

LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST

TRUST MEETING – 18 April 2017 - 43

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST held in the Council Chamber at Claremont House on Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Trustees D Biddle (Chairman), B Berryman, R Christodoulides, C Harris, H Ives, C Legg, D Pugh (late arrival) and K White

In Attendance: One member of the public
Mrs J Smailes – Trust Secretary
Miss C Wheeler – Assistant Secretary

Trustee Biddle informed all present that no practice fire evacuation had been scheduled for the duration of the meeting. All attendees were then informed of the locations of the nearest fire exits.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Trustees Pearman and Street.

2. **SITE MEETING WITH LYDNEY RUGBY CLUB AND TRUST'S GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTOR**

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the notes of the meeting on Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 10.00 am. Noted.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **DOG FOULING ON RECREATION TRUST LAND**

S106 Implications

The Trust Secretary reported that the Planning Officer at Forest of Dean District Council had advised that the erection of the proposed perimeter fencing would not compromise the S106 contributions which had been secured as a result of historical planning applications. Members were informed that the Solicitor at Forest of Dean District Council had also been approached regarding the ability to ban dogs from the ground. The Trust Secretary reported that said Officer had advised that the Trust land could be construed as private land; notices could therefore be erected publicising the prohibition of dogs from the site and this could be further supported by a Public Space Protection Order if official enforcement was required. Noted.

Prohibition of Dogs from Pitch Areas

It was **proposed by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Berryman**, that the Trust would ban dogs from pitch areas and would erect signage and fencing as necessary. Unanimous.

Design of Perimeter Fence

Members were asked to consider the erection of a perimeter fence which was in keeping with the styles already evident on site. Members were provided with two layout options for the perimeter fencing and they were asked to consider which route they wished to fence. The Trust Secretary also advised that only one actual quote had been received (Quote 1); two contractors had declined to quote for the work.

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A short discussion then ensued during which the Trust Secretary informed Trustees of the need to slightly amend the number of pedestrian/vehicle gates/fencing line to that shown on the plans. It was **proposed by Trustee Ives, seconded by Trustee Harris**, that the Trust would accept Quote 1 at a cost of £9,200.00 and would utilise the fencing route shown in layout 2, with Delegated Powers bestowed on the Trust Secretary to make minor alterations to the number of gates/fencing line. Unanimous.

Action by – the Trust Secretary

Relocation of Boulder Stones

Members were asked to consider the relocation of the boulder stones which had been placed on the vehicular bridge by the Skate Park therefore enabling vehicular access. Members were informed of the need to erect appropriate gating to the bridge to prevent access by unauthorised vehicles or removable bollards, should the decision be taken to relocate the boulders.

After a short discussion, during which concern was expressed that appropriate security locks and chains needed to be used on any such gates, it was **proposed by Trustee Berryman, seconded by Trustee Legg** that Delegated Powers would be bestowed on the Trust Secretary, Chairman and Deputy Chairman to arrange for the relocation of the boulder stones from the vehicle bridge and to arrange for appropriate gating or removable bollards and security measures to be installed. Unanimous.

Action by – the Trust Secretary, Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Erection of Signage

Prior to the meeting Trustees were provided with details of the proposed signage which would be erected to advertise the prohibition of dogs from the pitch area. It was **proposed by Trustee Ives, seconded by Trustee Harris**, that 6 signs would be purchased at £16.00 plus VAT per sign. Unanimous.

Action by – the Trust Secretary

Press Release

Trustees were asked to consider issuing a joint press release with Lydney Rugby Club to publicise the reasons behind the prohibition of dogs from the sports areas and to encourage responsible dog owners to continue to enjoy the area around the Lake and Cambourne Meadow. It was unanimously agreed that a joint press release would be issued; that Lydney Rugby Football Club would initially draft the release and forward to the Trust Secretary for approval prior to publication.

Action by – Lydney Rugby Football Club

5. PITCH MAINTENANCE

Attention was drawn to the concerns which had been raised by Lydney Rugby Football Club representatives during the site meeting on 28 March 2017. The desire to raise the standard of the pitches through the use of in-house means was expressed to Trustees. It was felt that this could be a future project for the Town Council's Groundstaff, when equipment and labour levels permitted, and Trustees were advised that any such work may result in an on-cost to Clubs which used the facilities. It was agreed that the matter would be a future agenda item to consider if such improvement work could be undertaken in 2018.

Action by – the Trust Secretary

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It was noted that no communication had been received from Lydney Cricket Club regarding the use of the second Cricket Square.

Regarding the rolling of the pitch, Trustees noted that the ground would be rolled by the Trust's Grass Cutting Contractor as part of the initial cut. Trustees were reminded that they had previously granted consent for a further two cuts to be undertaken on the Trust's land, if required, the cost of which would be £420 plus VAT per cut. Noted.

6. **OVERFLOW PARKING**

Prior to the meeting Trustees were provided with a copy of the response which the Trust Secretary had e-mailed to the Chairman of Lydney Rugby Club. It was noted that historically the Trust had agreed that the Club held priority use of the overflow car park.

Trustee Pugh arrived at this point.

7. **DONATION REQUEST**

It was **proposed by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Berryman**, that the Trust would request a further donation of £10,000 from Lydney Town Council towards the cost of the perimeter fencing. Vote carried.

Action by – the Trust Secretary

The meeting closed at 6.57 pm.

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Chairman



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