

Notes of the meeting with local Residents Groups representatives on
Wednesday 26th January 2011 at Edgbaston

Present: Terry Allen (Boundary House)
Leo Nation (Cannon Hill Neighbourhood Forum - CHNF)
Vijay Sarathy (CHNF)
Dick Atkinson (Balsall Heath Forum - BHF) . *present for only part of
the meeting*
David Spilsbury (CHNF)
Delphine Roe (Member)
Roger Howlings (Birmingham Sheltered Housing Committee)
Hazel Churchill (Moorcroft Road)
Thomas Latham (Wickets Tower)
Colin Povey (Chief Executive, WCCC)
Phil Macdonald (Project Director, WCCC)
Simon Turner (Birmingham City Council)
Jonathon Haw (Galliford Try Construction)) . *present for only part of
the meeting*

Action

1 Apologies and Introduction

There were apologies from Professor Carolyn Hicks, Norman Gascoigne and Andrew Burn.

Mr Povey welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that he would chair the meeting as Mr Gascoigne was in Australia and Mr Burn was unfortunately not well.

2 Notes of last meeting

The notes of the last meeting held on the 17th November were approved.

3 Matters Arising

Mr Spilsbury acknowledged Mr Povey's letter to Zhor Malik offering discounted use of the cricket centre but inquired if further discount might be available. Mr Povey confirmed that Mr Malik was using the Centre this evening and the offer of coach education would be at no cost as detailed in the letter. Mr Spilsbury asked if any assistance could be provided by the Club to help Local Leagues prepare a wicket for the coming season. Mr Povey thought this may be possible and agreed to ask a member of the Club's groundstaff to make contact with Mr Malik.

CP

Mr Howlings asked about the frequency of meetings and Mr Povey confirmed that, whilst we were dealing with so many changes, the group should meet more as often as it felt appropriate.

4. Update on the development

Mr Haw confirmed that the cladding was now complete on the main buildings and that steelwork erection had commenced on the main banqueting suite. All of the terracing was complete with some seat frames already installed. A significant proportion of the glazing had already been installed with the Press Box cladding and glazing to be completed in the next few days. Overall Galliford Try were still on target to complete the building by the 1st July 2011.

Mr Povey confirmed that the new outfield drainage, irrigation and re-turfing was substantially complete. The remaining work to be carried out on the pitch area in front of the new stand would be started next week after handover from Galliford Try.

Mr Macdonald confirmed that 4 of the 5 floodlights had now been erected with the 5th scheduled to be erected by the middle of February. The date for commissioning was not yet finalised but this would most likely take place in mid to late March. As soon as this had been confirmed it was agreed that the Club would circulate details to everyone including dates and times when the lights would be switched on for testing.

PM

Mr Povey confirmed the 4 dates on which the floodlights would be used for matches, the first of which was the 15th July 2011. An offer was made to inquire as to whether the group might want to visit Trent Bridge to see their lights in operation if they had an earlier fixture. The group did not feel that this would be necessary as each ground and installation had its own unique characteristics.

Mr Atkinson advised the meeting that he had relatives that lived near to Trent Bridge that were trying to sell their property but could not, and felt that the presence of floodlights was a contributory factor. He reported that residents local to Edgbaston had similar concerns and felt that their quality of life had diminished as a result of the floodlight erection. He promised to investigate further and report back to the next meeting.

Mr Nation asked about a recent planning application for a permanent camera gantry and why this had not been brought before the group. Mr Povey apologised to the group and confirmed that this had been an oversight which would not be repeated for any further applications. Mr Macdonald confirmed that this was not a substantial structure and would replace the temporary scaffolding currently erected and dismantled each year. The structure comprised a deck and handrail at the front edge of the RES Wyatt Stand roof which is not visible from Constance Road.

At this point Mr Haw left the meeting.

Mr Nation asked if there were any other development plans being considered. Mr Povey referred back to the last meeting where he had informed the group of plans being developed by our partner, MCD, for the first, residential phase of the enabling development. Mr Povey indicated that MCD would be carrying out consultation on their proposals in the next few weeks and would be writing to everyone within the group as well as sending out invitations to local residents in advance of their submission.

5. Parking and Transport

Mr Povey circulated a document confirming the details of 4 floodlit fixtures for 2011 and the current situation with regard to the range of parking and transport issues discussed and agreed at the last meeting (copy appended).

There was a wide ranging discussion based around the areas identified in the document with particular focus on early communication with the City's enforcement team for parking and with the Police for general presence on major match days. It was also agreed that the road closure and parking restrictions would be detailed on the Club's residents newsletter, Outside Edg, to ensure that local residents had plenty of warning.

PM/CP

At this point Mr Atkinson left the meeting.

Mr Povey confirmed he would bring the proposed information package for major match day ticket purchasers, including details on off-site parking, the shuttle buses and other measures, to the group for discussion. He also confirmed that we were looking at how the Club could encourage more people to use the designated car parks already provided.

CP

Mr Povey asked the group for their views on implementing parking restrictions for some or all the 8 domestic Twenty:20 fixtures. There was a general view that this would be helpful and it was agreed that the Club would investigate this for the coming season.

PM/CP

6. Noise

Details of the matches and the music packages for 2011 were also included in the document circulated. Mr Povey confirmed that the packages would be similar to those used in 2010 but committed to work with the ECB and the broadcaster to minimise the times that amplified music was played and in particular in the lead up to, and after matches.

Several members of the group expressed their concern that, in their view, this would still be intrusive and stated that they were disappointed that the Club could not reduce the number of events where music was used. Mr Povey confirmed that the Club would work to minimise any impact on the local community but that music was now an essential part of the business of staging sporting events.

It was agreed that sound level readings would be taken around the ground and in the local streets during relevant events and that the results would be brought back to the group in due course.

PM/CP

Mr Nation suggested that a telephone number be included in ~~Outside Edg~~ for local people to be able to contact the Club if they had a concern with any issues when matches were being staged.

CP

Mr Povey asked the group for their view on musical instruments at major matches for the upcoming season. The general consensus was to request that

the Club should not allow them. Mr Povey undertook to review the Club's position and report back at the next meeting.

CP

7. Employment

Mr Macdonald gave a report to the meeting on the employment within the building site.

He confirmed that Galliford Try have so far employed 244 individuals who reside within Bqpostcodes. As anticipated at the last meeting this is a significant increase and includes 166 residing in Birmingham itself. Galliford Try had also been in touch with the local employment charity, Jericho, with details of on site vacancies as well as advertising in local jobcentres.

Following the last meeting, figures showing where Club staff resided were included in the document that had already been circulated.

8. Any Other Business

Mr Howlings asked if the Club would repeat the voucher system giving local residents free entrance to certain domestic matches. Mr Povey confirmed that this would be done and in addition the Club were looking at inviting all local residents to a launch day in early July. He promised to come back with more details at the next meeting.

CP

Responding to a question from Ms Roe, Mr Povey confirmed that only Lords and the Oval had similar residents' liaison groups with 2 other Clubs having members committees that dealt with some similar matters. Of the other Test Match Grounds, only Lancashire were currently considering setting up a similar group. Ms Roe felt that the progress being made by the group and the fact that we were the only similar group outside London was something that we should all be proud of.

Mr Nation reiterated that he and other representatives from CHNF did not recognise the meeting as a properly constituted body but were present to represent the interests of local residents

9. Date of next meetings

As recorded above it was agreed to hold meetings regularly throughout this year. Dates are 6th April, 22nd June, 20th July, 23rd August and 5th October.

Residents Liaison Group Meeting – Wednesday 26 January 2011

Floodlit games

- we have planned fixtures under lights on 4 occasions during 2011
- Friday 15 July v Leicestershire, T20 . 7.00 pm to 9.45 pm
- Tuesday 26 July v Hampshire, CB40 . 4.40 pm to 10.25 pm
- Wednesday 17 August, CB40 . 4.40 pm to 10.25 pm
- Saturday 27 August, T20 Finals Day . 11.00 am to 10.00 pm

Parking & transport plans

- for each of the Major Match Days . Test Match (10-14 August) and T20 FD (27 August) . we plan to use off-site parking
- we are currently investigating the following locations: Priory School, Cannon Hill Redgra, Nature Centre, King Edwards School, Hunter Court
- we will also of course use the main car park, the Colts Ground and any available grassed area at the rear of the Wyatt.
- we need to review the demand for domestic T20 off-site parking
- shuttle bus services will be provided from New Street station on Major Match days
- road closure plans will be agreed for Major Match days
- revised information packs will be sent to all ticket purchasers highlighting the main elements of our match day transport plan (similar information will be placed on the Club's website)
- we need to review the options for taxi drop off and collection points once we are clear about the progress with the new concourse area at the front of the stadium

Music packages

- there are 17 fixtures including the Major Match days when we expect an entertainment/music package to be used during the 2011 season.
- The nature and duration of these music bursts will be similar to last year by fixture type
- The Club will work with ECB/Broadcasters to minimize the amount of time these are used pre and post match
- The Club will review its policy allowing spectators to import musical instruments into the ground

Employee Details

60 non playing staff, 10 local post codes, 33 more in ~~B~~postcodes
21 playing staff, 7 local postcodes, 6 more in ~~B~~postcodes