

## FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2015

Present : Councillor John Shackleton (Chairman) and Councillors Susan Bosomworth, Michael Cockerill, Diane Glanvill, John Haxby, Jeff Meek, Anna Shaw, Richard Walker and Kevin Wilkie

Also present: Mr Kevin Davies, School Sport Manager representing Ebor Academy Alliance  
Mr A Williams, SBC Sports and Leisure Manager  
Gina Robinson, Town Clerk, Cty/Boro Cllr Sam Cross  
7 members of the Public

Cllr Shackleton reminded everyone present of the emergency evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency taking place. The Chairman enquired if anyone wished to film or record the meeting but no-one requested to do this.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Mr K Davies and Mr A Williams for attending the meeting.

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

**RESOLVED: That the Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972** **444/015**

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Casey (holiday), Cllr R Horley (family bereavement), Cllr M Wright (ill-health) and Borough Cllr C Haddington (work commitment). It was

**RESOLVED: That the above apologies be accepted.** **445/015**

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded members of the need to consider whether they needed to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) or personal interest, as detailed in Appendix A and Appendix B of the Town Council's Code of Conduct.

*Cllr S Bosomworth declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 in respect of Filey School as she is employed as an Exam Invigilator at the school.*

*Cllr J Haxby declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 5 as he is a Governor at Filey School.*

It was

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Bosomworth's disclosable pecuniary declaration of interest be noted.** **446/015**

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Haxby's personal declaration of interest be noted.** **447/015**

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public requested to speak at this point. It was

**RESOLVED: That this information be noted.** **448/015**

#### FILEY SCHOOL (NOW EBOR ACADEMY ALLIANCE)

Mr Kevin Davies, (School Sport Manager for York in same partnership as Mr Ludlow's school in York) thanked members for giving him the opportunity to attend the council meeting to represent the Ebor Academy Alliance and he apologised that Mr Richard Ludlow, Executive Headteacher was unable to attend the meeting. Mr Ludlow had asked Mr Davies to look at extra sports provision for Filey School with a view to additional facilities which could also be utilised by the community, however for any bid to be successful to Sport England 25% of the cost needs to be found for projects. Mr Davies thought it doubtful that any funding could be obtained from the Football Foundation and he went on to outline several proposals to members as follows:

**FILEY SCHOOL (NOW EBOR ACADEMY ALLIANCE) continued**

1. A 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Floodlit Pitch would be in the region of £300K-£400K depending on specifications and would allow the school to use it for football, Men's 5 a side etc. It does not have to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Pitch it could be Astro-turf and could be used for tennis and hockey but a 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Pitch is more commercially viable and could be staffed by the school up to 10pm in the evening. The school has secured £55K but was £20K short and would need some additional funding for this project to proceed and would be reliant on financial support from Filey Town Council and Scarborough Borough Council.
2. Provision of a Health/Fitness facility would be a valuable asset to the community but would be a year down the line and would cost in the region of £1.2 million. Mr Davies stated that he had looked at the Filey Town Plan; the Council's Strategic Plan and the more recent Filey Needs Sports Analysis and had identified a need for enhanced sports/fitness provision. Mr Davies stated that he had been successful with previous bids to Sport England.
3. Provision of a Sport Hall – approximate cost £2.5 million (without a gym)

Cllr Haxby stated that he welcomed any addition of sports facilities in Filey but was of the opinion that the facilities should be for the whole population and not just for the school. He went on to state that 38% of Filey's population is over 65 and he thought that the order of the above priorities was the wrong way round and a larger sports facility for everyone to use in the whole of the Southern Borough 20-25K people, should be the main priority. Mr Davies stated that the first step of any project is to source the initial 25% otherwise Sport England would not consider any bid. Cllr Shackleton informed Mr Davies that it had been long documented of the need for Filey to have a multi-functional sports facility which could accommodate a wide range of activities e.g. bowling, basketball, badminton etc.

Cllr Wilkie commented that the Filey Community Sports Club on Scarborough Road and the Filey Sports Association in Clarence Drive provide facilities for football and the tennis provision is to be improved at Southdene and he thought the impact of how it would affect other clubs in Filey should be explored, although he agreed that he would be in favour of any improved sporting facilities for Filey.

Cllr Cockerill stated that Filey had been trying to obtain sporting provision for over 30 years but he had reservations of how a 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Pitch would benefit the whole community; however a gym/fitness facility would be of greater benefit to the whole community.

*Standing Orders were suspended at this point for Cty/Boro Cllr Sam Cross to speak*

Cty/Borough Cllr Sam Cross stated that he would support any improved sporting facilities for Filey but he would like to see an asset which the whole community could use from the age of 9-90 year old for indoor facilities on wet nights all year round and thought a health studio would be brilliant for Filey.

*Standing Orders were reinstated at this point.*

Cllr Haxby stated that the 25% cost of a gym/fitness facility over £1million would be in the region of £250K-£300K and Filey Town Council could look at providing some capital funding if this were to be match funded by Scarborough Borough Council.

*Standing Orders were suspended at this point for Mrs Kath Wilkie to speak*

Mrs Wilkie asked Mr Williams if funding from the Coastal Communities Fund could be obtained and he agreed to investigate options for other sources of funding. Mrs Wilkie stated that she thought additional sports provision would not only benefit residents but also visitors. A member of the Filey Tourism Association agreed that a health fitness facility would benefit tourism. The Local Police Inspector stated that facilities for the youth of the town were important and with the Youth Club closing people would pay for their children to use improved sporting facilities.

*Standing Orders were reinstated at this point.*

**FILEY SCHOOL (NOW EBOR ACADEMY ALLIANCE) continued**

Cllr Wilkie asked which option the school preferred and Mr Davies thought that a 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Pitch would be more beneficial than a gym facility. Cllr Wilkie stated that any facility would need to be used by the community to gain a revenue stream from it to support running costs.

Mr Williams informed members that gym facilities could not be used by under 14's as resistance training is not advantageous to young people's development. Cllr Wilkie stated that there was a balance to be sought as the community's requirements may be different to the school's requirements and the school would not want to alienate itself from the community.

Cllr Haxby stated that he had been a Governor at the school for 10 years and the school's priorities had always been the kitchen and the dining facilities and a gym was never mentioned so he was heartened by the suggestion of improved sports facilities and now was the time for all parties to work together in partnership with the school being a catalyst to obtain the funding to get what Filey needs and why waste £300K on a sports pitch when the bigger picture should be looked at to get the very best sports facility for Filey. Cllr Shaw stated that the whole community would be willing to fundraise towards a larger facility if it benefitted everyone and perhaps large companies could be approached to act as sponsors.

*Standing Orders were suspended at this point for Miss Natalie Bosomworth to speak*

Miss Bosomworth stated that she would be in favour of a multi-functional facility for the whole community which would benefit people from the surrounding villages.

*Standing Orders were reinstated at this point.*

Mr Williams stated that the Borough's Chief Executive had attended previous meetings with members of the Town Council and stated that the capital receipt from the sale of the Southdene Land could be considered for Filey projects but would be subject to Borough members approval and that the capital receipt could not be released at the moment as it was still commercially sensitive information. Mr Williams agreed that the Borough would possibly be prepared to match fund if the project benefits the community. Cllr Shackleton asked if the Borough would be prepared to make a contribution in addition to the Southdene capital receipt but Mr Williams could not comment as this would be a Cabinet decision.

Members then discussed whether the school was the right location and Cllr Cockerill asked if the school would consider a joint bid on an alternative site e.g. Clarence Drive but Mr Davies stated that he would need to discuss this with the School. Mr Davies stated that the cost including a Sports Hall without a gym would be in the region of £2.5 million and 25% funds would need to be secured and it would take approx. 6 months to submit a bid

*Standing Orders were suspended at this point for Mrs Jacqui Houlden-Banks to speak*

Mrs Houlden-Banks asked if it would be better to wait until the Southdene capital receipt was known but Cllr Cockerill replied that once the costs for improved Tennis Courts and Club House plus the affordable housing element had been taken off he did not think the capital receipt would be as large as originally anticipated.

*Standing Orders were reinstated at this point.*

Mr Davies confirmed that he thought the school would be happy to place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Pitch on hold. The Clerk informed Mr Williams that the Town Council had submitted a capital bid for a large sports leisure facility circa £12 million a few years ago and this had been placed on the Borough Council's Capital Reserve List and wondered due to it being on the Capital Reserve List whether it would be given more credence due to the approx cost of a Sports Hall plus gym being much reduced than the original bid. Cllr Shackleton stated that the Borough should contribute towards sports facilities in Filey as it is now Filey's turn and Cllr Haxby commented that if the Borough could find £135K overnight for the Bike Race they could support 25,000 council taxpayers in the Southern part of the Borough.

*Standing Orders were suspended at this point for a member of the public to speak*

**FILEY SCHOOL (NOW EBOR ACADEMY ALLIANCE) continued**

A member of the public stated that when the swimming pool was at risk where was the support from the school and as the school is within walking distance from Filey Sports Association he felt they could consider sharing facilities. He went on to state that Clarence Drive Playing Fields was a perfect site to build a better facility, it already had a close association with the Football Association and it had great parking facilities. He stated that if Bridlington could source £20 million for Leisure World then Filey could also obtain similar funding.

*Standing Orders were reinstated at this point.*

After discussion it was

**RESOLVED: That Filey Town Council gives support 'in principle' to the expansion of sports facilities in Filey.** 449/015

**RESOLVED: That Mr K Davies be requested to come back to the Town Council with more details of proposed costs for further consideration.** 450/015

*Mr K Davies and Mr A Williams left the meeting at 8.05pm  
Cllr Mike Cockerill left the Council Chamber at 8.05 pm  
Cllr Mike Cockerill returned to the meeting at 8.06pm*

**CRESCENT HILL**

Members had previously been circulated with images of examples of setts from NYCC Highways but were not in agreement that any of the samples provided were suitable as replacement setts for Crescent Hill due to them being newly sawn setts. The Clerk had taken photographs of existing setts on Crescent Hill and members stated that they would prefer the types which are half way down Crescent Hill although, it was recognised these have been down for many years. Members suggested that similar setts could be sourced from salvage yards and that NYCC should try and source similar setts to the ones laid halfway down Crescent Hill and that they should be laid close together without big gaps between the setts. It was noted that the existing setts had character and possibly when the bread loaf cobbles laid lower down Crescent Hill were to be removed they could have a value to offset against the purchase of any replacement setts which could be obtained from a reclamation yard. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED: That the image of the existing setts half way down Crescent Hill be sent to NYCC Highways and a request be made for NYCC Highways to source similar setts to those in the image from a reclamation yard as soon as possible.** 451/015

**BOROUGH OF SCARBOROUGH ARMED FORCES DAY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

Further to Minute No 377/015 Cllr R Walker reported back to the Town Council that he had spoken with the Filey Branch of the Royal British Legion and they were in agreement that their members would be willing to attend the Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Ceremony in Filey on Monday 22 June 2015 at 3.30pm as it had been confirmed that Scarborough Borough Council would be organising this event with the Town Council sending out their own invitations. Members had been circulated with a copy of a generic event plan from Scarborough Borough Council. Members agreed to support this civic event and invite representatives from local groups and organisations, local school children (must be supervised or accompanied) and Honorary Citizens of Filey to attend. Town Councillors agreed that they would act as marshals for the event. It was

**RESOLVED: That the Borough of Scarborough Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Ceremony in Filey on Monday 22 June 2015 at 3.30pm as organised by Scarborough Borough Council be supported by the Town Council.** 452/015

**REQUESTS TO OBTAIN OR PRESENT INFORMATION**

**RESOLVED: That no requests had been received.** 453/015

*The meeting closed at 8.26pm*

**Councillor J Shackleton**  
Chairman & Town Mayor