

# LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST

**DRAFT** Minutes of the Meeting held at Council Chambers on  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at 7.58pm

<b>Present:</b>	Trustees N Saunders (Chair), J Gregory, S Hillier, R Holmes, S Holmes, P Johns, M Jones, T Lindsay and E Taylor
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mrs L Bendall - Minute Taker & Acting Trust Secretary Leanne Gay  One member of the public present
<b>Absent:</b>	Trustees C Evans and N Holbutt

## Open Forum

No items were raised

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received and noted from Ttees C Harris, S Cave and G Phelps.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> No declarations of interests were received.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> Chair proposed that the minutes of the Meeting held on <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b> were accepted as read and correct. <b>Resolved: Majority Approved</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Financial Matters/Secretary's Financial Reports</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Payments</b> (a) To note payments made on Cashbook Statements Noted A query was raised concerning the invoice paid to Wes Brown Tree Services; it was confirmed this invoice related to island clearance works. (b) To approve invoices to be paid Chair proposed payments totalling £11,203.77 be approved. <b>Resolved: Unanimously Approved</b>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Income and Expenditure Reports</b> To note the Income and Expenditure Reports for 31.01.26 and 28.02.26 Noted The Finance Assistant will deliver bite-sized training to Trustees on the financial reports presented to the Trust
<b>4.3</b>	<b>Bank Reconciliation &amp; Cashbook Statements – Petty Cash, Current &amp; Deposit Accounts</b> To note the Bank Reconciliations and Cashbook Statements for 31.01.26 to 28.02.26 Noted

4.4	<p>Earmarked Reserves To note the Earmarked Reserves for 31.01.26 &amp; 28.02.26 Noted</p>
5.	<p><b>Trustees' Reports</b> To consider any <u>URGENT</u> reports from members of the Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Danter's Fair were at Hams Road car park last week and no issues were reported. It was noted that the fair left the site clear and tidy.</li> <li>• Tee Saunders advised that there had been a dispute between traders at the Hams Road market. Tee Saunders will mediate accordingly.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Trust Secretary</b> To receive the Trust Secretary's Report Received and noted</p>
7.	<p><b>Correspondence</b> To consider and agree a response to any correspondence received</p> <p>7.1 To receive and note response from the police following ongoing vandalism at Skatepark and agree a response, if required The Chair proposed that the correspondence be discussed at the Police Partnership Meeting on Wednesday 25th March with local officers, in order to obtain further information and to determine whether a formal letter should be sent expressing the Trust's disappointment that no further investigation is being considered. The Trust is proposing significant investment in a new skatepark and would require reassurance that the police will support efforts to keep the area safe. <b>Resolved: Unanimously Approved</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Wildlife</b></p> <p>(a) to receive an update on the wildlife and pest control An update was received on wildlife and pest control.</p> <p>(b) to decide on future actions Following discussion, it was identified that there had been some misunderstanding regarding the timescale for the grounds team sweeping the sports pitches. Ongoing issues have been raised by Recreation Tenants relating to goose faeces. Whilst all clubs have access to the Logic Sweeper, they do not currently have a suitable vehicle to tow the machine. The Chair proposed that, under Health &amp; Safety responsibilities, the grounds team will sweep the pitches twice weekly. Any additional sweeping will be the responsibility of the clubs, and it is hoped that they will consider jointly purchasing a suitable towing vehicle. Tee Saunders will liaise with the Club Chairs. <b>Resolved: Unanimously Approved</b></p> <p>(c) Trustees to consider and agree the future maintenance of the island and determine whether the work should be undertaken externally or in-house Following discussion and review of costs of undertaking island clearance both externally and in-house, the Chair proposed to approve instructing an external contractor to undertake this work. <b>Resolved: Unanimously Approved</b></p>

9.	<p><b>Skatepark</b>  (a) To receive an update on the skatepark  Correspondence from Ttee Cave was shared, advising that an online meeting with Maverick is scheduled for Wednesday 25th March, and that a link to the meeting will be circulated shortly. The aim of the meeting is to explore funding opportunities for the proposed new skatepark.  Ttees E Taylor and M Jones have agreed to attend</p>
10.	<p><b>Insurance Renewal</b></p>
	<p>To receive and note the Insurance Renewal for Lydney Recreation Trust for 2026/2027  Insurance renewal received and noted  Claims following severe flooding from Storm Bert in November 2024 are ongoing. Ttee Saunders is working with the football club and the insurance company to progress the claim. Works at the Tennis Club have been completed.</p>
11.	<p><b>East Marsh Maintenance</b></p>
	<p>Trustees to consider future maintenance of East Marsh and whether to appoint an external contractor to undertake the work.  Following discussion, the Chair proposed to appoint an external contractor to undertake future maintenance of East Marsh, subject to confirmation that the area will not be maintained by the Internal Drainage Board moving forward.  <b>Resolved: Unanimously Approved</b></p>
14.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p>
	<p>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 at the conclusion of the meeting of Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust. Venue Council Chambers</p>
	<p><b>Meeting Closed at 8.47pm</b></p>

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Signed:.....

Date:.....