

PLAY PATHFINDER PROJECT BOARD
Monday, 13th December, 2010

Present:- Councillor St. John (in the Chair); Councillors Dodson and Whysall.

Apologies for absence were received from Dawn Roebuck.

57. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th September, 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

58. MATTERS ARISING

The following issue was reported:-

Stoney Bank (Kiveton Park)

Nick Barnes, Principal Project Development Officer, reported on the situation at Stoney Bank, Kiveton Park. Planning permission has now been granted to correct an error in the original design of a piece of play equipment. The permission also enables improvements to be made to the security of the site. Wales Parish Council would arrange the daily un-locking and locking of the entrance gates to the play area.

59. PROJECT UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report, submitted by Nick Barnes, Principal Project Development Officer, which gave an update on the progress of the Rotherham Play Pathfinder programme to date. The report also updated Members on the progress of the Play Pathfinder Volunteering Pilot.

Reference was made to the following key points:-

- (i) re: Aftercare and maintenance from year two play areas**
 - All play areas are of a satisfactory standard and have therefore been accepted onto the grounds maintenance contract.

- (ii) re: Rotherham Adventure Playground**
 - 50% reduction in grant and the significant impact on the programme budget implications for the remainder of the year.
 - sustainability of the Rotherham Adventure Playground (RAP) project in Eastwood – in order to improve site security, floodlighting is to be installed.
 - success to date of the RAP re: number, age range and ethnicity of users; reduced anti social behaviour).
 - Submission of a Reaching Communities application to the Big Lottery Fund – this bid has been approved at stage one and the stage two application will be developed for submission during

- January 2011.
 - proposed transfer of the asset to Chantry YMCA, to develop the facility as a social enterprise.
 - Decision of Cabinet required to approve the arrangements.
- (iii) Play Pathfinder Volunteering Pilot – 2nd year**
- Government Department for Education is satisfied with the project delivery to date.

It was agreed:- That the Project Board shall receive further information at the next meeting about:-

(a) the Reaching Communities application to the Big Lottery Fund in respect of the Rotherham Adventure Playground; and

(b) progress with the Play Pathfinder Volunteering Pilot.

60. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other items were raised at the meeting.

61. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed:- That the next meeting of the Play Pathfinder Project Board be held before the end of April, 2011 (on a date to be arranged).