funding streams will be looked into by the Committee to support the event.