MEETING OF THE TRUST – 22nd March 2021 - 15

MINUTES OF THE BATHURST PARK AND RECREATION TRUST Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 8.56 pm.

Present: Trustees R Kemsley (Chairman), J Carr, A Harley, R Holmes (Vice Chair),

S Holmes, W Leach, P Macklin, S Stockham

In Attendance: Mr S Holley – Trust Secretary

Mrs C Whittington – Lydney Town Council's Assistant Clerk/Minute Taker

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received. Trustees Greenwood and Preest were absent.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Kemsley proposed the acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting of the Trust held on 25th January 2021 as a correct record. Seconded by Trustee S Holmes. Vote CARRIED.

4. OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

4.1 Approval of Schedule of Payments

Proposed by Trustee Kemsley, seconded by Trustee Stockham and unanimously APPROVED Appendix 1

4.2 Trial Balance and Financial Accounts for Month 11

Noted. The Trust Secretary was asked to ascertain from Lydney Town Council's Finance Assistant why a payment of £300 had been made against the Fireworks budget. Trustees to be advised of explanation.

Action by – Trust Secretary

5. **FUTURE OF THE TRUST**

Following a training session on Charitable Trusts conducted by Lydney Town Council's Solicitor in December 2020, the Trust was asked to consider if it wished to commence investigations into merging the Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust with Lydney Recreation Trust. It was noted that the assets of each Trust would need to remain in charity and that such a merger would enable efficiencies to be made.

It was AGREED that the Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust should follow the same approach as agreed by Lydney Recreation Trust, namely that further investigations would be conducted on a possible merger.

Action by – Trust Secretary

6. TRUST SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Trust noted that the following events/activities would take place in the Park, as a result of consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman:-

• Installation of temporary artwork next to the Bandstand by the #LoveYourForest campaign.

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- Easter Holiday Hunger for Young People organised by the Forest Voluntary Action Forum.
- Baby and toddler class to be run between 29th March 2021 and 12th April 2021.

It was noted that a number of repairs would be conducted on the Pavilion building. Furthermore, that the Tenant of the café would operate a takeaway service from the hatch from 26th March, with seating to be provided outside from 12th April 2021 in accordance with the Government roadmap for coming out of Covid restrictions.

7. **FIREWORKS**

The Trust was requested to consider a report from Lydney Town Council's Grants and Events Administrator providing an overview of proposals for the 2021 event and seeking direction from the Trust on the following matters.

Event Format – That the format for the 2021 event would follow the same as previous years as outlined in the report with an event budget of £8,500.00. It was felt that the Trust may wish to change the format for the 2022 event.

Lead Trustee for Event – Trustee Kemsley

Admission Charge - Adults - £5.00; 5yr to 16 yr - £2.00; under 5s - free

Danter's Admission Charge - £160.00

Attendance Charge for Light Up Novelty Trader - £80.00

Additional External Catering Provision – None. Catering at the event will only be provided by Danters and the Pavilion Café Tenant

Delegated Powers – Bestowed on the Trust Secretary to oversee event arrangements

The above proposals were Proposed by Trustee Kemsley and Seconded by Trustee Harley. Vote CARRIED.

It was noted that future topics for consideration would be provision of volunteers to assist Trustees with marshalling the event and investigations into the possible operation of a cashless payment system. During discussion the use of Eventbrite was suggested as an alternative cashless system. Whilst it was noted that the Trust did not provide an internet/WiFi signal at the Park, Trustee Leach advised that he had livestreamed an event from the Park and that he had experience of taking card payments at remote locations. The Trust Secretary gave a commitment to request that Lydney Town Council's Grants and Events Administrator make contact with Trustee Leach to discuss his experience.

Action by – the Trust Secretary

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Trust Secretary reported that an e-mail had been received from a member of the public congratulating the Trust on the appearance of the Park. NOTED.

9. TRUSTEES' REPORTS

(i) Trustee Harley had received compliments on the amount of wildlife which could be viewed at the lake and on the provision of benches close to the disabled parking area.

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(ii) Trustee Kemsley reported that a letter had been published in the local press complaining that opening the Park at 8.00 am in the morning was too late. Lydney Town Council's Assistant Clerk advised that the opening hours for the Park had not changed (8.00 am until Dusk) and that the 'sports' side of the park was open 24 hours whereas the Ladies Park and the Memorial Gardens were open in line with the Park's opening hours.

Note: The following Minutes are made available to the Public for openness and transparency. The Trust approves Confidential Minutes with substantially the same content, but with the inclusion of names of individuals or other parties when appropriate. Other Confidential business (such as legal matters and employment issues) may appear in the Public Minutes in summary, or as an Agenda /Minute heading only.

10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Trust RESOLVED to continue in 'Closed Session' as the following business to be conducted was considered to be of a confidential nature.

11. PAVILION CAFÉ – RENT REVIEW

The Trust unanimously AGREED that the rent review should be conducted in line with the signed lease.

The meeting closed at 9.33 pm.		
Chairman	Date	

Appendix 1

