

NEWPORT PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEES MEETING
11th JANUARY 2010
THE ECO CENTRE, LOWER ST. MARY STREET, NEWPORT.

PRESENT: Cllr. Byron James (Chairman)
Cllrs. Paul Harries, Clive Owen, Dai Webb, Robert Vaughan,
Dilys Evans, Soo Hutchinson & Annie Hollyfield.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. John Rowe Lewis & Daron Paish

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th November 2009 were proposed and seconded by Cllrs. Paul Harries & Dilys Evans.

Matters Arising:

Due to circumstances beyond his control the Chairman has been unable to date to fit new locks on the changing room doors.

Cllr. Paul Harries reported that unfortunately the changing rooms have suffered water damage as a result of a burst pipe. The water supply has now been cut-off and the Secretary requested to obtain repair estimate from Mr. Glyn Rees.

Finance: An invoice for £55.21 was approved for payment to Welsh Water.

Changing Rooms Utilities: It was unanimously agreed to regularly check all meters, and Cllr. Dai Webb will be provided with a record book.

Correspondence: The letter and enclosures from Insurance Brokers Balens on the subject of indemnity insurance for Trustees was given to Cllr. Webb.

Unfortunately Mr. & Mrs. Sneade have not responded in any way to two recent letters, and the Chairman and Cllr. Paul Harries will endeavour to speak to them directly on the subject of the small plot of Playing Field land they are presently using as an extension to their garden. Cllr. Harries will also inform our Solicitor of the present position.

Following the recent meeting between representatives of the Trustees and the Newport Rugby Club the latter have drawn up a Memorandum of Agreement between the two parties, and this was read in full to all Trustees present. There was unanimous agreement that the Rugby Club's assumption that we are presently not in a financial position to put the field and changing rooms into a lettable condition was out of order, and whilst all agreed they would like the Rugby Club to use the field they could definitely not commit to a 21 year security of tenure for the use of the complete facility. The Field was bought by public subscription as a memorial to all who served in World War Two, and was for the use of the whole community. The Memorandum does state the Club would not expect exclusive use of the facility, but would have priority.

Recently to raise funds a small car-boot sale, and motor caravan rally have been held on the field, and in future the Winter and other festivals may wish to use all the P/F and the Trustees will have to consider very carefully the needs of all concerned.

The Secretary will acknowledge receipt of the Memorandum of Agreement and inform the Club that we are consulting both the Charity Commission and our Solicitor. The Club will also be told that if they wish to use the Field and changing rooms temporarily on an ad hoc basis we are sure this can be arranged.

Skatepark The Club's bank account has sufficient money to buy extra equipment, and all present agreed young people who use this facility should be consulted for their suggestions as to how the money should be used.