

Residents Focus Group

Meeting 5: Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Minutes

Present: Phil Atkinson (PA) Operations Manager LCCC
 John Rutherford (JR) Safety Officer LCCC
 Dan Nice (DN) Communications Manager LCCC
 Ann and Alan Sturgess (AnS/ALS) (Percy Road)
 Chris Garner (CG) (Aylestone Road)
 Andy Morley (AM) (Lansdowne Road)
 Shirley Brown (SB) (Percy Road)

		Action
1.	Introduction from PA.	
2.	<u>Apologies:</u> Wasim Khan (WK) Chief Executive LCCC Graham Lloyd (GL) (Park Hill Drive) Lucy McMillan (LMcM) (Curzon Road) Stuart McMillan (SMcM) (Curzon Road) Kym Sehmi (KS) (Milligan Road) Daniel Clements (DC) (Milligan Road)	
3.	<u>Minutes and Matters arising</u> Minutes signed off from previous meeting. Need to be put on the club's website.	DN
4.	<u>Actions from previous meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) DN confirmed that parking plans will be communicated on ticket wallets/website/e-mail communications, particularly for NatWest T20 Blast. It has also been included in ICC Women's World Cup planning material (i.e. key messaging to ticket purchasers). b) LCCC's Commercial team are looking at the potential of hosting other events at the ground, including an Outdoor Cinema experience (more to follow in this document). c) LCCC have worked with Granby School and Sir Jonathan North. DN attended SJN careers event on the club's behalf. DN organised the club's presence at the Granby fete, LMcM passed her thanks on to the club ahead of the meeting. PA said the offer to host future sports days still stands, DN to talk to SB/LMcM about this in the future. d) Noticeboard on Milligan Road wall – PA said that the club is now looking at banners from within the ground etc, as the noticeboard has practical limitations. There is space on the back of the Geary Bar. 	

	<p>e) Snooker club parking – there have been no problems, confirmed by AnS, AIS and SB who live very close to the snooker club.</p> <p>f) Emailing local residents with NatWest T20 Blast floodlight dates – DN to speak to Jack Bradley in ticketing about this.</p>	DN
5.	<p><u>Ground redevelopment plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PA introduced JR to the group, JR explained that he has extensive experience in safety at sports stadia including football (Hull City, Mansfield Town, Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley) and concerts (has worked with Marshall Arts on event security for Elton John concerts for a number of years). a) Redevelopment of red seated area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JR explained the club's plans to build a new stand where the red seats are in front of the main office. Phase 1 would raise capacity from 960 seats to 1,200 so it is not a major difference. LCCC are working with Maber, the company who worked on recent stand development at Trent Bridge. The plan, if permission is granted, is for a demolition in October, work to start in November and work to be completed (i.e. seats installed) by April. - PA said that included in part of the plans (Phase 2) is to utilise the space created underneath the stand. Part of that plan is to reintroduce the museum but not exactly as it was, there will be an interactive element to it. Plans are also to build a food & drink outlet, club shop, toilets, etc. - CG/AnS asked if there could potentially be local community involvement in the museum as well as it being about cricket. PA explained plans are at a very early stage and space will be at a premium, but the club is open to ideas. There could be the scope for local walks to visit the museum, hold local exhibitions etc, but PA stressed that the priority use will be for cricket. - SB said that a shop would be a great idea based on previous experience of trying to buy merchandise at the ground. - Update to follow at next meeting. b) Apartment project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PA explained that the Board of Directors at LCCC are revisiting the possibility of building 14 apartments in the far corner of the ground (Milligan Road/Hawksbury Road). This was first discussed when plans to build Leicester Riders' new stadium included the possibility of Grace Road as a site. - PA explained that the initial planning permission application remains in place until March 2018 but rather than the club leading the project, it would be sold to a developer if the plans went through. - AIS/AnS asked about parking, JR explained that parking for residents would be created as part of the project. PA said that 22 spaces would be lost in the Bennett End car park but the new stand project alone will create a further 30 car park spaces given the boundary would be moved in. The Park Hill Drive development (more to follow in this document) would create an additional 50 spaces) - Other questions were raised about detail of the project, PA confirmed that nothing has changed from the initial planning permission application. - Opinions were sought by PA: AIS, AnS & SB said that they had no objection, CG said that it wouldn't go down well from a public 	PA/JR

	<p>perception point of view, AM queried whether the club really wants to lose what is effectively an asset. PA & JR thanked the group for their honesty and said that all thoughts would be reverted to WK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update to follow at next meeting. <p>c) Tennis courts – Park Hill Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PA confirmed that everything has been agreed with the tennis court sale, but the club is waiting for entries to be changed on the register. Currently use of the land is for tennis, so those register entries need to be changed. The solicitor is currently out of office, once everything is confirmed then work is ready to start, - PA said that work required is a tidy up of the area, resurface, fencing, and removing the old tennis court pavilion. There is no need for lighting as the car park will be used as an overspill by staff & players and it will still be light as a general rule when they leave. If it is dark on a matchday evening, the floodlights will be on and be sufficient. - AnS asked if the flats could be built there instead but PA said planning permission is only for a car park. - AM asked if planning permission is sorted and whether a detailed traffic management plan is in place. PA said yes to the first point, and the traffic plan would come into operation ahead of the 2018 season as no work will be completed before the end of this season. - JR & PA added that it will not be a car park that is sold to the public so there are no additional health & safety concerns, and that the traffic management plan can easily be given to staff to ensure protocol is followed. - Update to follow at next meeting. 	<p>PA/JR</p> <p>PA/JR</p>
6.	<p><u>Future concerts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JR said that the club is looking at the potential of holding two concerts in 2018 in June and September. JR explained that he will lead discussions on behalf of the club with promoters given his vast experience in the area. The club will look at family friendly artists. - A new capacity of 14,000 has been suggested by JR for the venue, that is being looked at by the sub-committee that John works with (i.e. emergency services, Safety Advisory Group, building regulators) - AM said the only issue last time was queues for bars and toilets, and JR explained that plans to reduce the capacity would help greatly with this. - PA & JR stated that the club's experience from hosting Elton John was invaluable and will make staging further concerts significantly more straightforward. - CG asked if the parking permit scheme would be in place, PA & JR confirmed that they would be. - JR said that everything that worked first time around will be done again, with improvements made to areas that need them. - SB asked if there would be meetings with local residents like before, PA & JR said that there would be communication with the local community. - Update to follow at next meeting. 	<p>PA/JR</p>
7.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PA said that the club recently hosted a successful charity day for next 	

	<p>on behalf of Rainbows, where a film was shown throughout the day. As the club's new replay screen has audio capacity, PA explained that the club would like to hold an Outdoor Cinema event in 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General consensus was that this would be a good idea. - CG asked about ticket prices, PA said this is currently being discussed - CG asked if kids could go free, DN said a value family ticket would be a possibility - CG asked when it would be held and suggested the summer holidays, PA said it would depend on the 2018 fixture list and potential concert dates. - SB said the club is welcome to pass on marketing information to her so that she can distribute to Leicestershire County Council, her place of work. DN thanked her for the offer. - AnS explained that her and CG are flood wardens and enquired if the venue could potentially be used in the event of an emergency. JR said he had a similar agreement with Sheffield Wednesday and the emergency services and said the club would be willing to discuss the possibility of this. 	JR
8.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>DN said that he will speak to WK about the date of the next meeting, which will be confirmed in due course</p>	DN
9.	The meeting closed at 8.10pm.	