



Kington Recreation Ground Trust

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Minutes of the meeting of the Kington Recreation Ground Trust held at 6.00pm on Monday 9th April 2018 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street.

Present: Cllr. M. Fitton (Chair)
Cllr. R. Banks
Cllr. C. Forrester
Cllr. F. Hawkins
Cllr. R. MacCurrach
Cllr. L. Rees
Cllr. E. Rolls
Cllr. R. Widdowson
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson

In attendance: Liz Kelso Clerk

035/18 **Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Councillors E. Banks, J. Atkinson, T. Bounds and P. Prior.

036/18 **Declarations of Interests and requests for dispensation**

There were no Declarations of Interest and no requests for dispensation.

037/18 **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2018**

It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2018 as previously circulated be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

038/18 **Clerk's Report**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item that was not addressed elsewhere on the agenda.

039/18 **Financial Matters**

(a) **Funding bids**

Cllr. Fitton reported that the paperwork associated with the Landfill funding was now complete. He is now pursuing the promised "in kind" contribution from Tarmac for materials towards the proposed works to be carried out on the public open spaces.

(b) **Request for third party contribution**

Noting that the terms and conditions of the Landfill grant require a third party contribution of 10% towards the grant total, it was proposed by Cllr. Rolls, seconded by Cllr. Forrester that Kington Town Council be requested to pay the third party contribution of £4,197.00 to Derbyshire Environmental Trust from funds held by the Town Council for the Recreation Ground. The resolution was carried.

040/18 **Resolution to exclude the public**

It was resolved that members of the public in attendance, if any, be excluded for the duration of this agenda item on the grounds that discussions were likely to include commercially sensitive material.

041/18 **Kington Cricket Club**

Members noted a request by Kington Cricket Club to amend the rental payable by the Cricket Club for use of the Recreation Ground over the next three year period. After some discussion, the proposal was agreed but will be subject to annual review as this represents a substantial contribution on the part of the Trust. It was further agreed that discussions would be held with the Club on ways that the Town Council/Recreation Ground Trust can support the Club to improve membership and maximise income potential.

Members also noted a request for a formal lease on the area used for matches by the Cricket Club. In reviewing advice received in the past, the Clerk confirmed that such a lease would be considered a disposal of land by the Charities Commission, requiring Charities Commission consent which is unlikely to be granted. It was therefore agreed that the present hiring arrangement be continued but that the Trust and Town Council would support any grant funding applications submitted by the Cricket Club by confirming it's commitment to continue with the Club using the facilities at the Recreation Ground.

The meeting then returned to public session.

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Community Asset Transfers

Cllr. Fitton gave an update on progress of negotiations on the transfer of public open spaces to the Trust, noting some uncertainties with regard to the areas forming the land at Kington Park. Herefordshire Council are in negotiations with the developer with regard to the strip of land at the north of the site and until matters are clearer with regard to the overage clause and other matters, no further action can take place with regard to this land and a decision can not therefore be taken.

With regard to the two other sites, these appear now to be in a position to be transferred and we await documentation from the solicitor for consideration.

The landowner of the small triangle of land off Crooked Well has been approach and appears to be willing to transfer the land to the Town Council provided that the land is planted as a garden, to which the owner is offering a contribution of £50.00. It was agreed that the Mayor be authorised to continue to discuss this with the current owner. Finally it was agreed that the tree warden be approached to consider appropriate planting for this site.

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Next Agenda

The following items were raised for discussion at the next meeting:

- Proposals for the use of the grant funding from Derbyshire Environmental Trust
- Work on the recreation ground trees
- Equipment maintenance
- Dog fouling and prohibition signs

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Monday 14th May at 6.00pm at the Old Police Station.

A meeting of the Management Group will be convened before the next Trust meeting at a date/time to be agreed.

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