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Dartington Recreation Association Thursday 2nd March, 7.30pm – 9.00pm Minutes

1. Present

Trustees: Carole Tudor (Treasurer), Louise Morpeth (Secretary), Will Fitzgerald, Peggy Prout (Vice Chair), David Prout, Allan Tudor, Elaine Hopkins, Cllr Jacqui Hodgson, John Callaway, Alan Blake

2. Apologies: Mandy Burton (Chair), Steve Mackay, Judy Findlay, David Coleman, Jo Talling, Jane Bleach, Bex House, Laura Hayton

3. Minutes from previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

Update on actions & matters arising

- Cllr Hogdson reported that despite making repeated approaches has received no further information from the planning officers at SHDC about the drainage on the Dorothy Elmhirst sports field.
- LM shared the DRA vision for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- No progress had been made on the Easter event to promote the DRA and copping work.
- CT reported that DHT are likely to sign off the DRA lease at their board meeting this week.
- No further information had been received from Lifeworks.
- JC, WF & LM had met with Courtstall and received a quote for the MUGA with fencing

4. A proposal to develop a multi-use games area

LM had circulated a paper setting out a proposal for discussion.

After extensive discussion and helpful inputs from Alan Blake (from Totnes and Dartington Football Club) and John Calloway (Totnes Tennis Club) the following decisions and actions were agreed:

- everyone was supportive of the principles set out in the proposal
- the MUGA will be surfaced with a material that will enable as many sports as possible: ideally netball, basketball, tennis, cricket (practice), football and hockey.
- the facility not be for elite sport rather to enable as many people to enjoy sport and recreation as possible
- it will be designed to be accessible to all, particularly the elderly, teenagers and people with disabilities
- the ultimate aspiration will be to have a covered MUGA but to secure funding for the all-weather surface first
- the MUGA will have a combination of open access periods and bookable periods
- at every stage our proposal will be widely shared so as to ensure all opportunities to collaborate and not duplicate the efforts of others are taken

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- members of the committee should visit other MUGAs and seek advice about effective booking systems
- a business and management plan is needed to demonstrate the financial sustainability of the facility
- local communities and residents should be invited to make a donation to the community fund
- the changing facilities and toilets in the pavillion should be considered as part of the proposal for developing the MUGA

Actions

LM to approach all local sports clubs and schools to invite a letter of support and donation to establish a community fund to go towards the proposal
CT to review the DRA accounts and recommend an amount of the money that the association could afford to put towards the community fund
AB to do an introduction to Nots Sport, the organisation installing the new surface at KEVICCS
LM to approach the new Development Director at DHT
JH to provide more information about her locality fund
LM to contact Rob Sekula to provide an update on progress
LM to begin consultation with residents and local businesses about the proposal
LM to start developing a proposal for Sport England Community Asset Fund

5. AOB

CT is asking for the skittle alley in the Pavillion to be moved.

Dates for future meetings

Thursday 30th March, Thursday 4th May, Thursday 8th June