

# Yarborough Leisure Centre Athletics Facilities

## Update meeting

13<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Present: Stuart Blackbourn, CLS  
Keith Taylor, City of Lincoln Council  
Ian George, Marc Afford, Darrell Helas, LWAC

### 1. Bad weather

It was agreed that the two past Thursdays had been problematic as there had been confusion over the availability of the track to LWAC to train on. It was agreed that CLS would make a decision by 3pm on a given day and that LWAC would agree a procedure for cascading this to all coaches.

### 2. Jumps pits

KT reported that a bid to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts had not been successful. However, he said that the funding had been found to move the LJ and TJ run-ups and pits to outside the back straight of the track. There is a short fall of approximately £8000 and a decision of filling that gap will be taken by Councillor Weaver on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

KT said that if Councillor Weaver approves the £8000 then he will get the work done as soon as possible and this might be only 2 or 3 weeks after the decision being made.

KT said he still hopes to find funding to put the PV run-up outside the track along the home straight, next to the stand. This would be one bed with run-ups from either side to provide for different wind conditions.

LWAC members said they would seek funds to create a protective cover for the PV beds so they can be kept out all year. KT estimated this would cost £5000.

### 3. Spraying

KT reported on the spraying of the track and all run-up areas, especially the HJ area. This had not been done yet because the contractor stated that the chemicals only work in temperatures above 10°C. It is likely that we have to wait until March for a period for weather to allow this work to be planned. The first major spray will cost £8000. Each return visit will cost a further £1500. However, this will remove all green matter – moss, lichen, grass - from the running surfaces.

#### **4. Pavilion**

KT reported that funding through the Football Foundation has been secured for the building of a pavilion on the area between the first bend of the athletics track and the cycle track. This will be a shared facility for all the outdoor sports in this area – athletics, cycling and football. It will provide changing and toilet facilities but the exact configuration of the building has yet to be agreed but LWAC will be consulted on their needs. A consultant, Steven Brown, will be in touch.

The pavilion will contain little equipment storage. This will be provided by the erection of three garage/lock-ups in the area of the present storage near the gate. This will also contain the electrics for the new pavilion. The new storage is a separate project and will move more quickly.

LWAC said that storage of their new equipment currently all over YLC is essential.

SB said he will check on the electricity supply to see if it could accommodate an upgrading of the track floodlights.

KT said that upgrading the floodlights might be something that could be done under the pavilion project as this project will also upgrade the outdoor grass pitches. The use of the inner area of the track for football training might provide the opportunity.

#### **5. Other matters**

DH reported that LWAC hope to hold some events this year. Evening open meetings.

KT and SB said they would support this.

KT said it would be good to hold an event when the work on the track is completed to celebrate the improvements.

KT said he would contact Nike UK about attendance at such an event.

DH reported on LWAC's proposals to reduce their waiting list by introducing taster sessions for younger athletes (ages 8 and 9).

SB said that these could be run in conjunction with CLS.

IG reminded of the need to avoid works clashing with or affecting the 5K series over the summer.

Meeting closed at 1:40pm