



Coleford Town Council

Bells Field Implementation Committee Tuesday 2 May 2017 Minutes

Attendees: Cllrs Thompson, Allaway- Martin, Lusty, Kay Holloway, & Penny

1. To note apologies from Cllrs Whittington, C Elsmore & Fenella Bellinger
2. There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda
3. There were no dispensation requests
4. **To agree the next steps regarding implementation of the Bells Field Project**

This item will cover 3 areas.

- **The response to questions raised by FoDDC Planning Department**

It was proposed that the response re the access route should read

Whilst this is not a planning matter and should therefore have no impact on the planning decision the Town Council is open to discussion with residents about access. It should be noted that an access route is included on the plan.

It was proposed that the response re the amphitheatre should read

Whilst this is not a planning matter and should therefore have no impact on the planning decision the Town Council can confirm that the amphitheatre will host low level informal theatrical performances. Local schools have already expressed an interest in this space. It should be noted that there is no permanent power supply being installed into this area.

Proposed Cllr Thompson Seconded Cllr Penny

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

- **The strategy for taking the scheme to tender on secured funds,**

It was noted that secured funds of £730,000.00 were available.

It was proposed that Bellinger Design be asked to produce costings at the current specification for the hard ground work and essential installations be produced (this should be minus the parts of the scheme which can be added at a later date like the public art, the wifi, trim trail, look out shelter etc: however some seating should remain along with rubbish bins)

The committee will then decide if further value engineering re materials etc need to be undertaken before going out to tender. All were keen to ensure that a realistic and achievable tender was issued.

Proposed Cllr Thompson Seconded Cllr Penny

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed

- **The need for additional funding sources**

It was proposed that a professional fundraiser be sought on a commercial basis to help fill the funding gap. That the Town Council's partners "Switched On" a constituted community group is approached to seek funding via Biffa for the amphitheatre, public art and signage.

Proposed Cllr Penny Seconded Cllr Holloway

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed