

SOMERTON RECREATION GROUND TRUST

Tuesday 12th September 2017
at Edgar Hall starting at 7.45pm(after Full Council)

APPROVED MINUTES

Trustees present: Trustees Ruddle (Chair) Bassett, Bomers, Bown, Briggs, Frayne, Janas, Lucas, Richardson, Ruddle, Smith, and Wilson

Officers present: Terry Philpott (Town Clerk) and Jude Raybould (Deputy Clerk)

Recreation Ground Management Committee Chairman: Dave Osmond

RGT181: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence: Trustees: Gale, Harrison and P. Richardson

RGT182: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Trustees to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of Somerton Town Councils Code of Conduct, and to note the grant of dispensations made by the Secretary to the Trust in relation to the business of this meeting.

- Trustee Bassett on agenda item RGT191 SPORTS CLUB LEASE

RGT183: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 11th July 2017:

- Agreed to accept the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th July 2017 as an accurate account.

Proposed: Trustee Richardson

Seconded: Trustee Bown

All in Favour

RGT184: MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA:

- Changing rooms demolition
- Turfing / seeding on the site of the old changing rooms: *Quote obtained £600 to seed and £850 to turf the area.*
- Container painting
- Retrieval of Rugby Balls from the David Wilson Development: Recommendation to install posts and nets to help keep the balls in the Recreation Ground. Investigation on how other pitches manage this issue and quotes are being obtained to gain financial insight to the level of financial commitment required.

Recommended Solutions:

- The Trust to gain information from the Chairman of the Rugby Club regarding the progress made on this matter. The feedback to be presented at the next Trust meeting.
- The Rugby Club contact the developer to seek a resolution to this presented issue.
- Recreation Ground Trust secretary to contact SSDC to seek advice on this matter to help to support the Rugby Club in their efforts to seek a solution.

Signature:

Date:

RGT185: CORRESPONDENCE AND SECRETARIES REPORT

- None

RGT186: UPDATE FROM THE NEW RGMC.(SB/BR)

- To receive and update from Trustee representatives on the new RGMC, noting key points from the recent meetings.

Trustee Raybould reported back to the members:

- The two Fun Days on the field were a great success.
- Risk Assessment carried: The service area gate requires maintenance work.
Advice given: The contractor has been contacted to seek a resolution.

Report from the RGMC Chairman:

The football season has begun with up to 12 games being played on a Saturday and 9 games on Sunday.

Car Parking:

Investigations underway to address the signage of the bottom car park to encourage use of the bottom car park. Suggested idea of encouragement of Car Sharing Scheme.

The amount of Cars to the Recreation Ground on match days are inhibiting the access to Community Members to the play equipment.

Suggestions:

- Recreation Ground Management Committee to write to user groups and pitch hirers to encourage car sharing and the dangers of parking on the roadside.
- Investigate the use of the MUGA as an overflow car park.

Hospitality:

Negotiations underway with the Sports Club to increase hospitality services to users of the Recreation Grounds on match days.

Annual Budget:

Budget planning is underway and draft to be submitted to the Secretary of the Trust by October.

David requested that Trustees notify the RGMC of any changes or plans that might affect the budget for 2018/19 which is currently under construction by the committee.

RGT187: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES REVIEW

To receive an update from the Trustees (CW/SB) who attended the review meeting with discussion on updating the Roles and Responsibilities Document.

- Update presented to the Trustees from Terry Philpott (Secretary to the Trust) and Trustees Bomers and Wilson.

Action: Secretary to the Trust to tidy up the document and present the final document at the next Trust meeting.

Signature:

Date:

RGT188: MEMBERSHIP OF THE RGMC

To nominate a replacement for Pete Frayne who is stepping down from the role.

- Trustee Bassett nominated to be the new member of the RGMC

Trustee Bassett appointed as a RGMC member.

RGT189: FEASIBILITY STUDY

To receive an update on the work to date and agree the next steps.

- An update presentation given to the members from Terry Philpott (Secretary to the Trust)

Next Steps:

- Postpone the review of the Feasibility Study for 6 to 12 months

Proposed: Trustee Wilson

Seconded: Trustee Bomers

All in Favour

RGT190: FIVE YEAR FORECAST SPECIFICATION

To agree the process for defining the specification for the above piece of work

Proposal: RGMC to provide an updated version of the 2015 Master Plan and investigate the impact of Recreation Ground facilities required by Somerton based on population increases of 10%, 20% and 30% by the end of June 2018.

Recommendation: RGMC to provide an updated version of the 2015 Master Plan and investigate the impact of Recreation Ground facilities required by Somerton based on population increases of 10%, 20% and 30% by the end of June 2018.

Resolution: Agreed to allow the RGMC to provide an updated version of the 2015 Master Plan and investigate the impact of Recreation Ground facilities required by Somerton based on population increases of 10%, 20% and 30% by the end of June 2018.

Proposed: Trustee Bomers **Seconded:** Trustee Bassett 7 Votes in Favour 4 Votes Against
and 1 abstention: **Motion Carried**

RGT191: SPORTS CLUB LEASE

To receive a report from the Secretary related to the lease and discussions with the Sports Club and Snooker Club representatives, including letter from the Snooker Club.

- Report presented by Terry Philpott (Secretary to the Trust) related to the Sports Club lease and feedback from the meeting with representatives from the Sports Club and the Snooker Club.
- Letter from the Snooker Club provided to members and a draft of the response letter given to each member for discussion and approval.

Action: Terry Philpott (Secretary to the Trust) to send the reply letter to the Snooker Club.

RGT192: CIRCUS AT THE RECREATION GROUNDS

Signature:

Date:

To consider the request to host the Circus in July 2018 and the views of the RGMC not to have the circus through fear of damage to the ground/ pitches.

Recommendation: To host the Circus in July 2018 as it is a great event to come to Somerton for the Community to enjoy.

Resolved: Agreed to host the Circus in July 2018 as it is a great event to come to Somerton for the Community to enjoy.

Proposed: Trustee **Ruddle**

Seconded: Trustee Richardson

9 votes in Favour 2
votes against and 1
abstention: **Motion
Carried**

RGT193: AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Roles and responsibilities review
- Retrieval of Rugby Balls from the David Wilson Development

With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 21:23pm

Signature:

Date: