

Sports and Leisure Panel Meeting Notes

Public Meeting at the Football Club 7th September 2015

Panel Members: Chair Cllr Gary Collinson, Cllr Peter Macfadyen, Cllr Kate Bielby, Cllr Nick White, Cllr Richard Ackroyd.

Groups represented: Frome Boxing Club, Creative Aquatic, Frome Rugby Club, Freeletics, Frome Town Youth Football club, junior athletics club, Frome Town Archers, Frome Running Club, Selwood Academy, Vision for Frome, members of the public.

Mendip District Cllr Adam Boyden

Summary of meeting:

The meeting was well attended with 30-40 people present. It was noted that this panel is time limited and the opportunity for all local clubs and sports facilities to get involved and be a part of the decision making is now. The chair summarised the remit of the panel and the intentions:

- To Identify gaps in sports provision in Frome
- To bring together stakeholders to look at potential solutions
- To identify discrete immediate goals and how they may be implemented
- To provide a vision for future development

The group, in tables of 6, discussed the 2012 audit of sports and leisure activity in Frome and considered 1) if the outcomes are still valid in 2015 2) identified gaps and proposed possible projects.

The table below summarises the suggested projects to fill any gaps in the delivery of sport provision and also projects which encourage the engagement of more Frome residents in sports and leisure activity. There was some discussion about the importance of providing informal leisure activity alongside increasing the capacity of formal sports clubs for whom the main issue is premises and land.

Outcomes:

The panel will meet again on **October 6th at 7pm at Frome Rugby Club** to agree a timescale/ action plan for the delivery of some / all of the projects listed below, setting priorities and agreeing discrete achievable solutions, in line with Frome Town Councils strategic plan.

Together with consideration of this list of activities the panel will also look at a comprehensive audit of sport and leisure provision and facilities, including play parks and open access facilities in the town.

Activity	Next steps
Winter accommodation	Identify indoor spaces that are available.

Indoor space	Find out demand Use YMCA survey Is there then a need for new building?
Shared level 1 courses in Frome	Establish more detail, what when who
New housing developments must come with 106 targeted at sport and leisure	Request this from Mendip Ensure provision in neighbourhood plan Review our own open spaces management plan to ensure inclusion of sport and leisure.
'walker are welcome'	http://www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk/ register as a town on the above website promote walking routes
Website with - what's on when, spaces for hire,	Frome Active currently holds all of this information in a static format – Health connections service may change there static website – ask Jenny Hartnoll Requires a database behind the website
New floor in the cheese and grain could provide indoor space	Ask C&G; costs, is it already being considered, what sports could the building be used for, is there availability?
Buddy scheme – to support and engage more people in sport	Meet with Jenny Hartnoll to consider links to Health Connections service Bring together a group of interested people / organisations to agree
Create a Forum for sports clubs – shared training, access to fundraising advice, skills sharing.	Identify regular dates throughout the year (quarterly?) Publish and advertise dates with subject of the first three meetings specific to sports and leisure – ie) fundraising workshop, launch of buddy scheme....
Identify facilities available in schools and match with needs of orgs – ie tennis courts at Oakfield	Selwood, Oakfield and college all have facilities under used outside school hours. Selwood have provided a list of what is available Send email to all organisations to establish need, use land employment study, use
A cricket square in Frome	Facilitate a meeting of all cricket Clubs Identify need
An athletics track	What are the requirements Do schools have one? They would seem to be obvious choice Identify funding streams Complete application
Somewhere for the running club to meet	Find out more info about requirements Link with other clubs / schools
Create and promote the use of running, walking and cycling routes with organised use once a week	Bring together walking, cycling and running groups; health walks, running club etc
Engaging more girls in sport	Ask SASP about funding they had available and new projects initiated in Frome Link to 'Buddy' scheme Promote opportunities

