

09 - 24 Sherford Community Trust Board Member Report for Brixton Parish Council – Sept 2024

Sherford Community Trust Board Meeting 20/09/2024

Meeting was Quorate

Articles of Association

The process of approving the updated Articles of Association are continuing and once the second stage has been completed the third stage of consent can be finalised. Once agreed, they will be registered with Companies House.

Working polices

The SCT are working through several working polices including Safeguarding, Volunteers, complaints, GDPR, Risk assessments and the like.

Training has been arranged for Safeguarding and Health & Safety.

SCT fee

Legal advice has been sourced to review the SCT fee arrangements under the S106 agreement.

First port letter to residents for SCT fees has been amended with consultation from the Working Group. Once legal advice has been received First port will be instructed to collect the future fees.

Brookbanks Update

- The number of houses occupied at the end of June 2024 was 1001.
- Work continues on the sale agreement for the local centre adjacent to Sherford Vale Primary School Land. Subject to finalising the legal agreements, these are hoped to result in submission of a planning application in Q3 2024 with construction commencing in Q2 2025.
- Temporary Shop due to open shortly. (understand that stock is now being ordered).
- Sherford Road – Contractor appointed and awaiting Plymouth highways approval to start. Works are expected to last 10 weeks. Consultation by PCC ends 28th September 2024
- Country Park ongoing. Extended section to be opened shortly
- The legal agreement with the Argyll Community Trust to manage the use of the All-Weather Pitch and grass football pitch has now been issued for signing. All facilities including car park footpaths and cabins are now installed ready for occupation by Argyll Community Trust. Target handover is end of September 2024. See also [Sherford Sports Hub - Argyll Community Trust](https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/facilities/sherford-sports-hub) (<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/facilities/sherford-sports-hub>)
- The primary school extension has now been completed and was in operation prior to the summer holidays.

SCT News

- The SCT Newsletter has been issued.

- Good progress with the Heritage Plan has been made. Visit to the Box complete and Maker Heights booked for October.
- Notice now served on the midwife team with the end of January as the target date for leaving. This is an NHS decision.
- End-of-year accounts for 2023 are now published on the Trust website.
- Skills centre update - A Meeting has been held with NHS Estates, SHDC and Consortium over potential use of the Skills Centre for the temporary doctor's surgery. Financial information has now been received from Brookbanks, and costs are being reviewed. NHS's architects' plans received but final information on specific accommodation needs from the Practice are ongoing.
- The food hub is running well with good weekly demand for food packs. Coordinator to continue overseeing the running of it. Update received and circulated to all.
- RIO - Interim business plan drawn up and further consultation to be held with the Panel for a long-term strategic plan.
- Working-group meetings are now ongoing and community panel meetings are continuing monthly.

Events / Future Events

- Successful Food and Craft Market held on Sunday 8th September with around 450 people attending. Another one is planned for 13th October if enough traders are interested.
- A Bonfire evening with a fire and games/food – no fireworks is being considered. Awaiting Consortium site location.]
- Community Heritage evening to be held on 28th November. Further meeting to be held with the Archaeologist and the Box regarding the format for the evening.
- Skills training planned for the Country Park Group.

Resident engagement meetings with the management companies

New resident engagement meetings via the management companies is under discussion. It was suggested that these are held parcel by parcel in order to manage numbers and be able to hold constructive engagement.

Grant Applications

A grant has been agreed with the Sherford Vale Football Club for a ride-on mower for the new football pitch that they will be maintaining.

Sherford Web Site

New website set up www.sherford.uk.

Consortium contact email - info@sherford.uk