

HORDEN RECREATION GROUND
Minutes of Meeting held 4th February 2014

Present: Councillor J Clark (Chairman)
 Councillors W Hill, I Roberts, E Connor, W Smith, R Bagnall, G Phillips, D Nicol, D Langan, L Williams, D Tait, and E Wood.

Apologies: Councillors, J White, M Clark and M Robinson

Staff: Mr P Davison (Clerk)

Also Present:

HRG **Apologies for Absence**

13/14/64 Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors J White, M Clark and M Robinson.

RESOLVED: that the apologies submitted be APPROVED.

HRG **Minutes of Meeting held 14th January 2014**

13/14/65 **RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

HRG **Matters Arising**

13/14/66 The Clerk advised that there were no matters arising that would not be addressed under item 8.

HRG **Public Participation**

13/14/67 There were no members of the public present.

HRG **Exclusion of Press and Public.**

13/14/68 that in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves information prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED: that the press and public be excluded for the following items.

HRG **HCW AFC Supporters Club Lease**

13/14/69 Members considered the implementation of the terms of the supporters club lease.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to the supporters club, reminding them of the terms of the lease and to ensure strict adherence to it; and in particular. In relation to insurance contributions, monthly rent and reimbursement of any damages incurred.

HRG **HCW AFC Supporters Club Tenancy**

13/14/70 Members considered their previous request to the supporters club to ascertain the point of contact who was representing the supporters club with regard to the tenancy, and that this had still not been confirmed by the club.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to the supporters club again to ascertain who the point of contact for the supporters club is.

HRG **HCW AFC Issues**

13/14/71 Members considered the correspondence previously circulated. The Clerk updated Members on the hearing at Newcastle County Court on 22nd January 2014.

Much debate ensued and Members considered the next steps to progress the issues in order to have them satisfactorily resolved. Members considered the installation of pay as you go electric meters in the football grandstand and a separate water meter in order for the football club to pay for their own utilities. Councillor E Connor stated she did not agree with this course of action.

The Clerk provided advice and reiterated legal counsels advice regarding utility provision, and other possible courses of action that may be taken.

Members also considered a representation from the football club regarding alternative dispute resolution.

Various motions were put to Members to consider and it was

RESOLVED: that

- (i) The trustees solicitor clarify why the particulars of claim form referred to in HCWAFCs letter dated 3rd February 2014 did not have the named individuals referred to, removed.
- (ii) A pay as you go electric meter and a separate water meter be installed in the football grandstand in order for users of the facility to pay for their own utility use.
- (iii) The Clerk contact HCW AFC for alternative dispute resolution as indicated in the football clubs letter dated 3rd February 2014.
- (iv) If alternative dispute resolution does not conclude to the trustees satisfaction, then the issues be referred to the next court hearing.