

DRAFT MINUTES PENDING CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RECREATION GROUND, BATH

Thursday, 19th April, 2012

Present: Councillor David Dixon in the Chair
Councillors Tim Ball and Nathan Hartley

Also attending: Councillor Manda Rigby

32 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Administrator drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure

33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

There was none

35 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was none

36 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The Chair informed the meeting that notice had been given of 4 Questions from Mr Peter Downey. The Chair read out the Questions and his replies. A copy of the Questions and Answers document (which was circulated at the meeting) is attached to these Minutes as an *Appendix*.

The Chair stated that Mr Downey had also given notice to make a Statement regarding the Recreation Ground Development. At the Chair's request, Mr Downey made his Statement in which he referred to various matters. The Chair responded appropriately.

The Chair referred to a letter received from Jill McGarrigle objecting to the use of the Recreation Ground. He stated that a reply would be provided shortly.

37 MINUTES: THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2011

The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair

38 UPDATE ON GENERAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The Board considered a report by the Adviser to the Bath Recreation Ground Trustees which provided an update on general management issues at the Recreation Ground. He reported on some of the issues included therein.

Members commented on the popularity of the Recreation Ground regarding bookings and the initiative taken to create a management process to reduce conflicts on the use of facilities between Bath Lacrosse and Bath Rugby when home fixtures coincide.

RESOLVED to note the report

39 EVENTS AND SPORTS LETTINGS UPDATE

The Parks and Estate Manager submitted a report which provided an update on lettings made at the Recreation Ground since the report to the Board at its last meeting. He stated that the popularity of the Recreation Ground did produce problems in creating a programme of events.

The Chair commented on the booking process and was pleased that most conflicts could be resolved.

RESOLVED to note the report

40 BUDGET POSITION FOR BATH RECREATION GROUND TRUST AND STRATEGIC REVIEW TO 31 MARCH 2012

The Board considered the report of the Assistant Management Accountant which (1) gave details of the Recreation Ground spend to 31st March 2012 against the agreed budget for 2011/12 and details of the strategic review spend to 31st March 2012; and (2) recommended that (i) the expenditure to 31st March 2012 on the 2011/12 budget and the strategic review be noted; and (ii) the budget for 2012/13 be approved.

The Head of Business, Finance and Pensions informed the meeting that the Budget for 2011/12 (Appendix 1) did not include outturn figures and that the Budget proposal for 2012/13 (Appendix 3) did not include management costs and there would be a further call on potential surplus.

The Chair stated that there would be a need to budget for extra resources but that the figures would need to be agreed when the outturn report was available.

In the light of this information, it was therefore:

RESOLVED (1) to note the expenditure to 31st March 2012 on the 2011/12 budget and the strategic review; and (2) approve the budget for 2012/13 subject to final outturn figures being considered at the next meeting.

41 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair stated that the date of the next meeting would need to be agreed between Trustees and Officers.

(Note: Immediately after the meeting closed, the Chair announced that the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 26th July 2012 at 6.30pm)

The meeting ended at 6.45 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

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**BATH RECREATION GROUND TRUST BOARD MEETING
11TH APRIL 2012**

- (1) Notice has been given of the following Questions for this meeting and these are set out below:

Questions from: Peter Downey

1. Can the Chair advise the process and procedures required to make a decision on the Recreation Ground's redevelopment?
2. On what date did the Rec Trust make a Proposal/Scheme to the Charity Commission on the future of the Rec? If they did, what was proposed and has there been any response from the Charity Commission?
3. Has the Charity Commission stated its position on the Rec and have they accepted the principle of the "Land Swap"?
4. Is there a detailed timetable for the granting of Landlord's Consent for the redevelopment of the West Stand?

Answers from: The Chair

1. The Charity Commission's website explains the processes available to charities to amend their governing documents. Guidance notes entitled "Changing your charity's governing document (CC36)" may be helpful.
2. The Chair of Trustees wrote to the new Case Officer at the Commission on 21st December. The correspondence set out the proposals that had received the support of the overwhelming majority of beneficiaries after the consultation conducted last year. Independent land valuations and proposed heads of terms for leases in respect of the Sports and Leisure Centre and Bath Rugby were also included.

The Charity Commission have responded and a meeting is scheduled during the last week of April to discuss the proposals and next steps.

Once details of a scheme have been agreed, full details (including proposed lease terms and land valuations) will be published. It is envisaged that a timetable of next steps will also be published.

3. The Charity Commission has indicated in the past that the idea of a land swap has merit but that the previous proposal, which used Firs Field, did not satisfy the requirement that the package of benefits should outweigh detriments.
4. Not at this point. Any development would also require full public consultation through the planning system.

(2) Notice has been given of a Statement by Peter Downey relating to the Recreation Ground Development

NOTE: A letter of objection to the use of the Recreation Ground has been received from Jill McGarrigle to which the Chair will respond in due course