

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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