



Members' Briefing

PST / PITC Community Pitch Project

Announcement

The Portsmouth Supporters' Trust, working in partnership with Pompey In The Community, Portsmouth FC Women and Moneyfields FC, are delighted to announce the details of a major new community project which aims to provide a lasting legacy to the city of Portsmouth.

The ambitious plans would see Pompey In The Community take on the current site of Moneyfields FC and build a new community hub, along with two full-size floodlit pitches as part of a £3.5m renovation.

This project will underpin the long-term future of Pompey in the Community, Portsmouth FC Women and Moneyfields FC.

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Details of the Project and the benefits it will deliver to the Community

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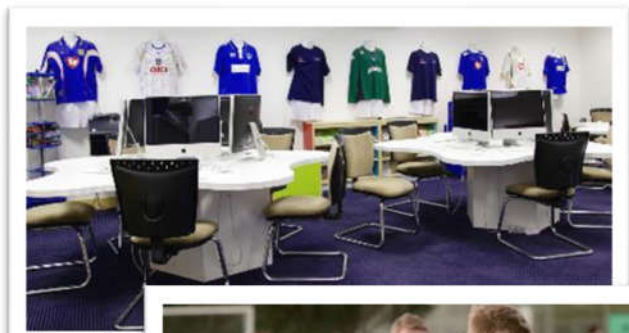
Details of next steps and what needs to happen to approve the project

Moneyfields FC

Moneyfields FC is a local community-based football club with both men's and ladies' teams. The teams were founded in 1987 and 2017 respectively and play at the Moneyfields Sports Ground in Moneyfield Avenue, Baffins, Portsmouth, with the men's team playing in the Southern League Division One South.

In recent years the facilities at Moneyfields have needed more and more maintenance and repairs and this has become a huge burden to a community-based organization. In 2018 it was decided that the site needed to be redeveloped from scratch and planning permission was applied to do so, which was approved in 2019.

However, funding has been tight for the redevelopment and hence the partnership with PITC and PST has been formed. This project will guarantee that Moneyfields has future presence in the city in a brand-new state of the art facility.



Pompey in the Community

Pompey in the Community (PITC) is an award-winning community-based charity that works with around 7,000 people in the region each week on a variety of football, education and social programmes. Much of this work is within schools but many activities require pitches; this includes teams at various ages and levels as well as the Portsmouth FC Junior Girls teams.

They provide access to football for people of all abilities via walking football, amputee, powerchair and other disability squads, as well as offering open access youth provision.

PITC has been recognised as the South East Community Club for three years in succession and in 2019 was named the national Community Club of the Year for the second time.

Based in Anson Road, the charity is independent of Portsmouth FC and as well as sports activities it offers a community hub for life skills coaching, mental health and bereavement groups and much much more.



Project Details

This project will completely rebuild the Moneyfields Sports Ground. It will provide two full size 3G all weather pitches and a new club house and community hub.

The whole site was recently sold to a development company for partial housing. As part of the project PITC will be granted the freehold of the land for the pitches and community centre, providing them with a long term base for their coaching and sports operations.

The new club house will include a seated covered stand, two classrooms, a function hall and a gym. Full changing room facilities will be provided for users of the two pitches, which will be suitable for PITC's use during the week, for Portsmouth FC Women's training needs and Moneyfield's use on match days.

Planning permission has already given for the scheme and it only allow the developers to sell the rest of the site as housing once the community facility has been gifted and built.

Benefits

PITC currently spends over £120,000 each year on pitch hire at sites as far afield as Alton. By providing them charity with its own facility, PITC can expand the breadth of its community services more easily and reduce the time spent travelling between sites.

PFCW spend a large proportion of their income on 3G training pitches. Their future plans include a reserve team/development squad and this will give them a base to play at along with the 1st team and juniors.

Moneyfields has been facing an uncertain future due to the costs of maintaining and redeveloping an old facility.

Passing the freehold over to PITC means that other sources of funding can be accessed and the development can be completed.

As part of the partnership, Moneyfields' right to use the site will be guaranteed, ensuring a bright future for a local club in a new ground.



Project Costs and Funding

The total cost of the project is £3.5 million with PITC accessing £3 million from various funding sources. To achieve this, they need the following from us.

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Donations from PST member and the public	250,000
PST matched contribution £1 for £1	<u>250,000</u>
	500,000

The hope is that we can raise even more than the £250,000 and this will go towards the kitting out of the classrooms and delivering educational courses for the community.

Aspirational Timetable

Jan 2020	Approval from PST Members
Jan 2020	PITC fundraising commences and grant funding applications made
April 2020	Crowdfunding complete
May 2020	Commencement of development
August 2021	Development Completion
September 2021	Official Opening

Approval from PST Members

Although the rules of the PST allow the PST Board to approve this project on its own discretion, the Board feels that the sum involved is too large to not consult its members.

Therefore, you will find enclosed with this information instructions on how to vote on a members' resolution to approve the funding of this project up to a maximum of £250,000.

If the resolution is passed, then the PST Board will enter the Trust into an agreement with PITC to safeguard the funding for the purpose identified in this briefing. The Board will ensure that appropriate controls and safeguards are put in place over our contribution. A full Board Vote will take place prior to the transfer of Trust funds to ensure that the Board is satisfied that the appropriate due diligence is in place.

We hope that you'll agree that this is a fantastic opportunity to leave a lasting legacy from the period of fan ownership of Pompey with real community impact.