

SOMERTON RECREATION GROUND TRUST

will meet on
Tuesday 10th October 2017
at Edgar Hall starting at 7.45pm(after Full Council)
All Trustees are invited to attend the above meeting



Terry Philpott, Secretary to the Trust
5th October 2017.

APPROVED MINUTES

Trustees present: Cllr Ruddle (Chair), Bomers, Bown, Frayne, Gale, Harrison, Janas, Raybould, F. Richardson, Smith, and Wilson.

Officers present: Terry Philpott (Town Clerk and Secretary of the Trust) and Jude Raybould (Deputy Town Clerk and Minute Taker)

RGT194: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Trustees absent: Trustees Bassett, Briggs, Lucas & P. Richardson

RGT195: 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.

- **RGT202: SPORTS CLUB LEASE** Trustee David Harrison

RGT196: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 12th September 2017:

- Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2017 as an accurate record

RGT197: MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA:

- Changing rooms demolition
- Container painting
- Circus at the Recreation Ground
- Trust Minutes:

Proposal: The last 12 months of Recreation Ground Trust Minutes be posted on the Somerton Town Council Website

Recommendation: To publish the last 12 months of redacted Recreation Ground Minutes on the Somerton Town Council Website.

Signature:

Date:

Resolved: Agreed to publish the last 12 months of redacted Recreation Ground Minutes on the Somerton Town Council Website by the Secretary of the Trust by the end of November 2017.

RGT198: CORRESPONDENCE AND SECRETARIES REPORT

Email from Somerton Rugby Club

Dear Terry,

Hope you are well? Goff and I met with Dean Ruddle on Tuesday morning to get his view on our future proposals regarding flood lighting provision and also to try and resolve the issue regarding rugby balls being lost when entering the David Wilson development site. I would appreciate your guidance with some procedural matters as I understand the Town Council meets in just over a weeks time?

Flood Lighting

1) As you will be aware, the rugby club received approval from the RGMC, in principle, to erect lighting on the basis that it could be removed when British Summertime arrived and during the end of the playing season. These lights would be utilised for 2 hour sessions to facilitate training/coaching. Our proposals have been drawn up to meet the protocols we have to operate in;

2) When we met with Dean, I explained that the proposal involved 4 lighting poles being provided running parallel with the hedge (Somerton to Langport Road) at a height of 8 metres. I have made contact with South Somerset District Council Planners and Alex Skidmore, and Nicholas Head, have both confirmed that we do need to apply for planning permission. Dean asked why we were only applying for 4 as it made sense to look at total coverage of the pitch and the potential for night matches to be played in the future? (There is, of course, also the logic that if we applied for 8 we might be granted permission for 4 and potentially zero if we just applied for 4 initially);

3) Whilst the RGMC have been very supportive of the rugby club, do we need to put this to the Trustees before we go any further? Presumably something like this would not be able to be dealt with by the RGMC under delegated powers?

4) If we were to apply for planning permission, would the Town Council be willing to apply for planning permission on our behalf in order to reduce the planning fees or could we be in receipt of a grant from the Town Council?

5) I full appreciate that the rugby club Management Team would be responsible for producing all documentation and I would draw up a full 'Design and Access Statement' to accompany the actual application form.

Netting

1) When discussions regarding the lighting were complete, I mentioned the issue regarding the loss of balls etc., once the residential development is in place. (In fact, we are already experiencing retrieval problems since the perimeter fencing has been erected!). I have written to the planners regarding this and my letter is on the planning portal under the 'Reserved Matters' David Wilson application (17/00568/REM). We have undertaken some preliminary research in term of requirements to combat this matter and the costs are quite excessive.

Signature:

Date:

However, Dean suggested that this was something that could be put in place ourselves using the skills of builders etc., that support the rugby club. This would, of course, significantly bring the costs down;

2) To date, no formal request has been made to the RGMC for this and Dean suggested that a planning application be made at the same time as the lighting as the way forward. I have made contact with Alex Skidmore again to ascertain if this can be done on one application, along with the lighting? I am still awaiting her response.

To conclude, I appreciate there is a lot to do in a relatively short time, however, I would be grateful for your guidance as to what is the best way to proceed to ensure the Management Team of the rugby club satisfy operating protocols and keep all interested parties informed of future proposals/intentions. Would it, for instance, be appropriate to attend the next Town Council meeting and provide an overview?

I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards,
Chris

Recommendation: To agree a response to the Rugby Club

Resolved: Agreed to support the Rugby Club in their planning application with it stated there is no exclusive territorial rights to the Rugby Club regarding the proposed area of the Recreation Ground in the correspondence.

RGT199: 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.

Update present by Trustee Bomers:

- Silver Award Won: Playing Field of the Year.
- Hospitality provided on Sunday Mornings.
- Boot Camp: Being perused for Income.
- Match Day Parking: Being reviewed and immediate action is for additional cones and signage.
- Circus: Concerned regarding covering the cost if any damage is caused by the circus.
- Emergency cover: Deem adequate cover is in place.
- Pitch fees: Agreed with the Grounds-man a pricing structure inline with the schedule set.
- Defibrillator: Investigation is being made to register with Ambulance Service and place on the MUGA in a trickle electricity fed casing.

Signature:

Date:

RGT200: FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

To receive an update on the progress of the review.

Update given by the Chairman of the RGMC Dave Osmond:

- Following the general meeting a task group has been formed and a date has been set for the Task Group to meet.
The meeting date 23rd October 2017 at Edgar Hall from 6 pm.

RGT201: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES REVIEW

Recommended: To approve the updated Roles and Responsibilities

Resolved: Agreed to the updated Roles and Responsibilities Document with an amendment as follows:

The Trustee will have the power to dissolve the RGMC, or alter the structure of the membership at any time by majority vote at a formal meeting of the Trust.

RGT202: 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 given by Terry Philpott Secretary to the Recreation Ground Trust to those present, related to the progression of the lease and discussions with the Sports Club and Snooker Club representatives, including a letter received from the Snooker Club.

RGT203: CHANGING ROOMS ANNUAL OCCUPATION LICENCE

To approve the licence issued by Somerton Town Council related to the use of the new changing rooms.

Recommendation: To approve the licence.

Resolved: Agreed to approve the licence.

RGT204: BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES

Recommendation: To approve five additional signatories in addition to Terry Philpott and Jude Raybould.

Recommendation: To approve the provision of online banking

Resolved: Agreed to approve five additional signatories in addition to Terry Philpott and Jude Raybould (listed below) and to approve the provision of online banking.

Signature:

Date:

Nominated and agreed Trustees:

- Brian Raybould
- Steve Bomers
- Emily Janas
- Tim Bown
- Jo Gale

RGT205: AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8:15 pm

Signature:

Date: