

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE RECREATION GROUND, BATH

Minutes of the Meeting held on

Wednesday 09 April 2014 1615 hours

Attendees:

Trustees

Liz Bloor	Chair
David Durdan (DDu)	Vice Chair
Stephen Baddeley	
Derwent Campbell	
CLr David Dixon (DDi)	
Don Earley	
Simon Emery	
Geoff Fairclough	
Mike Laughton	

Advisors & Supporting Officers

Andrew Pate (AP)	BANES – Lead Advisor
Tim Darsley (TD)	BANES – Project Advisor
Irene Simms (IS)	Administrator

In attendance 11 Members of Public

1. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

The Administrator drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

The resignation of Tim Ball as Trustee and the resignation of David Dixon as Chair were confirmed in line with the decision of the Tribunal. It was confirmed that Trustees had elected Liz Bloor as the new chairperson.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Dixon notified a potential conflict of interest in relation to paragraph 54 of the document for discussion at the item on the Decision of the First Tier Tribunal and confirmed his intention to leave the meeting at that point of discussion.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 November 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. ACTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Appointment of Financial Advisors – It was confirmed that:

- 6 local, medium sized accountancy firms had been sent the brief for financial services and submitted interest in the appointment; one company had withdrawn due to a conflict of interest
- Informal meetings were held with the remaining five companies
- Subsequent submission of formal proposals had been received and Trustees were now in the latter

- stages of the appointment
- Details of the successful firm would be published on the Trust website in due course.

7. STATEMENTS

The Chair invited members of the public who had given notice to make their statements.
 Mrs J McGarrigle made a statement regarding the recommendations and advice given by the Tribunal.
 Mr J W Gilson made a statement on the administration of the Trust’s affairs.
 Mr J Sparrow made a statement on the Tribunal and 1995 lease. The Lead Advisor to the Trust responded to some of the points made by Mr Sparrow, confirming:

- that the final ruling was awaited from the Tribunal;
- that he had not said that money had been misdirected by the Council; and
- that rent review discussions had commenced prior to the Tribunal and were still progressing.

Mr Steve Osgood made a statement on the use of the Recreation Ground for all.
 Mrs J Scott made a statement on Bath Rugby’s presence on the Recreation Ground.
 Mr A Baker made a statement on the potential to deliver improved leisure facilities in Bath. The Lead Advisor to the Trust responded to one point made by Mr Baker in that the Council is undertaking a tender exercise in relation to leisure facilities which is entirely separate to the Trust.
 Copies of statements made available to the Trustees are included in the Minute book.

8. DECISION OF FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL

The Project Advisor gave précis of the key points of the Tribunal decision and confirmed that final wording of the order was awaited.
 David Dixon then left the meeting.
 The Chair asked Trustees for comments and, following discussion, it was proposed by Geoffrey Fairclough, seconded by Don Earley that the Trust seek leave to submit appeal on the Tribunal decision.
 It was RESOLVED that an application for leave to appeal would be submitted following confirmation and agreement by Trustees on potential costs.
 It was also RESOLVED that negotiations with the Council in regard to the Leisure Centre would be progressed.

9. Next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Bath Recreation Ground Trust will be held on a date to be confirmed.
 Members of the public were advised to consult the Trust website for confirmation of the date in due course.

Chair

Date Confirmed and Signed