

North Somerset Athletic Club: Back The Track Appeal Constitution.

Back The Track Campaign Appeal Background:

North Somerset AC is a self funding voluntary sector members club that is open to anyone who wishes to be involved in track and field and endurance athletics. The club is managed by a committee of volunteers led by Steve Coghlan and is affiliated to the sports governing body UKA/England Athletics. The club is also a registered Community Action Sports Club, CASC and working towards Club Mark accreditation. The training is delivered by UKA qualified Coaches led by Head Coach Chris Millard.

The appeal is due to the clubs success particularly in the junior age groups to which the club has identified a huge demand for this type of activity. It is also clear that there is a serious lack of facilities for athletics in the North Somerset area. The success of the campaign will see significant opportunities for all in the sport and support/encourage life long healthy lifestyles in young people and make available facilities for the young people of the area who are identified as potential high performers to reach their full potential.

Back The Track:

The "Back The Track" campaign is an appeal initiated by North Somerset Athletic Club for the above reasons. Its purpose and objective is to raise money towards the funding, development and equipping of a indoor athletics and multisport training facility, incorporating an indoor eight lane straight track, field event practice areas, Sports hall and gym together with ancillary facilities for changing etc. The word 'field' is used as a form of shorthand to encompass all athletics disciplines of running, throwing and jumping.

Appeal Committee:

An appeal committee will exist and shall comprise no fewer than five individuals. The committee will consist of a Chair, treasurer, secretary and working groups, fundraising, Business plan, grants, Buildings and location. All members should be approved by the committee of North Somerset AC. The Appeal Committee will act as a sub-committee of the North Somerset AC Committee and minutes of meetings will be kept and submitted to the full committee for approval.

Appeal Target Groups:

Requests for financial support for this appeal will be made to members, families and friends of North Somerset Athletic Club, members of the public and businesses in the North Somerset area. Grant applications will be made to local and national sporting charities, The National Lottery including associated charities/funds and national business schemes.

Financial Management:

A separate account entitled 'Back The Track' will be established with a commercial bank. A minimum of three signatures will be required to execute account business. Monies received will be banked at the earliest opportunity.

In the event that any conditional grant is made the appeal committee will be responsible for ensuring that the condition or conditions are fully met. In the event of any difficulty arising, which prevents the conditions being met, the donor will be consulted and if necessary the grant will be returned.

The target sum for this appeal is £400,000. At the appropriate time this or any lesser sum raised will be transferred to the principal body responsible for the completion of the development contingent on the track being completed and commissioned for use in full. At this time the appeals account will be closed and the appeals committee disbanded.

In the event that money is raised and the track not completed, major donors will be asked if they would agree to their grant being used for the development of athletics more widely within the County or offered the option of a full refund. Any other monies will be used to support other similar sports initiatives with CASC affiliated organizations who will be requested to submit bids where a formal panel decision will be made by the appeals committee.

In the event that a sum greater than £400,000 is raised or more than necessary to complete the project the difference between that and the amount raised will be held in trust and used at the discretion of the North Somerset AC committee for the replacement and maintenance of athletic equipment and for the development of athletics throughout the County.

