

NEWPORT PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEES MEETING  
29th MARCH 2010  
THE ECO CENTRE, LOWER ST. MARY STREET, NEWPORT

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

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22nd February 2010 were proposed and seconded as correct by Cllrs. Paul Harries and Byron James.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Secretary was requested to remind Cllr. Dai Webb to regularly read the water, gas and electricity meters for the changing rooms as the Rugby Club are now using this facility.

Cllr. Daron Paish told the meeting that the Rugby Club were holding a Gala Dinner to raise money for refurbishing the changing rooms.

Councillors discussed the option of either allowing the Rugby Club to pay for the refurbishment, or the Councillors as Trustees using part of the money presently invested in an Income Bond to have the work carried out, and thereafter making a charge to the Rugby Club or any other organisation using the facility. The Secretary to enquire of the Charity Commission whether we could use the investment money.

The Secretary has reminded Mr. Glyn Rees that we do need a detailed estimate for replacing equipment etc. in the changing rooms.

The Rugby Club have said that if they finance the refurbishment of the changing rooms, and cut and roll the field etc. to their requirements they would be looking for a 21 year lease of the field and changing rooms with priority use - but not sole use. Cllr. Dilys Evans proposed that we do not grant a priority use lease to anyone because we cannot anticipate what other organisations etc. may wish to use the Playing Field in the future, and it is for use of the whole community, and should not revert to being called the "Rugby Field" as in the past. Notwithstanding this Cllr. Evans would welcome the return of the Rugby Club.

All present agreed with Cllr. Evans proposal.

The Secretary was requested to ask both our Solicitor and a Member of the Rugby Club to attend the next Playing Field Meeting to discuss matters further.

Cllr. Soo Hutchinson produced a poster asking for suggestions for new equipment for the Skatepark, and copies will be displayed in the School, Memorial Hall, Skatepark, Bus Stop and Town Website. Meantime Cllr. Paul Harries will ask Sinead H P.C.C. whether we can use some of the annual maintenance grant money and Skate Club money, to purchase additional equipment.

The Secretary was requested to remind our Solicitor that the Playing Field land needs to be registered with the Land Registry.

CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.40pm.