

**EXETER GYMNASTICS CLUB – TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Present:**

Yvonne Budd  
Alan Cleave

Richard Franks  
Mike Euridge

Michelle Hamilton-Kendall

**Apologies:**

Meriel Fry

Tim Johns

**In attendance:**

Ian Honor

Helen Honor

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**Minutes of Last Meeting**

*An amendment needed to be made – please confirm?*

**Matters Arising**

- Internet Fundraising – Tim had sent email about how this can be done. Michelle has put together a flyer that could be posted up around the gym club making members aware of this fundraising opportunity.
- Stones Solicitor's Fee: This is pending on the Deeds, which are held by HSBC Bank.
- Cheer Festival: This had proven to be a great success and the Trustees wanted to acknowledge the hard work that Sara Hole had put into organising the event. A date has already been set for next year's event.
- EGC was able to get a grant for £600 from Exeter City Council towards the costs of the Regional Club Judges course.
- Premises Update: Thanks to the Friends and volunteers for running the shop, which is still raising a lot of funds. Risk assessment visits are still ongoing. New CCTV cameras have been installed.

**Treasurers Report**

It was noted that the account for the Cheer Festival would stay in place, but it is envisaged that they would have their own committee and accounts, once they have their constitution in place.

**Premises Report**

Mike introduced Ian and Helen Honor to the Trustees and welcomed them to the meeting. They were both aware that Mike was looking to expand the gym and offered their help as they have experience of getting money/grants and agreed with Mike that they would do the groundwork for this and report back to Trustees.

They both gave a very detailed and thought provoking presentation which highlighted some new areas of looking at expanding. Their main area was to look at the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the project and the options for taking this forward. These are highlighted in Appendix A.

They had contacted numerous groups to support them, these included Active Devon, East Devon Grant Point (dealing with Cranbrook and the Sky Park development), Exeter CC, Devon CC, Sport England. They had also made contact with Jones Laing Lasalle, who are commercial estate agents and help research properties available locally. Although some properties were available, they were not of the size

and location required.

One of the areas which had not been thought of before, but one that Mike and the Trustees were enthusiastic about is to look at making Bull Meadow Road the high performance centre and looking for a satellite venue for the recreational side. Rec would not require such a large facility so the possibilities for finding a venue increased.

There were a few funding streams we could try and access. These will not be available until early 2014, but there is an opportunity to put proposals together ready for applications for funding to be placed. These are:

- Improvement Fund – 2012-2017 – Round 3 expected in 2014 with a possible £150-£550k available. 25% cash partnership funding.
- Inspired Facilities – 2011-14. CVO's upto £50k. LA's and education establishments up to £150k (exceptional, strategic projects). Likely to open for bids October 2013.
- Iconic Facilities. Large scale multisport. Review underway, like to have a low emphasis on regional significance but a higher emphasis on proven strategic facility needs. More info due soon.

The link the gymnastics club has now the St Luke's College of Sports and Science could help towards some of the funding opportunities. For the Iconic Facilities funding they would favour bids where there is a multisport use, but not where the sports governing body is the same.

Mike and the Trustees thanked Ian and Helen for all their hard work. They would be asked to feedback to our next meeting to see how things have progressed.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at at 7:30pm.**

This meeting will be for an update of the Premises review by Ian and Helen.

**APPENDIX A**

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation</li> <li>• Demand</li> <li>• Track Record / performance</li> <li>• Support from British Gymnastics</li> <li>• Current site value</li> <li>• Number of members</li> <li>• Meets health objectives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of available sites</li> <li>• Lack of assets to T/F</li> <li>• Accounts / affordability</li> <li>• Lack of potential sports partners</li> <li>• Lack of ECC having Sports Facility Strategy</li> <li>• Accessibility of current site</li> <li>• Current take up of Sky Park</li> </ul>
<u>Opportunities</u>	<u>Threats</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £500-£600k value</li> <li>• Current site capacity</li> <li>• Sport England funding</li> <li>• Parent power</li> <li>• Educational partners</li> <li>• Sites for new build</li> <li>• New Homes Bonus</li> <li>• Community Infrastructure Levy</li> <li>• Transition to Sky Park</li> <li>• Pyramids</li> <li>• Extend area of search</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial business structure</li> <li>• Affordability</li> <li>• New build seems most viable</li> <li>• Timing and eligibility of Sport England funds</li> <li>• Competition for local community funds</li> <li>• Succession plan</li> <li>• Planning permission</li> </ul>

**OPTIONS**

- Extend Bull Meadow Road
- New build
- Purchase a warehouse/industrial unit
- Wait for council property to come up, i.e Pyramids
- Make Bull Meadow Road the high performance centre – set up satellite venue for Rec
- Sell Bull Meadow Road and release £500-£600k – 2 new properties?
- Adjust expectations