

NEWENT RECREATION GROUND TRUST

(Charity Number 301585)

Minutes of the Newent Recreation Ground Trust virtual meeting on Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 5.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mrs R Wadley, E Heathfield, Mrs C Howley, Mrs G Moseley, Mrs S Marcovecchio, R Beard, Mrs M Duffield, A Ralph, Mrs J Gooch

Also present – The Trust Secretary

1. To elect a Chairman for the meeting

Resolved: Cllr Mrs Howley was appointed as Chairman. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duffield, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, All in favour.

2. To accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Davies and Mrs Draper.

3. Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda

Cllr Mrs Gooch declared a pecuniary and therefore prejudicial interest in items 6 & 7 regarding Newent Rugby Club, due to a business relationship with the Club.

4. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2020

Resolved: The Minutes of the Recreation Ground Trust meeting held on 10th February 2020 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Marcovecchio, 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

5. To consider response required to correspondence

5.1 Danters Funfair – Request to hold a funfair in July

Resolved: Danters Funfair be permitted to use the Recreation Ground for a funfair at the end of July/early August, providing safety measures are in place. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Gooch, Seconded Cllr Beard, 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

6. Removal of rugby club's safety barriers

(Cllr Mrs Gooch left the meeting whilst items 6 and 7 were considered)

Resolved: The Council write to the Rugby Club expressing disappointment that the barriers are still there and stipulating that the Rugby Club has 2 weeks from date of letter to remove them. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Wadley, Seconded Cllr Ralph, All in favour.

7. Review rugby club's licence fees for changing rooms and pitches use

Resolved: No increase in fees as a gesture of goodwill, although the fees will be reviewed next year. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Mrs Wadley, 7 in favour, 1 against.

(Cllr Mrs Gooch re-joined the meeting at this juncture)

8. Recreation Ground Maintenance Schedule

Resolved: The schedule was approved with thanks given to the Estate Supervisor. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Gooch, Seconded Cllr Mrs Howley, All in favour.

9. Appointing councillors as bank signatories

Resolved: Cllrs Mrs Wadley, Beard, Mrs Marcovecchio and Mrs Howley were appointed as additional signatories. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Cllr Mrs Duffield, Seconded Cllr Mrs Moseley, 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

10. Appointing councillors to produce a draft constitution

It was agreed that Cllrs Mrs Gooch, Mrs Wadley, Beard, Mrs Howley and Mrs Marcovecchio would draft a constitution for consideration.

11. Any other urgent business

None.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.10 pm.