

# **LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST**

## **MEETING OF THE TRUST – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - 30**

**Minutes of the Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 8.00pm.**

**Present:** Trustees S Cave, A Harley, C Harris, R Holmes, P Macklin, L Penny, T Saunders (Acting Chair), S Stockham and E Taylor

**In Attendance:** Mr S Holley - Trust Secretary (Minute Taker)

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1. **APOLOGIES AND CHAIR**

- (i) The Trust NOTED that Apologies for absence had been received from Trustees S Holmes, R Kemsley and S Thomas-Brown, who were unwell.
- (ii) Trustees Greenwood, Leach and Vaughan were absent.
- (iii) As Trustee Kemsley (the Trust Chair) was unwell, Trustee P Macklin took the Chair in his capacity as Vice-Chair.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- (i) Trustee Macklin declared an 'other' interest in Agenda Items 8 and 9 in that he was a member of the Football Club.
- (ii) Later in the meeting Trustee Harris declared an 'other' interest in Agenda Item 4.3 (i) in that her daughter rented one of the Trust garages. Trustee Stockham also declared such an interest in the same item in that he was a garage tenant.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consideration of the Minutes of the last meeting for approval was DEFERRED.

4. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

4.1 **Schedule of Payments**

- (i) The Schedule of Payments was unanimously APPROVED.

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(ii) The Trust noted that ABC Groundworks had now removed its site compound, plant and materials from the Hams Road car park and made a good job of clearing up. However, the rental charge remained unpaid and this would be followed up appropriately. The Trust Secretary was requested to advise members of the amount due by email (*Note: £1,437.50*).

**Action – Trust Secretary**

4.2 **Trial Balance and Financial Accounts for Month 11 (i.e. to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022)**  
NOTED.

4.3 **Year End Movements to Earmarked Reserves**

The Trust RESOLVED to adopt Officers recommendations for the following movements of unspent funds at the Year End:

- (i) £2,000 in General Maintenance / Tree Works (nominal code 4200) to a new Earmarked Reserve for Garage Repairs (EMR number yet to be allocated); and
- (ii) £1,000 in Year End Creditors (held for work to the path since 2020 in nominal code 520 to a new Earmarked Reserve for the Path (EMR number yet to be allocated)
- (iii) The Earmarked Reserve currently holding unallocated funds from 2020/21 would be renamed 'Projects' (to reflect the same change by Bathurst Park Recreation Trust)

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(iv) Any other Trust funds at year end (less the 2022/23 Budget shortfall) would be moved to the same Earmarked Reserve for Projects.

Trustees Harris and Stockham declared 'other' interests in this item at this point (Minute 2(ii) refers). The Trust Secretary advised that these interests would be recorded for openness but discussion of movements in the Reserves did not give rise to any personal benefit to the members concerned.

Record of Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Absentions – 1, Absent/Apologies - 6

### **5. PROPOSALS FOR SKATE PARK AND PUMP TRACK**

5.1 Trustee Cave advised that he was setting up a public meeting for people interested in improving the Skate park and asked members to encourage skaters they knew, along with any other interested parties. The next step would be to put their aspirations to potential developers. In response to a question from the Trust Secretary, Trustee Cave confirmed that no charges would be incurred for the Trust; developers would be doing any work 'on spec' for the present time.

5.2 Trustee Stockham advised that he had now spoken with Mr Alan Grist, the designer of the mountain bike trails at Cannock. Mr Grist felt the water table around the likely site for the pump track was too high to allow for sufficient foundations to be built – the ground would not bear the weight of a substrate. It was suggested that the Trust Secretary ask Mr Kevin Toombs for a view, as it was understood that Mr Toombs had surveyed the site for potential sports pitches and had reported similar advice to the Trust. FUSE (the group behind the pump track proposal) should be advised but could be given permission to investigate further.

### **6. FUTURE USE OF HAMS ROAD CAR PARK**

#### **6.1 Temporary use for market**

(i) The Trust noted that there was little use of the car park by the market stalls relocated from what was now the Lidl site, but the few stallholders concerned were reluctant to change their trading day and move to the site run by Green Top.

(ii) The Trust Secretary was asked to seek confirmation that charitable trusts were allowed to have commercial activities on their land. If such was allowed, the stalls should be allowed to continue trading on a temporary basis (subject to a formal rental agreement) while the Trust investigated further.

#### **6.2 Car Parking**

The Trust Secretary asked the Trust if it was known why car parking was not allowed on the land known as the 'Hams Road Car Park'. A member suggested that if parking was to be allowed it would be necessary to mark parking spaces. Others felt this would only be necessary if the Trust was to apply a charge for parking with the consequence that a means of payment would be needed; either an employee on the gate or electronic ticket machines. Overall, it was felt that charging would 'open a can of worms' so Trustee Harley Proposed to allow free casual use until further notice. The facility should not be advertised to prevent its over-use. This was Seconded by Trustee Stockham and APPROVED with the following Record of Voting: For – 8, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0, Absent / Apologies - 6

### **7. STRATEGIC PLAN**

It was NOTED that work on a Strategic Plan for the two Trusts and the Council was progressing.

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8. **GEESE AT THE LAKE**

(i) Trustee Macklin reported that the opposing side for a recent match had declined to play on account of the faeces on the football pitch. Trustees were aware that the geese would keep coming back. Some felt the amount of faeces required attention whereas others felt that what the geese were doing was natural. One member suggested use of a chain harrow to break up the faeces.

(ii) The Trust Secretary reported that the Angling Club had confirmed that its members used to prick goose eggs during nesting season until some 20 years previously. The Club was not willing to resume doing so. The Trust Secretary referred back to the news that a match had been cancelled as a result and advised that the Trust not only had a duty to its tenants but also had a legal duty to pursue the recreational objectives for which it had been set up. A member felt that wildlife was a form of recreation.

(iii) There was no conclusion to the discussion.

9. **LYDNEY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB – PROPOSED EXTENSION**

DEFERRED for consideration at an Extraordinary Meeting.

10. **TRUST SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Nothing to Report.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

11. **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....

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## **APPENDIX 1**