



Kington Recreation Ground Trust

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**Minutes of a meeting of Kington Recreation Trust Meeting held on
Monday 6th March 2023 at The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street,
Kington.**

Present: Cllr. D. Redmayne Chairman
Cllr J. Cooke
Cllr. M. Fitton
Cllr. E. Rolls
Cllr. R. Widdowson
Cllr. I. Spencer
Cllr. P. Sell
Cllr. R. Warne

In attendance: Liz Kelso, Clerk
Ruth Robinson, Assistant Clerk

012/23 Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation.

Apologies were noted from Cllr. E. Banks, Cllr. R. Banks, Cllr. F. Hawkins, Cllr. J. Gardiner and Cllr. B. Macloed-Needs. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.

013/23 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2023, which had been previously circulated, were accepted and the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

014/23 **Exclusion of the Public**

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the next three agenda items on the grounds that the subject area was likely to include confidential or personal information.

015/23 **Recreation Ground Cottage**

It was noted that the repair of the guttering at the cottage is now taking place and is near completion. A small amount of additional expenditure was approved by the Clerk under delegated powers to resolve an issue found during the work.

A report from a surveyor was noted but it was agreed that a decision on future action should be deferred until after the elections in May. In the meantime a further surveyors report can be obtained which would aid a decision on the way forward later in the year.

Finally it was agreed that a discussion on the way forward with the tenants should take place after the elections.

016/23 **Recreation Ground Toilets**

Members noted a report from a specialist company on the design and refit of the toilet block in the Recreation Ground. Given that funds are limited, it was agreed to investigate a refurbishment rather than a rebuild and that further advice would be sought for consideration at the next meeting.

017/23 **Kington Cricket Club**

Members noted that the working group has met to consider the issues raised by the Cricket Club although no meeting as yet has been held with the Cricket Club. With regard to the matters raised in their email from December, an asbestos survey had been carried out on the shed roof which reported no evidence of asbestos. Quotations can now be obtained for repair of the roof for consideration at the next meeting.

With regard to the storage of equipment proposed to be moved from the Cricket Club store to the Rec Trust storage, it was agreed that this could not be agreed due to potential insurance implications from non staff members accessing the shed and contents contained therein.

Finally with regard to the request to reconsider the rental paid by the Cricket Club, it was agreed that a meeting be convened when convenient to explore proposals.

018/23 Clerk's Report

The Assistant's Clerk report, on current projects, was noted.

019/23 Litter Bins and Picnic Tables

It was resolved to accept the quotation for repairing the existing wooden litter bins, make a new wooden litter bin and repairing, cleaning and repainting the wooden picnic tables in the Recreation Ground at a quoted cost of £1,160.00.

020/23 Grass Cutting

In accordance with recommended practice, quotations for grass cutting in the Recreation Ground have been sought for consideration with two companies agreeing to provide quotes. After due consideration of the quotations received, it was resolved to accept the quotation from Highground Maintenance for the grass cutting in the Recreation Ground at an annual cost of £1685.88 plus VAT.

021/23 Memorial Gates

A quotation for the refurbishment of the Memorial Gates was considered and it was noted that due to the specialist nature of the work required, only one quotation had been received for this work. After due consideration, it was resolved to accept the quotation from Kington Forge at a total cost of £5,000.00 and to request that work begin on the memorial gates as soon as possible so the work can be completed in time for the King's coronation.

022/23 Donation Received

A donation from Kington Fire Services of £500 from the proceeds of the fireworks display in November was noted with thanks.

023/23 Signage

It was agreed that quotations be obtained for a notice board and/or signage in the Recreation Ground so that contact details, notices about health and safety or forthcoming events can be displayed within the Recreation Ground.

024/23 Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Recreation Ground Trust would take place on 5th June. There were no items raised for the agenda other than those mentioned above.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.