

NEWENT RECREATION GROUND TRUST

(Charity Number 301585)

Minutes of the Newent Recreation Ground Trust meeting held on Wednesday 29th May 2019 at the Market House, Newent at 9.12 pm

Present: Trustees Mrs C Howley, E Heathfield, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs K Draper, Mrs M Duncan, A Jones, Mrs G Moseley, Mrs W Odhiambo, Ms C Birkan, A Ralph

Also present – The Trust Secretary and two Newent Rugby Club Representatives

The Secretary and Treasurer from Newent Rugby Club were welcomed to the meeting.

1. To elect a Chairman for the meeting

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

2. To accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Trustees Mrs Davies, Mrs Wadley and Beard.

3. Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda

None.

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2019

Resolved: The Minutes of the Recreation Ground Trust meeting held on 23rd April 2019 were approved. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Trustee Mrs Draper, Seconded Trustee Heathfield, 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

5. To consider response required to correspondence

5.1 Barriers on the Recreation Ground

Newent Rugby Club would like to erect barriers around pitch 1 for safety reasons. It would also define the pitch, which would help stop the dog fouling issues. Advertising boards would be erected on the barriers and there would be space for some community boards.

The Rugby Club were asked if they would be willing to undertake the extra grass cutting/stripping required, which they agreed to do.

It was confirmed that the licence agreement states that any safety barriers and hoardings would need to be removed from the pitch at the end of each playing season. **Resolved:** The request is agreed in principal, subject to the design and installation method being

agreed by the Trustees. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Trustee Mrs Draper, Seconded Trustee Mrs Marcovecchio, 9 in favour 1 against.

- 5.2 Newent Rugby Club requests permission to have a bar licence for home matches and requests to hold events to mark the Clubs 50th Anniversary.

The bar licence would be for first team home matches only. Some concerns were raised about alcohol being served; however, no incidents have occurred in the past.

(Trustee Mrs Odhiambo left the meeting at this juncture)

Discussions then turned to the parking issues which the Rugby Club is trying to resolve.

Resolved: The Trustees grant permission for a bar licence for first team home matches, subject to the necessary paperwork being supplied by the Rugby Club. **Record of Voting:** Proposed Trustee Mrs Draper, Seconded Trustee Mrs Marcovecchio, 8 in favour, 1 against.

The Rugby Club is looking to hold some additional events, such as walking rugby and extra matches, to celebrate the Club's Anniversary and further information on the proposals will be sent to the Trustees for consideration.

6. Update on new Community and Recreation Ground Facility

The planning application has been submitted, but has yet to be validated by the District Council.

7. Any other urgent business

None.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.33 pm.