

LBSA statement for 14/02/2022 meeting

Apologies that we are unable to attend in person this evening, due to work and travel commitments we didn't have anyone free to do so.

Since we last updated councillors on the costs and subsequent abandonment of our FAW Phase 2 grant application, I'd like to thank Gwyneth for the leads on the potential other grants available for the MUGA project.

We followed up on a UK Government driven scheme via Tennis Wales and they did come back to us stating that they are still awaiting further information regarding the funding announcement in October 2021.

They did however request some information, so we gave them an idea of our tennis court scenario. I didn't go into detail about a MUGA as I didn't think it'd capture their attention as much, since this source is tennis specific.

Disappointingly they came back and pointed me in the direction of Sport Wales. I have responded and await a reply. I made clear that we are aware of the Sport Wales source and thanked them for the link, but I also hinted that the fact that their pot was specific funding for a tennis court refurbishment (which is exactly what we are looking at), I felt it was more appropriate to pursue an enquiry with them. I asked that we are added to any mailing list for further information when that funding becomes available.

I have contacted Ceri Richards at Sport Wales and await a response. We've had direct dealings with Ceri before (including a site visit) so hopefully we'll get some clarity on a way forward with a Sport Wales grant application.

Alan has suggested a draft license / lease be drawn up in readiness for any grant application process, and supports our approach to Sport Wales. I hope to have some developments to report on the matter by the March meeting, if we do hear anything in the meantime we will report matters accordingly.

There are a couple of other sources of funding that we might be able to explore, one of which I'm sure Alan will share with you in our absence.

Thanks
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