

DRAFT MINUTES PENDING CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RECREATION GROUND, BATH

Thursday, 21st June, 2012

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

Also attending: Councillor Brian Webber (Abbey Ward)

1 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Administrator drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

There was none

4 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was none

5 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The Chair referred to a Question received from Jill McGarrigle and his answer which had been circulated to Members and the public. He stated that the document also included a number of Questions from David Greenwood which were received outside the due Notice period. The replies to these Questions would be sent to Mr Greenwood direct within 7 days. The Administrator informed the meeting that copies would be provided for those people wishing to be informed of the replies accordingly. (Note: The Question and Answer document is attached to these Minutes as an Appendix).

6 MINUTES: THURSDAY 19TH APRIL 2012

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

7 UPDATE ON GENERAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The Board considered a report by the Advisor to the Board of Bath Recreation Ground Trustees which provided an update on general management issues at the Recreation Ground. He expanded on the issues in the report and drew particular attention to the repair and maintenance of the fence/gate at the rear of the Sports

Centre for which additional funding of £3,000 would be required – this would be covered in the financial report to be considered later in the meeting.

He referred to matters raised with him by the Ward Councillor Brian Webber which included derelict huts at the tennis courts on the Rec which would be removed; the poor condition of land at the rear of the Convent on which action was being taken; and that some repair work would be undertaken at the Pavilion. These matters would be covered in future reports to the Board. The Chair also referred to the theft of lead from the turnstiles which would be replaced shortly.

RESOLVED to note the report

8 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 informed the meeting that unfortunately the Mini Rugby event had to be cancelled due to bad weather, the cost of ground reinstatement being too expensive. The Chair referred to new arrangements with Aquaterra for block bookings for outdoor boot camp events.

RESOLVED to note the report

9 2011/12 FINANCIAL OUTTURN AND 2012/13 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board considered the report of the Assistant Management Accountant which (1) gave details of the Recreation Ground 2011/12 financial outturn spend against budget and the 2012/13 budget review; and (2) recommended the Board to (i) note the financial outturn for 2011/12; and (ii) approve (a) an increase in provision for loan repayment from the available surplus of £28,036 as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report; and (b) changes to the 2012/13 budget as detailed in Appendix 2 and paragraph 5.3 of the report.

The Chair reminded Members of the extra funding of £3,000 required for the repair and maintenance of the gate/fence at the rear of the Sports Centre referred to in Item 7 above. This would increase the revised budget 2012/13 for this item to £9,789. He also referred to the outstanding loan to the Council of £278,195 and the existing provision of £82,300. There was potential to increase this provision by £28,036 from surplus making £110,336 available for loan repayment.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) note the financial outturn for 2011/12;
- (2) approve an increase in provision for loan repayment from the available surplus of £28,036 as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report; and
- (3) approve changes to the 2012/13 budget as detailed in Appendix 2 and paragraph 5.3 of the report, including an increase of £3,000 for repair and maintenance of the gate/fence at the rear of the Sports Centre.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Administrator informed the meeting that the agreed date of the next meeting would be Thursday 4th October 2012 (6.30pm).

The meeting ended at 6.45 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

Prepared by Democratic Services

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**BATH RECREATION GROUND TRUST BOARD MEETING
21ST JUNE 2012**

Notice has been given of the following Question for this meeting and this is set out below:

Question from: Jill McGarrigle

Has permission been granted for the forthcoming season for the erection of the temporary East Stand? If so, who was responsible for this action and when was it given?

Answer from: The Chair

Permission has not yet been granted.

Questions Received Outside Due Notice Period

Questions from: David Greenwood

1. Are you aware of the restrictive covenant which relates to adjoining premises to the Rec which states that no building for the purposes of commercial activity can be erected which causes nuisance, annoyance or prejudicially affects neighbours or adjoining properties?
2. Are you aware that properties in Forester's freehold possession (around 90 neighbouring the Rec) when he made the covenant have been assigned the benefit to enforce via annexation?
3. Do you accept that, as Trustees of the Recreation Ground, you should ensure that you are not breaching or allowing lessees now or in the future to breach any covenants?
4. Are you aware of previous legal advice to Bath Rugby or Trustees which advised them of the possibility that the benefit to enforce the covenant could be claimed by those assignees mentioned in the covenant?

Answer from: The Chair

These Questions were received outside the due Notice period and therefore replies will be sent to Mr Greenwood direct within the next 7 days.

