

LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST

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THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST held in the Council Chamber at Claremont House on Thursday 2 May 2013 at 1.30 pm.

Present: Trustees D Biddle (Chairman), B Berryman, D Cooksley, D Edwards, V Hobman, B Pearman, A Preest and B Thomas.

In Attendance: Mrs J Smailes – Trust Secretary
Miss C Wheeler – Assistant Secretary
Miss K Hammond – Admin Assistant

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Trustees R Bonser, C Harris, W Osborne, S Osborne and C Matthews.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **LAND LEASED FROM LYDNEY PARK ESTATE**

Prior to the meeting Trustees were provided with a copy of the quotation which had been received from Richard Cole Contractors for the clearance of the land leased from Lydney Park Estate which lay to the rear of the Cricket Pavilion on the recreation ground.

The Secretary reminded Trustees that the Trust had previously resolved to hand back the land. The Secretary advised that Lydney Park Estate were agreeable to taking back the land provided that it had been cleared to their satisfaction.

The Secretary informed Trustees that Lydney Town AFC had recently expressed concern over the number of trees which lay to the rear of their clubhouse and sited within the aforementioned area.

Trustee Edwards queried if the work could be undertaken by Lydney Town Council ground staff and if the Trust was obliged to obtain three quotes. In response the Secretary advised that three quotes were not required under the Standing Orders and it was not possible for Lydney Town Council ground staff to undertake the job as it was specialised work. Furthermore Lydney Town Council ground staff were fully committed due to work at the cemetery and St. Mary's closed churchyard, plus any such work would also result in a charge; i.e recharge by Lydney Town Council to Lydney Recreation Trust.

During discussion Trustee Thomas put forward the question as to whether the Trust need to clear the site and queried the presence of Japanese knotweed. In response the Secretary advised that Richard Cole Contractors had quoted to clear the whole area and that the contractor was engaged for their expertise in such matters. Following the clearance Lydney Park Estate will then inspect the area and immediately take back the land provided they were satisfied with the work.

Trustee Cooksley queried if the land could be put to alternative use i.e. - a seating area, and he was advised by Trustee Biddle that the Trust originally leased the land to be used as a car park, however the Trust had never utilised the land for this use.



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Trustee Preest directed members to the quote from Richard Cole Contractors and questioned if said clearance included collection of litter. The Secretary advised that Lydney Town Council staff would look to address the litter as long as it was not too large an amount. Trustees were advised that the area would be cleared from the band hut to the rear of the football pavilion; however no trees would be removed from the site as per the terms of the current lease.

Trustee Edwards felt that the project did not need to be undertaken on an urgent basis as Lydney Park Estate had not asked for the land to be returned. As such he asked if the task could be addressed as a 6 month project.

The Secretary re-iterated that the Trust had previously resolved to hand back the land and that work needed to be undertaken as soon as possible due to the rapid spring growth of the vegetation.

Trustee Hobman spoke in support of the land being returned to Lydney Park Estate as she felt it to be an on-going liability to the Trust.

Trustee Berryman proposed that the quote from Richard Cole Contractors for the value of £1092.00 plus VAT be accepted **seconded by Trustee Pearman**. Unanimous.

For information only

Trustee Biddle informed fellow Trustees that he had received an approach regarding the possibility of a 'Skate Jam' at Lydney Skate Park during the summer months. Trustees were advised that this would be a collaborative event between a number of organisations in the town and a possible date for the event had been identified as 21 July 2013. Accordingly Trustee Biddle requested that the matter be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.41 pm.

Chairman


Date
