

'Playing Field' of Dreams - Tregib Sports Facilities

- Working together to fund our new astro - Progress update 16th March 2022

Summary

- We understand the Grant application process for the Welsh Government Facilities programme and will have our initial application ready and agreed with Carmarthenshire County Council by the end of March 2022. CCC think we have a strong application, and if successful we will make our full application to the Welsh Government by mid May 2022. If successful we will

1. Confirming the new surface for the astro

- We need to be in agreement about the Astro surface we want to fit.
- We believe we have the best prospect of grant success if we fit a surface that supports hockey and is also suitable for football and rugby. Tregib is particularly significant in terms of its sports strategy because it offers a surface that can accommodate hockey as well as football and rugby
- Thus at the moment we believe that the surface that achieves the best compromise is an FIH Category 3 turf.

2. Confirming the expected costs of the new surface

- We have refreshed the quotes for the astro surface, thus the costs are:
 - A FIH Category 3 turf will cost in 2023 - £265,000 including VAT
 - LED flood lighting upgrades - £32,097 including VAT
 - **Total cost - £297,097**

3. Progress with the Timetable for the grant applications

The WG Grant funding process has three stages

- **An Expression of Interest** - We are making progress with this and this should be ready and agreed with Carmarthenshire **by the end of March**. We will hear back from the Welsh Government within 30 days. Carmarthenshire are very supportive of our bid and believe that this is a strong bid. If successful we will have 3 months to make a full application.
- **Full application** - Completing this application will require us to have:
 - A range of policies and procedures in place
 - A solid business plan about how we will manage, maintain, and fund further replacements into the future

- Evidence of match funding
- We should aim to submit this by the end of July 2022
- **Assessment** - Once we have made our application we will be visited to check that our application is accurate.
- **Outcome** - We will know the outcome of our application in the Autumn

4. How does this affect our fundraising efforts together

Intended funding sources

Source	Notes	Amount
Grants	WG Community Facilities Grant	£180,000
Members Fundraising	We will need strong evidence of this match funding by the July 2022 to support of WG Application	£30,000
Business Sponsorship	We will need strong evidence of this match funding by the July 2022 to support of WG Application	£20,000
Charitable trusts	Carmarthenshire will support us to apply both local and national to help us. We will also approach sports associations as part of this. We will need evidence of this by July 2022	£30,000
Crowdsourcing	We will also run a crowdsourcing campaign.	£40,000

What do we need now from groups and members to get started?

1. **Group representatives** - We need representatives from each club that uses the Astro to join the coordination group organising these funding bids - there is an active Whatsapp group.
2. **Plans for member fundraising** - We want you to **think about what you can do in your groups to raise money** as part of this process. There are about 13 groups that regularly use the Astro, £30,000 would be £2,300 per group.
3. We have set up a Facebook campaign to support this campaign. **We want groups to link to this page and encourage your individual members to like this page and leave comments about why the Astro is important.** It is really important that we make the 650 people who use the Astro on a typical week visible to funders and people we will need to influence.

In the short term please send your thoughts and comments to tregibsportsfacilities@gmail.com