

LBSA update

- FAW Trust confirm that a license will suffice provided we get confirmation of a minimum 10 year tenure in writing.
- We do not qualify for the Sport Wales development fund (up to £25k) as the initial FAWT offer was part sourced by them.
- 2500:1 scaled location plan was provided as requested.
- FAWT condition - Security - We have attempted to obtain this information from you via email previously. We just need to note to confirm Lock up procedures at park and the storage plan for the lighting?
- Partner funding. CAVS were contacted in order to advise on content of our application. Stage one for £16k with post code lottery local trust. Should hear back by March 6. Stage 2 app then open until March 24.
- We have also applied to CIFW for a £1k Grant towards our Cae Pownd project. Should hear by April 4th.
- For any of those in doubt about the merits of the LBSA, we're proving to be building relations among different groups in the community. 24th of April will see a first as a joint fundraising event between rugby junior section and the football club has been arranged.

Alan Williams Email queries:

Subject: Proposed Football Training Pitch at the Recreation Ground

To clarify, it is a multi-use mini pitch which shall be available to be used for training and matches by all and any sectors of the community who show interest in doing so.

Having received a copy of the Minutes of the last Meeting I note the reference too "Emyr Evans (sic) set out a proposal to trim back the hedge if the scheme went ahead".

If those present at the last meeting will recall, upon the question being directed at us about the hedge being removed, what was actually said by EW was that the decision on the hedge would obviously be up to the councillors and I proceeded to read out the recommendations of the Ground Surveyor's Report, which I read from my mobile phone if anyone recalls. No proposal was set out on my part.

The hedge provides a very pleasant "back cloth" to the Cricket Ground and the Park generally. I am also aware that this feature is valued by the Cricket Club.

I have attempted to obtain a plan from LBSA showing the exact position of their proposal particularly in relation to the hedge boundary.

A 1:2500 location plan was requested on 16th of January. On the 26th a query was sent regarding the need for this, only for us to justify any cost implications. No reply was had.

A 1:2500 plan of the area was submitted by email to the clerk on the 29th. We can only assume that this was not forwarded on to Alan.

I have inspected this hedgerow and see no reason to cut into the low embankment or to trim back the hedge as it varies in thickness throughout its length. I would not want the roots disturbed for perhaps gaining about 600mm and then only in part.

The Surveyor's report made recommendations about the unhealthy width of the hedge. He also commented on it being a haven for antisocial behaviour, referring to photos of empty vodka bottles.

We cannot find reference to the "excavation of an embankment" in any of the documents we have submitted.

I must emphasise that their proposal is good in principle, but the retention of this hedge is also important.

I am drafting the "Heads of Terms" for the proposed License which includes a number of requirements relating to the development that need to be shown on a plan, including the boundary of the pitch.

These will also refer to the complete retention of the Hedge in its current form with a proviso that excavation works into the bank and hedgerow will not be acceptable.

As above

It will also identify the means of access to the proposed pitch without indiscriminate crossing of the Cricket Outfield. Only construction and maintenance are acceptable to access this site.

Please clarify what you mean by this? We made clear in the last meeting that there is no intention by the LBSA to require vehicle access once the pitch is installed.

It is suggested to Council that I obtain an Ordnance Map to an appropriate scale and to show thereon the position of the proposed playing surface. I will also complete the draft "Heads of Terms" in respect of the whole scheme.

1:2500 of area already submitted. A scaled aerial plan of the field was also included in the report. Refer to Attachment D on Page 30.

The Council will then be in a better position to consider the overall proposal and to consult with the Cricket Club.

We've agreed the hedge is a decision to be made by the councillors.