

HORDEN RECREATION GROUND
Minutes of Meeting held 14th January 2014

Present: Councillor J White (Chairman)
 Councillors W Hill, I Roberts, E Connor, W Smith, J Clark, G Phillips, D Nicol, D Langan, D Tait, M Robinson and E Wood.

Apologies: Councillor M Clark

Staff: Mr P Davison (Clerk)

Also Present:

HRG **Apologies for Absence**

13/14/58 Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor M Clark.

RESOLVED: that the apology submitted be APPROVED.

HRG **Minutes of Meetings held 3rd and 16th December 2013**

13/14/59 Councillor D Langan wished to state that he did not agree that the minutes referring to 3rd December 2013 were a true record with regard to the Clerks actions regarding S. Benbow (resolution number five) and did not recall that those actions were endorsed.

Councillors J Clark, D Nicol and E Connor stated to have their names recorded in the minutes that they did believe them to be a true record.

The Chairman called the vote on the accuracy of the minutes with four Members not agreeing their accuracy and three Members in agreement. Five Members abstained from the vote.

With regard to the minutes relating to 16th December 2013, the Clerk advised that a Member had submitted some alterations to the minutes to be considered before their approval.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be APPROVED and confirmed as a correct record subject to;

- (i) The removal of resolution five from the minutes of 3rd December 2013.
- (ii) The apologies of Councillor J Clark to be recorded and the alteration of the date in resolution 1 "13th February 2013" to "13th February 2010" from the minutes 16th December 2013.

HRG **Matters Arising**

13/14/60 The Clerk advised that there were no matters arising that would not be addressed under item 6

HRG **Public Participation**

13/14/61 There were no members of the public present.

HRG **Exclusion of Press and Public.**

13/14/62 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 Issues**

13/14/63 Members considered the correspondence previously circulated. The Clerk circulated papers at the meeting to provide further information on advice received from the trustees solicitor and provided a verbal update.

The Clerk stated that following the outcomes of meetings held in December 2013, HCW AFC had not made any payments to the trustee, despite being reminded by email.

The Clerk directed Members to the clubs response and the points raised in their letter dated 3rd January. Considerable debate ensued.

Members also considered the correspondence received from Mr. J Stubbs and in particular, the email dated 5th January 2014. Members considered the content of the correspondence and Members made comment with concern on the tone and content.

The Clerk advised that the trustees solicitor had provided further advice with regard to the case and Members considered this further. The Clerk further advised that any further opinions sought regarding correspondence would incur solicitors and/or barristers costs.

It was

RESOLVED: that

- (i) With regard to Mr. Stubbs' correspondence dated 5th January 2014, the Clerk retrieve the email sent to him by Ms. Jarron in late October 2013 should such correspondence exist.
- (ii) The Clerk request that Ms. Jarron comment on allegations made regarding her comments contained within the correspondence.
- (iii) The Clerk request that Ms. Jarron provide an opinion regarding the content of correspondence received from Mr. Stubbs dated 29th December 2013 and 2nd January 2014 with regard to its accuracy.
- (iv) The Clerk request that Ms. Jarron provide an opinion regarding whether any action can be taken regarding Mr. Stubbs's allegations and behaviour towards the Trustee and staff with respect to the numerous items of correspondence received over the course of the issue.
- (v) The Clerk request that Mortons request the court for a two month postponement in order to pursue formal mediation with the club.
- (vi) The Clerk request that Mortons approach the club with a view to formal mediation.
- (vii) The Clerk request that Mortons approach the club and request that they put forward two substitute names for inclusion on court application notices.
- (viii) The Clerk to request that Mortons request the names and contact details of HCWAFC's committee and once obtained, for Mortons to provide the committee with information from December and January surrounding the issues and current position statement regarding the case.