

## **17. LISKEARD & DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION (LDSA) (ATTACHED LETTER 17.A.)**

**(17.B.i. – To receive and consider the LDSA letter 17.a. and the Town Clerk’s Report below and attachment 17.b.i. and approve the adoption of a more engaged process between the LDSA and the Town Council in the Roundbury Sports Pitches and associated facilities project.**

Background – during the work associated with the development of the Town Vision there have been some discussions and meetings involving the representatives of the Liskeard & District Sports Association (LDSA). This included considering both the Roundbury project and any possible improvement projects at the current sport pitches at Lux Park. There being an issue specific meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The Liskeard & District Sports Association (LDSA) have written regarding the meeting and the items discussed as attached 17.a. The Town Clerk report below and the attachment 17.b.i gives Councillors some more context to the possible improvement of the existing sports pitches which was looked at in 2022.

Liskeard & District Sports Association (LDSA) – has asked to be involved in the design and layout of the facilities 17.a. which is not unreasonable given their knowledge of using the current facilities and the new facilities at Roundbury.

### **Other Points of Relevance to Consider -**

Background - In 2022, time was spent looking at a possible Cornwall Council loan of £40,000 to the Liskeard Town Council to replace the failed floodlights at the School / Lux Park Astro turf. There was even a scheduled Special Council 7th July 2022. However, the advice was that the Town Council could only legally take out a loan from the UK Government / Public Works Loans Board. However, this experience and the feedback through the Facilities Committee Working Party and Town Council helped to support lobbying of Cornwall Council to include in residential planning applications the provision of Section 106 contribution to support the refurbishment of “sports pitches at Lux Park”.

Section 106 / CIL Funding – all of the previously consented schemes are site specific (e.g. Roundbury) – however the Town Council has asked Cornwall Council Planning for the LDSA / Better operated sites to be included...and such funding is being written into legal agreements (attached 17.b.i – This is the Section 106 Agreement relating to the Tencreek planning consent. This is dated 25th July 2024. This includes a new “Off Site Public Open Space Contribution £139,432 ... for outdoor sports improvements at Lux Park or Roundbury...on Page 44”). The intention being to take the Section 106 and match fund with their own (LDSA / Better) and what grant sources they might be able to access to deliver improvement to the current pitches and facilities. The Tencreek development will need to be built to release the Section 106 contribution. This does allow the LDSA / Better a couple of years to design a scheme, obtain the necessary consents and obtain some more detailed costings.

5-year Capital Programme - At its last meeting the Town Council adopted the idea of having a 5 year capital programme in which larger and phased capital projects such as, the proposed Sports Pitches and Associated Facilities at Roundbury, could be planned and applications for grant made.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council approves adopting a more engaged process with the Liskeard & District Sports Association (LDSA) in the Roundbury Sports Pitches and Associated Facilities Project.

**19. NOMINATIONS FOR THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2025/2026 CIVIC YEAR** – To approve the timetable.

**Background** – the current year being an election year, the timescales for the nomination for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2025/2026 Civic year are shorter than usual. The timetable suggested is:

- Nomination forms sent to all Councillors – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 noon
- Closing Date Nomination forms\* – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 noon \* sent to the Town Clerk
- Election Date – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 7.30 pm Annual Council Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the timetable is approved.