

TEVERSAL GRANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held in the Committee Room, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

on Wednesday, 27th June, 2018 at 5.30 pm

Present: Councillor Helen-Ann Smith in the Chair;

Mr. Pete Cockerill (Football Club), Mr. Andrew Gregson (Cricket Club), Mr. Barry Harby (Bowls Club), Mr. Phil Hauton (Cricket Club), Mr. David Reed (Visitors' Centre) and Mr. Christopher Slack (Football Club).

Apology for Absence: Councillor Glenys Maxwell.

Officers Present: Lynn Cain, Ruth Dennis, Theresa Hodgkinson and Matthew Kirk.

TT.1 Appointment of Chairman

AGREED

that Councillor Helen-Ann Smith be appointed as Chairman of the Committee for the forthcoming year.

TT.2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

TT.3 Minutes

AGREED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23rd March, 2017 be received and approved.

TT.4 Progress in relation to potential future Trust Arrangements

The Director of Legal and Governance reminded the Committee that the Football Club put forward a proposal in 2017 to consider the possibility of the Football, Cricket and Bowls Clubs taking over the running of the Teversal Trust from the Council as a collaborative concern.

The Council had agreed to work with the Clubs via a representative (not connected to the Clubs or the Trust) to consider ways in which the Council could support their development of a suitable business plan. The bid to take over the running of the Trust would need to be robust and sustainable to secure any type of agreement from CISWO and ultimately the Charities

Commission and incorporate suitable arrangements for securing the future operation of the Visitors' Centre.

The Assistance Director for Place and Wellbeing who had recently met with the Clubs and their representative, had offered a template for compiling a business plan and connected them with Fardad Amirsaeedi (Senior Regeneration Officer for Enterprise & Investment) who would be offering guidance and support for completing the business plan as required.

As discussed at the meeting, the Trust was currently running at a deficit of £143,261 for year end 2017/18 with a further deficit of £4,203 for the 2018/19 financial year to date. An estimate of £41,000 had been given for replacing the temporary Cricket Club Pavilion and details surrounding the requirements of a Market Rights Policy, the annual costs involved and the need for necessary signage for running markets had also been sent to the Clubs.

To conclude, the Assistance Director for Place and Wellbeing stated that the business plan was now needed to be completed by the Clubs and the Council would await sight of the document upon its completion.

Committee Members briefly discussed the current position. The Football Club representatives took the opportunity to explain that the Visitors' Centre were currently not part of the Trust takeover proposals following receipt of a letter in 2017 from the Visitors' Centre declining the request to be involved. However, the offer was still on the table and should they now wish to be part of the discussions to take over the running of the Trust, they would be welcomed and included as part of the business plan development process.

The Clubs were at present waiting for their representative to return from his holiday to commence work on compiling the necessary business plan for submission.

AGREED

that the Council continues to offer support and guidance to the Clubs and their representative regarding the compilation of a business plan for taking over the running of the Teversal Trust from the Council as a collaborative concern.

TT.5 Gating the Site

The Chairman introduced the item and advised that she had been contacted by many residents recently complaining that car cruisers were using the Teversal Grange car park as a racing track and generally causing noise and nuisance. The issue had been going on for some time and some preliminary thought had been given to the possibility of gating the site to stop the cars gaining access to the car park at night.

The Chairman drew Members' attention to the plan attached to the agenda which indicated the possible positioning of the gate on the site and all present agreed that the position would be acceptable. The Director of Legal and Governance advised that at present the Council had not earmarked any funding to pay for the gate and its installation so some further discussions would be required to secure the cost as appropriate.

The Committee acknowledged that the opening and closing of the gate each morning and night would most probably become the Clubs' responsibility and thought would need to be given to the amount of key holders etc. The Cricket Club representatives advised that the car cruisers were often on the site by early evening (6.00 p.m.) and continued to gather well into the late evening and night. This would pose tremendous difficulties for any key holders having to try and clear the car park site at night to enable the premises to be secured and the gate locked until the following morning.

The Chairman suggested that the use of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) might help to alleviate the problems being caused by the car cruisers but Members were informed securing a PSPO on trust land would be difficult and in any event the process was fairly lengthy and would probably not help to address any of the nuisance problems in the short term.

The Director of Legal and Governance advised that she was not aware that the nuisance cars were gathering quite so early on the site and categorically stated that the Council would not be prepared to put any individual at risk in endeavouring to secure removal of the car owners from the site each evening.

The noise and nuisance being created by car cruisers on the site was obviously increasing and further work would now need to be undertaken to address the issue. It was proposed that the Council would arrange a meeting with the Police and Community Protection Team to consider the matter further and the Club representatives were asked to also discuss any potential solutions and feed them back to the Council in readiness for the Charities Committee meeting on 16th July, 2018.

AGREED

that the Council arranges a meeting with the Police and Community Protection Team to consider the escalating problem of car cruisers on the Teversal Grange car park site with the Club representatives also discussing any potential solutions and feeding them back to the Council in readiness for the Charities Committee meeting on 16th July, 2018.

TT.6 Events

The Committee were asked to consider the following event request:-

Event Name: Booth Decorators League Race, Notts AAA's Summer League

Date: 1st August 2018

Time: 7.15 p.m. – 8.45 p.m.

Event Location: Teversal Visitors' Centre and Trails Network

Anticipated Attendance Numbers: 250 – 300

Event Description: Free running races for the local athletic clubs and running clubs in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire on the Teversal Trail Network. The group provide Marshalls along the running route and for car parking. First Aid will be provided by St. Johns Ambulance. Group will clean site of any litter after the event.

Facilities Used: Trails Network. Site car park and field next to cricket club for car parking with Marshalls provided. Teversal Football Club changing and toilet facilities. Visitors' Centre to open for additional toilet facilities.

AGREED

that Charities Committee be recommended to approve the event as submitted.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm