

NEWPORT PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEES MEETING  
31st MARCH 2008  
THE ECO CENTRE, LOWER ST. MARY STREET, NEWPORT

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PRESENT: Cllr. Peter Harwood (Chairman) Cllrs. Paul Harries,  
James Davies, Liz Bellamy, Sandra Bayes & Patricia Foot.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Robert Vaughan, Daron Paish  
& Glyn Rees.

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MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th January 2008 were agreed as a correct record on the proposal of Cllr. Sandra Bayes and seconded by Cllr. Paul Harries subject to the inclusion of the proposal made by Cllr. Bayes "That the Playing Field Trustees should include representatives of local sport and leisure recreation groups". This proposal was not seconded.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Clerk had made enquiries about membership of PAVS and had been advised that there would be a £15 annual membership fee. It was unanimously agreed that the Playing Field should join PAVS.

The Clerk reported that Mr. & Mrs. Sneade had sent her a copy of a lease they had had drawn up for the small parcel of land adjoining their garden, and this had been passed to the Playing Field Solicitor. The Clerk was requested to contact the Solicitor to ascertain whether the lease was acceptable.

Cllr. Paul Harries has been in discussion with the Rugby Club on the subject of maintenance and the annual running cost of the Playing Field. It was the the general consensus of this Meeting that there would have to be a fee for all clubs/organisations using the Field with conditions enumerated on an official booking form. These matters will be further discussed at the next Meeting.

The Clerk has not received definite information on the subject of Personal Indemnity Insurance for Trustees, but will bring what information she does possess to the next Meeting. Meantime Cllr. Sandra Bayes voiced her concern about regular Field inspections, and the fact that there is machinery in the Field.

The Secretary had been contacted by P.C.C. about the Skatepark inspection reports, and Cllr. Paul Harries informed the Meeting that Mr. Mike Phillips was in contact with the relevant department at P.C.C. The Secretary was requested to obtain copies of Mr. Phillips reports, and to look into the question of a fallen gate.

On the subject of an official agreement to permit the County Council to access the school playing field via the Playing Field, the Trustees Solicitor has recommended that we give an Annual Licence to the County Council in return for cutting the Playing Field grass 3 times a year. Cllr. Paul Harries proposed and Cllr. Patricia Foot seconded the Solicitor's recommendation, and the Secretary will write an appropriate letter.

On the question of Ownership of the changing rooms, our Solicitor has informed the Chairman verbally that the Freehold of the Playing Field Land and Buildings is owned by the Town Council as the Trustee of the Charity.

Cllr. Sandra Bayes kindly agreed to contact Mr. Peter English to ascertain whether he was prepared to continue weekly inspections of both the Playing Field and Changing Room Building, and if not to return the Changing Room keys.

Cllr. Paul Harries told the Meeting that he understood the Newport Football Team was unfortunately not going to continue in its present form, but there may be a 5-aside match arranged at the beginning of May. In the circumstances the Trustees agreed to leave the football goal posts in their present position for a few more weeks, before requesting the Club to return and re-erect them in Parc y Plant.

CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.30pm.