

LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST

MEETING OF THE TRUST – 29th November 2021 - 23

MINUTES OF THE LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 29th November 2021 at 8.35 pm

Present: Trustees R Kemsley (Chairman), A Harley, C Harris, R Holmes, S Holmes, W Leach, P Macklin, L Penny, T Saunders, E Taylor and S Thomas-Brown.

In Attendance: Mr S Holley – Trust Secretary
Mrs C Whittington – Lydney Town Council's Assistant RFO/FA

1. **APOLOGIES**

The Trust NOTED Apologies for absence received from Trustees Cave, Stockham, Thomas-Brown and Vaughan. Trustee Greenwood was absent.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Kemsley Proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of the Trust held on 29th November be approved as a correct record. APPROVED with three abstentions.

4. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

4.1 **To consider for approval a Schedule of Payments to be made by the Trust.**

The Chair Proposed approval of the payments listed. APPROVED unanimously. In response to a member's question the Trust Secretary advised the work for the skatepark electric had been completed and the electric connections by Western Power had included a further payment of £998. The additional money to be taken from Unallocated Reserves.

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4.2 **Trial Balance, Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Report and Bank Reconciliation for Month 7**

NOTED.

5. **PROPOSAL FOR PUMP TRACK - UPDATE**

No report provided.

6. **CHARGE FOR FUNFAIR ON HAMS ROAD**

The Trustees were advised the Funfair was charged £352 on operational days and £90.20 for non-operational days. The office would look into what other towns charged and the Trust could discuss any increase at the January meeting.

Action – Trust Secretary

7. **STRATEGIC PLAN**

(a) The Trust was requested to come up with suggestions for the Strategic Plan to implement over the next 3 – 5 years. The Trust was also requested to consider how best to make use of its Unallocated Reserves. Suggestions for further investigation included:

- Improving the footpath around the lake.
- Providing low level (sensory) lighting around the lake and lighting up the island.

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- Tidying up the fenced areas.
- Creating a Community Garden with fruit trees – near the lake
- Improving or replacing the Skatepark also to be looked into, which could be partly funded by S106 money and Grant funding.

(b) The Trust Secretary advised reconsidering the proposal to obtain a VAT report on implications for Charitable Organisations to confirm the legal position would be a starting point to enable the Trustees to make a decision of the future of the Trust. The cost would be £600 to be split £300 each Trust. Once VAT advice sought any further discussion considering altering the current format of the Trusts would involve a discussion with the benefactors.

8. DRAFT BUDGET 2022/23

The draft Budget had been prepared by Officers and circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed by Trustee Kemsley from the Chair and Unanimously APPROVED.

9. GRAFFITI ART

Trustee Penny advised that she had been looking into displaying art work around the recreation area and wanted opinions on ideas. Boards could be put up that could be cleaned and would give young people their own place which would give them trust and respect to the property. The back of the skatepark ramps could be used as a temporary measure due to the discussion of updating the skatepark. The Trustees could set up a workshop to engage with the community. Trustees felt it gave a better impression calling it street art rather than graffiti. It was agreed the garages were not the appropriate place for street art, but that they would benefit by being cleaned up. *Trustee Harris left the meeting at this point.*

Action – Trust Secretary

10. FORMER WILDFLOWER AREA

Trustees discussed the wildflower area at the back of the properties that border the lake. The Grounds Team could remove the banked area, and sow grass seed with low-cost rubber matting as a hard wearing surface for cars that would be considerably cheaper than tarmac. Trustee Kemsley agreed extra parking provision would be welcomed. Various options of covering the area to were discussed which could provide additional disabled parking or provide a covered area for mobility scooters. The office to price up various floor coverings.

Action – Trust Secretary

11. PEST CONTROL AT LAKE

The Trust Secretary had received numerous complaints regarding the number of rats around the lake. In response, the Trust had installed replacement litter bins with rat bait sections securely built into their base. Subsequently, the Angling Club had expressed concern about flood water washing poison out. The pest control company had advised the amount of poison in each bin was negligible and, if diluted by floodwater, would have no effect on fish stocks. The Angling Club had removed the bait bins themselves prior to a flood event but had been advised by the Trust Secretary that only the pest control company should remove the boxes. Trustee Kemsley Proposed the bait boxes be removed during the winter APPROVED with one abstention.

Action – Trust Secretary

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12. **GEESE AT THE LAKE**

No recent complaints - to remain an agenda item for next meeting.

13. **TRUST SECRETARYS REPORT**

No Report

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence

15. **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

Trustee Leach felt the sign by the bypass roundabout should be removed or replaced and queried whether the sign was the Recreation Trust property or the Angling Club. Trustee Kemsley agreed it should be removed or replaced.

Action – Trust Secretary

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chair.....

Date.....

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*AGENDA ITEM
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25/11/2021		Lydney Recreation Trust 21/22										Page 46	
18:09		PRELIMINARY PURCHASE DAYBOOK										User: CEHW	
Creditors for Month No 8				Order by Invoices Entered								Nominal Ledger Analysis	
Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Ref No	Supplier A/c Name	Supplier A/c Code	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total	A/C	Centre	Amount	Analysis Description		
29/10/2021	200527		COUNTRYWIDE GROUNDS COU		605.00	121.00	726.00	4245	200	605.00	October Grass Cutting		
14/11/2021	8696		FOREST EQUIPMENT	FES001	35.62	7.12	42.74	4210	200	35.62	School Holiday Litterpick		
01/11/2021	3636		PEST CONTROL	FOD002	55.00	11.00	66.00	4200	200	55.00	Mthly Pest Control		
05/11/2021	5456		PETER NEALE	PSN001	570.00	114.00	684.00	4200	200	570.00	Repair to Bridge Railings		
TOTAL INVOICES					<u>1,265.62</u>	<u>253.12</u>	<u>1,518.74</u>			<u>1,265.62</u>			
VAT ANALYSISCODE S @ 20.00%					1,265.62	253.12	1,518.74						
TOTALS					<u>1,265.62</u>	<u>253.12</u>	<u>1,518.74</u>						

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