



Kington Recreation Ground Trust

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Kington Recreation Ground Trust
held at 6.00pm on Monday 7th January 2019 at the
Old Police Station, Market Hall Street.**

Present: Cllr Martin Fitton (Chair)
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. R. Banks
Cllr. F. Hawkins
Cllr. R. MacCurrach
Cllr p. Prior
Cllr. E. Rolls
Cllr. R. Widdowson
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson

In attendance: Liz Kelso, Clerk
Mary Tolhurst, Assistant.

001/19 **Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Cllrs. C. Forrester and J. Dennis

002/19 **Declarations of Interests and requests for dispensation**

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

003/19

Minutes of the Trust meeting held on 3rd December 2018

It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2018 as previously circulated be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

004/19

Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report, as attached to these Minutes, was noted. It was also noted that:

- The Mayor is aiming to meet the reporting deadline of 31st March
- Work on the footpaths at Crooked Well is awaiting a formal license from Herefordshire Council. [to work on the site](#)
- Derbyshire Environmental Trust (DET) has agreed to the advance purchase of disability-friendly play equipment and will be asked to support the work to improve the entrance to Crooked Well from the Tavern Path
- A request is to be made to the [funders-DET](#) to re-allocate funds where those funds cannot be used in the previously agreed location.

005/19

Health and Safety

The Clerk reported that The Recreation Ground groundsman has been busy clearing up after more incidents of antisocial behaviour on the Recreation Ground, including broken glass, deliberate damage to benches and incidents of arson. The police have been informed.

006/19

Financial Matters

a) To consider budget for the Recreation Ground Trust for financial year ending 31.3.2020

The Clerk presented the draft budget for the Recreation Ground for the year to 31.3.2020 as attached to these Minutes. After some discussion, it was agreed that the budget, as presented, be approved. It was further agreed that further discussions be held on charging for activities within the Recreation Ground as a means of increasing income for the upkeep of the Recreation Ground and other green spaces.

b) To agree request to Kington Town Council for a grant for year ending 31.3.2020

It was agreed that the Kington Recreation Ground Trust request a grant from Kington Town Council for the amount of £20,000 for the year ending 31st March 2020.

007/19

Proposal to Exclude the Public

It was proposed by Cllr Elizabeth Banks and seconded by Cllr Wood-Johnson that pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public be excluded from the next agenda item on the grounds that the items include matters of a commercially sensitive or personal nature. The resolution was agreed unanimously.

008/19 Tenancy of Trust owned property

Members noted a report from the Clerk and agreed that the Clerk write to the tenants to request an amendment to the payment due.

009/19 To consider repair or replacement of benches within the Recreation Ground

It was agreed that a full review be made of the seating within the Recreation Ground by the Management Group with a view to making recommendations at the next meeting.

010/19 To consider proposal for work on the Cottage and agree the specification

The notes from a meeting with the tenant had been circulated and were discussed. Various repairs are needed at the Cottage and the following was agreed that the Clerk:

- approach a number of local, recommended contractors with a request to Tender for the work
- investigate what planning permission would be needed to replace the windows
- contact the suppliers of the stove to request a review of its effectiveness, and
- contact an electrician ~~for a~~ to check on the night storage heaters
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011/19 To consider specification for work on the toilet block

This was deferred to a later meeting so that requirements can be identified.

012/19 To consider specification for repairs and maintenance of the gates to the Recreation Ground

After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to prepare a specification and obtain quotes for the work required.

013/19 Community Asset Transfers - Update on negotiations for Crooked Well Meadow and land at Morgan's Orchard

Cllr Fitton confirmed that there has been little to report since the last meeting. A further report will be made at the next meeting.

014/19 Items for the next agenda

The following items were raised for the next agenda:

- Charging for the use of the Recreation Ground
- Recreation Ground Cottage and tenancy.
- Future meeting dates for the Recreation Ground Trust
- Asset transfer update

015/19 Next Meeting

The date and time for the next meeting to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.55pm

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Meeting to be held 7th January 2019
Agenda item 4: Clerk's Report

1. Recreation Ground Users

A meeting of the users group has yet to be arranged.

2. Trees

As requested at the last meeting, a letter has been sent to Sargeants to advise on the tree which was considered unsafe.

3. Toilet Block

Herefordshire Council has confirmed that business rate relief at 100% will continue for the Recreation Ground for the next year. From now onwards it will be necessary to reapply every year for rate relief and the level of discretionary relief awarded by the Council may change.

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Agenda item 6 – Budget

