

Conversation with Rebecca Clayton, Sports Development Officer, 21st August 2007.

The rationale for speaking with Becky was that Councillor Newnes mentioned that Becky was present at the meeting called to initiate the Football Development Plan.

I informed Becky that I'm carrying out a local investigation but provided no further details. Key areas discussed are detailed below:

- Becky confirmed that she attended a meeting held on 21st January 2007 at 7.00 p.m. to discuss a 'Football in Bromsgrove Development Proposal'. The meeting was attended by representatives from local schools, sports clubs and the Council.

A hard copy of the proposal was obtained from Becky and is held on file. See A14.

- Becky recalls that there was a discussion around who should Chair the meeting. It was agreed that Councillor Newnes would act as Chair.
- Becky perceives that the proposals put forward at the meeting were good for football development within Bromsgrove. The proposal was to address the fact that Bromsgrove youths are playing under Bristol Rovers (in accordance with the link to Bromsgrove Town Football Club) when they could be playing under Bromsgrove Rovers in the Midlands Junior Premier Football League.

Becky confirmed that the structure proposal was prepared by Brian McGuinness of Bromsgrove Town Football Club.

- Between January and June Becky definitely attended one more meeting and may have attended two.
- At the meeting held on 19th June a proposed constitution was discussed.

A hard copy of the meeting agenda and the proposed constitution was obtained from Becky and is held on file. See A15 and A16.

- Following the June meeting Becky was asked to withdraw from the Committee by John Godwin, the Acting Head of Culture & Community Services.
- Becky believes that Brian McGuinness has now withdrawn from the committee.