



Kington Recreation Ground Trust

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**Minutes of a meeting of Kington Recreation Trust Meeting held on
Monday 3rd June 2024 at The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street,
Kington.**

Present: Cllr. P. Sell - Chair
Cllr. B. Bishop
Cllr. N. Cornish
Cllr. A. Dixon
Cllr. M. Fitton
Cllr. K. Greig
Cllr. E. Rolls
Cllr. R. Warne
Cllr. R. Widdowson
Cllr. M. Woolford

In attendance: Liz Kelso, Clerk
Ruth Robinson, Assistant Clerk
1 member of the public

036/24 **Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation.**

Apologies were noted from Cllrs. E. Banks, R. Banks, T. Bounds & J. Gardner. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.

037/24 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2024, 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.

038/24 **Update on Land Registration**

Cllr. Rolls reported that following a request to HSBC bank, it is believed the original Trust Deed has been located. Cllrs. Rolls and Widdowson, as the remaining councillors who had originally been signatories on the HSBC account which has now been closed, will attend the branch in Llandrindod Wells to collect the document.

039/24 **Acquisition of Crooked Well meadow**

a) Update on land acquisition

Solicitors acting on behalf of the Trust have not received any response to the request to Herefordshire Council regarding the alleged agreement by the Town Council to meet Herefordshire Council's legal costs in connection with the asset transfer. It was reported that Cllr. Terry James, as Ward Councillor, will arrange a meeting with Herefordshire Council's legal team to discuss this further.

The Clerk noted that correspondence with Herefordshire Council earlier in the year indicated that the transfer would not be completed by Herefordshire if progress was not made by the last financial year end although she had negotiated an extension to the deadline at that time.

b) Herefordshire Council legal costs

Following on from (a) above, it was agreed to defer a decision on meeting Herefordshire Council's legal costs until the results of the proposed meeting are known.

040/24 **Recreation Ground Tarmac Path**

Whilst Herefordshire Council, through it's agent Balfour Beatty, had confirmed that it is responsible for repairs to the path as a public right of way requests for information on when this work will be done have revealed that despite email confirmation confirming responsibility, the public rights of way team did not pass this onto Herefordshire Council's public realm

contractor so the work has not been programmed. Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty have been reminded of their agreement of legal liability for this path and another request for an urgent repair in the light of potential for injury has been submitted and will be pursued.

041/24 Toilet Block Repairs

(a) Ratification of decision to undertake refurbishment of the toilet block

Members noted that in accordance with a resolution of the Town Council on 20th May, an application has been submitted to Herefordshire Council for grant funding towards refurbishment of the toilet block. It was agreed to ratify and support this decision and therefore the Recreation Ground Trust Minute reference 020/24 of 4th March is rescinded.

(b) Specification for toilet block refurbishment

Members agreed that in accordance with the application for funding to the Community Infrastructure Fund, the proposed project which includes replacement of the hand wash units, replacement of toilets in the Ladies and Gents, the installation of a baby change unit and changes to the ramped access to the accessible toilet are supported by the Trust as owners of the property.

(c) Ladies Toilet Repair

In accordance with resolution 041/24(a) above, it was agreed that resolution 30/24 of 13th May be rescinded and the contract to repair the ladies toilet be deferred pending the outcome of the funding bid. The Clerk noted that some costs have already been incurred in the purchase of materials for this repair.

042/24 Financial Matters: Recreation Ground Income Generation

It was agreed that a review of hire charges for groups using the Recreation Ground should take place. The Clerk will obtain information on charges by the other Market Towns and bring this back to the next meeting.

043/24 Recreation Ground Signage

The assistant clerk presented options for emergency advice signage to be erected by the play areas as recommended by the play area inspection report. It was agreed that two aluminium signs be installed at a cost of £30 per sign.

It was further agreed that consideration be given to additional signage and/or an information or notice board to be installed in the Recreation Ground alerting potential users how to book the area. Quotations would be obtained for consideration at the next meeting.

044/24 **Memorial Bench request**

The Clerk noted that a year ago a request for a memorial bench had been considered and it had been agreed that although the agreed policy is not to install any further benches, the option of refurbishing an existing metal bench, paid for by a family, to which a plaque could be affixed would be offered in this instance. However, this had not been taken any further and the family has again requested that a bench be considered. It was duly agreed that this be offered again and that prices be obtained for the bench refurbishment in the first instance.

045/24 **Next meeting and Items for next agenda.**

The date for the next meeting is to be confirmed. There were no other items raised for the agenda other than those identified above.

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