

Minutes from the JFMC meeting – 10.2.21, 7.30pm

1. Record attendees;

Paddy Riordan - Chair (PR), Nigel Best - Treasurer (NB), Nicole Griffiths - Guides (NG), Mel Alesi - Guides (MA), Lee Seal - SMFC Juniors (LS), Nicola Stonebridge - SMFC Juniors (NS), Steve Downey - SMFC Juniors (SD), Cllr Eric Hotson - KCC/SMFC Juniors (EH), Cllr John Perry - SPC/MBC/JFMC (JP)

2. Apologies;

Gordon Reader SMUFC (Senior Club)

3. Treasurers report (attached);

NS Suggested that due to being unable to use the facility, no charges be requested from the users relating to Football rental until August 1st 2021. The group approved the proposal.

PR informed the group that a grant of £7,335.00 had been received from MBC with thanks.

4. Guides report. Update from Paddy on drainage plan;

Quote provided for Drainage along the apth next to the Kathie Lamb Centre. It was agreed to request approval from the Parish Council that the quote from Field Water Installations be accepted and implemented. JFMC to pay for the drainage improvements.

5. Junior Football Club report;

LS advised the group that the teams would restart playing/training whenever FA/Government Covid restrictions are lifted.

6. Senior Football Club, report, update on SCEFL application, update on fence issues; Gordon Reader provided the following written update from the senior club.

1. County League- currently suspended pending Government announcement on lifting Covid restrictions. If and when they do so, 75% of Clubs voted to continue the season ASAP.
2. Promotion and funding – we made our submission for these before Christmas but have since been informed that due to Covid NO applications went before the FA Board in January. The next possible date for this will be 31st March.
3. Perimeter fencing – currently there are 11 panels missing from the far touch line but we have no intention of replacing them any time soon. We are looking at alternatives to the close boarded panels but they may prove prohibitive. If we claim on the insurance there is a £250.00 excess and the premium will go up according to Darren at NFU.
4. Grandstand – I have arranged with Jason to repay the Fireworks Group the £3,000 deposit loan by June as agreed with Danielle. The Stand itself remains on order at the original price awaiting further funding.
5. Facility Fund - we applied for a Grant towards replacing the old wooden post and rail barrier along the near touchline with scaffold poles and we have been awarded £750.00 towards the cost. However, this will only be paid on submission of an invoice for completed works to this amount.

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The group felt that it was not suitable that the fence may be left in the current state with panels missing as it was a safety issue and an eyesore. PR to liaise with Gordon to request a strategy for the long term maintenance of the fence should be implemented. It was mentioned that it was disappointing that the senior club was not represented at the meeting. It was discussed as to whether any floodlighting at the field would be of more use to more of the community if they were provided at the proposed all weather pitch. The possibility of temporary floodlights to enable the senior club to meet SCEFLE requirements were mentioned as a possible option. Other points from Gordon's report were noted.

7. 3G Pitch update report from Paddy & strategy moving forward;

A detailed discussion relating the the strategy for acquiring an all weather sports pitch at the Jubilee Field was taken. PR mentioned that MBC & the Football Foundation had recorded the Field as a site in their reports. PR confirmed that significant S106 funds from recent developments were available from MBC to improve the JFMC which could be obtained if a suitable project came forward. A working group is to be set up to pursue the objective, PR, LS & NS to start the group. Existing local projects were to be looked into as a source of information as a way forward (NS). The groups aim would be to provide a business plan and implementation programme for the project. PR to also liaise with The Football Foundation & MBC as to next steps forward.

8. Any other business;

MA mentioned the need for a litter bin adjacent to the skate park. PR explained the difficulty of emptying it on a regular basis as the PC did the existing ones, but it would be kept on future agenda's for further discussion.

NB mentioned the need for all user groups of the field to respond to the Parish Council "User Group Responsibilities" document which had been sent out some time ago. This would assist in creating a Management/Business plan going forward.

It was mentioned that a Vets team had been playing at the field (when possible due to Covid restrictions), it is believed that this is under the auspices of the senior club. PR to request clarification from Gordon.

9. Date of next meeting

10th March at 7.30pm Virtual meeting

Meeting ended at 9.32pm

P.J.Riordan