

# **DRAFT MINUTES PENDING CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

## **BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RECREATION GROUND, BATH**

Thursday, 7th July, 2011

Present:

Councillors David Dixon, Tim Ball and Nathan Hartley

Also attending: Councillors Manda Rigby and Brian Webber

#### **1 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillor David Dixon was elected Chair of the Board

#### **2 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Administrator to the Board drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure

#### **3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence. At the request of the Chair, the Members and Officers introduced themselves for the benefit of the public attending the meeting.

#### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Councillor Nathan Hartley declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in matters involving the Bath Sports and Leisure Centre as he is a member of Aquaterra Leisure

#### **5 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

There was none

#### **6 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

Statements were made by the following people (copies, if provided, are available in the Minute Book):

- Steve Osgood
- Major Tony Crombie MBE
- Keith McGarrigle
- Pamela Galloway
- Worthy Gilson
- Tony Hooper

Members asked questions for clarification purposes of some of the speakers making statements. The Statements were noted. A copy of the Statement made by Pamela Galloway would be passed to appropriate Councillors and Officers for information.

Questions had been submitted in advance of the meeting from Ian Barclay. He was provided with a copy of the responses which were printed in the Public Speakers document made available at the meeting (see *Appendix* to these Minutes).

## **7 MINUTES: WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2011**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

## **8 UPDATE ON GENERAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

The Board considered a report giving them an update on general management issues at the Recreation Ground.

The Chair requested that the Board's website be updated regarding membership etc.

Councillor Tim Ball referred to the condition of the pitch having returned to normal following the rugby season. The Chair stated that the cricket pitch surface was in good condition.

**RESOLVED** to note the report and express their thanks to the Grounds Maintenance staff for their hard work in improving the playing surface of the Recreation Ground.

## **9 LETTINGS UPDATE**

The Board considered the report on lettings made at the Recreation Ground since the last report to the Board at its meeting in April this year.

Councillor Tim Ball felt that it would be useful to know charges for lettings.

**RESOLVED** to note the report and request Officers to submit a report to the next meeting on lettings charges.

## **10 UPDATE ON CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON FUTURE USES OF THE RECREATION GROUND**

The Board considered a report updating Members on the progress of the Consultation Exercise which closed on 10<sup>th</sup> June this year. Glen Chipp, Advisor to Bath Recreation Ground Trustees, presented a more detailed report on the results of the Consultation. Copies of this report were circulated to members of the public.

The Chair stated that the Consultation Report would be available on the website. Members discussed the report. Councillor Tim Ball stated that consultations were rarely popular. However, he was impressed with this consultation which he considered had been properly done and as accurate as it could be. He therefore moved paragraphs 5.1 – 5.4 ("Next Steps") as recommended at the end of the Report. This was seconded by Councillor Nathan Hartley.

In response to Members' comments regarding a submission document being presented to the Charity Commission, the Advisor to the Bath Recreation Ground Trustees informed the meeting that the public could lobby the Commission after

August. He would notify the speakers and publish details on the website at the appropriate time.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) the Trustees will publish the results of the Consultation Exercise to inform beneficiaries of the results;
- (2) given the overwhelming support for the proposals, the Trustees will draft a submission document to present to the Charity Commission for their consideration;
- (3) the submission will seek to (i) regularise the Sports and Leisure Centre by amending the Charity's objects to include indoor activities; (ii) permit the grant of a new lease to Bath Rugby Club; and (iii) compensate for the lease by enabling the Charity to acquire Lambridge Rugby Ground for the use of beneficiaries; and
- (4) the Trustees will take the necessary advice from its legal and property advisors to review the agreements necessary to complete the scheme.

## **11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chair stated that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 6.30pm in the Guildhall Council Chamber (if available).

The meeting ended at 7.05 pm

Chair(person) .....

Date Confirmed and Signed .....

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