

# LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST

TRUST MEETING – 15 August 2016 - 16

THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST held in the Council Chamber at Claremont House on Monday 15 August 2016 at 2.30 pm.

**Present:** Trustees D Biddle (Chairman), B Berryman, R Christodoulides, B Pearman and A Preest

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Smailes – Trust Secretary  
Miss K Hammond – Assistant Secretary/Admin Assistant

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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 Trustee Beddis, Harris, Ives and Street.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Trustee Preest – item 4: Land at East Marsh

3. **LYDNEY TOWN AFC**

Prior to the meeting Trustees were provided with a copy of the new gate plan and were asked to consider the request made by the Club to restrict vehicular access to the front of the clubhouse on match days only.

The Club wished to provide a safe vehicle free zone in front of the clubhouse by installing gates which would avoid any possibility of pedestrians being knocked down by vehicles (as highlighted recently by a near miss when a child ran out of the club when vehicle was approaching) it would also provide safe access for players from the changing rooms to the pitch on match days. The new arrangement would also allow for spectators on match days to access the club and refreshment outlet without exiting the ground. Furthermore, Trustees noted that the gates would be of wooden construction in line with the ground fencing.

Following a short discussion and although Trustees had no objections to the area shown in the proposed plan, it was noted that the Trust would accept no liability for any issues which may arise regarding encroachment onto Lydney Park Estate land by Lydney Town AFC; any/all future re-instatement works would therefore be the responsibility of Lydney Town AFC and not the Trust. The Trust would also accept no liability for the maintenance of said land/continuous maintenance of the surface (i.e the replacement of scalplings/potholes etc) which remains outside of the Clubs lease agreement.

It was **proposed by Trustee Pearman, seconded by Trustee Berryman** that the Trust would allow for Lydney Town AFCs' proposal to restrict vehicular access to the front of the Clubhouse on match days only, with the Club being informed of the Trusts stance regarding encroachment onto Lydney Park Estate land and the maintenance of said land. Unanimous.

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Action by – the Trust Secretary

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Trustee Berryman advised that he had been approached by a number of residents who had complaints regarding the number of wild rabbits on Lydney Recreation Trust ground/playing field. He further advised that there had been similar complaints on the Aylburton playing field and as such he would be able to provide the Trust Secretary with the contact details of someone who could remove them from site. Noted.

**Action by – the Trust Secretary and Trustee Berryman**

4. **LAND AT EAST MARSH**

Trustees were asked to consider whether the Trust wished to submit a bid for the land currently offered for sale by Gloucestershire County Council. The land consists of 5.93 acres/ 2.4 hectares of marsh land/amenity land off Lydney Bypass.

It was advised that the majority of the site is marsh land and is allocated in Forest of Dean District Councils Local Plan as a 'Key Wildlife Site' and identified as an 'Important Open Area suitable for recreation use'.

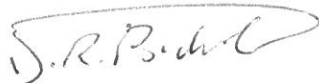
During discussion, queries were raised as to the commercial value of said land, how much would need to be further invested, the on-cost regarding insurance, all of such would need to be considered if the Trust were to purchase the land.

Trustee Biddle felt that there could be a possibility for future tourism opportunities as organisations such as the Wildlife Trust and Environmental Trust had expressed an interest in the rare plants that are sited on the land.

Following a further short discussion it was **proposed by Trustee Biddle** that the Trust would 'register an interest' and offer a nominal bid of £1.01 for the land at East Marsh. Unanimous.

**Action by – the Trust Secretary**

The meeting closed at 2.55 pm.



**Chairman** .....

**Date** ..... 26.09.2016 .....