

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

5th September 2022

UPDATE AND INFORMATION

Erme Court Car Park

We were successful in negotiating the retention of the 2 hours free parking, but all other changes have now been introduced. Time restrictions are now in place 24 hours a day, seven days a week and this will be enforced through number plate recognition cameras.

Support for Ukrainians

The free English language lessons are continuing with good attendance. Space has been negotiated in the Library 'Beacon Room' to accommodate the well-attended sessions, as well as continued use of the Town Hall and The Bridge Project venue. Further funding has been gained from Devon County Council by the group to cover expenses of the unpaid voluntary teachers and the Town Council Finance Team are continuing to provide an accounting and payment service for that money.

Council will have to consider the ongoing provision of this support in 2023-2024 as part of the budget setting process.

Erme Valley Football Club

This committee agreed to support the project to extend the Ivybridge Town Football club house at Erme Playing Fields as per this resolution:

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The committee considered the report (report previously circulated) on the progress on the agreement with South Hams District Council. The Town Clerk outlined the actions that needed to be taken to progress the project and the likely fees that would be incurred at an early stage. Councillors were delighted that the improvements to the clubhouse, which would be a key part of this scheme, would benefit the community and in particular the hundreds of children who played football at the site.

*It was **RESOLVED** to*

- (i) Offer a 25 year sub lease to Ivybridge Town Football Club, to run concurrently with the one from South Hams DC on the terms outlined, on the basis that it is for the promotion or improvement of social well-being of the community, and to then advertise the lease accordingly to comply with the LGA*
- (ii) Support the allocation of up to £10,000 upfront fees for the project, which will be reimbursed in due course from section 106 money*
- (iii) Work in partnership with Ivybridge Town Football Club to deliver the new clubhouse project*

(iv) To thank the Town Clerk for bringing this exciting project forward which will be of great benefit to the town.

This is still ongoing. The Club are now re-costing the plans to ensure they are still feasible.

Negotiations with SHDC are still ongoing with regard to the lease as some of the repair renewal requirements are not currently acceptable.

Once more detail is known, it is suggested that the Club be invited to re-present the plans to the committee as so much time has passed since this project was last discussed.

There would be significant impact on officer time if the project goes ahead, although the cost of professional support from NPS Group (DCC's preferred property consultants) would be included in the funding eg to ensure staged payments are made only once works have been inspected, significant sums of money will pass through the Town Council bank account from funders to the contractors, and so will require auditing and extra work for the Finance Officers and Town Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer. There will also need to be further financial risk assessments as the construction industry is in a challenging time at present and so any contracts will need to ensure the risk to the Council is within acceptable limits.

The Club are keen to ensure this is done properly and are equally keen to keep any risk to a minimum and will work with officers and the Council to move forwards in a considered way.

Butterpark

This has sadly slowed over the summer due to leave etc but a meeting will be held with Devon County Council on the Friday before this meeting. A verbal update will be given on that meeting and the next steps, which are lined up ready to go as soon as the DCC discussion is resolved. A further more detailed update will be provided to the next full Council

Jonathan Parsons
Town Clerk