

HORDEN RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held 6th October 2015

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

Staff: Mr. P Davsion (Clerk)

HRG **Declarations of Interest**

15/16/051 Councillor C Cain declared a prejudicial interest on Item 9 on the agenda; HCW AFC on the grounds he was affiliated with the club in the past.
RESOLVED: that the declaration submitted be NOTED.

Councillor E Connor entered the room at 6.03pm.

HRG **Apologies for Absence.**

15/16/052 Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors D Tait, G Robson, M Clark and J White.
RESOLVED: that the apologies submitted be APPROVED.

HRG **Minutes of the Meetings held 1st September 2015**

15/16/053 **RESOLVED:** that the minutes be APPROVED and signed as a true record by the Chairman subject to

- (i) HRG 15/16/050 (ii) being amended to "Two Councillors attend the pre-trial meeting on 1st December 2015 under approved duties".
- (ii) Councillor W Smith being included in the list of apologies approved.

HRG **Public Participation**

15/16/054 There were no members of the public present.

HRG **Matters Arising**

15/16/055 **RESOLVED:** that the information submitted be NOTED.

HRG **Tennis Court**

15/16/056 Members considered the report previously circulated and were further advised that any permanent modification to the MUGA pitch would involve dividing the existing area in two and affixing permanent nets. One quotation had already been sought which would cost £5,000.

Members acknowledged that no budget existed for such an exercise at this time and much discussion ensued on the use of the MUGA pitch for short tennis as outlined in the report and whether more could be done to publicise the facility in future.

RESOLVED: that

- (i) The MUGA pitch facilities be publicised in future marketing initiatives.
- (ii) A permanent tennis court be considered in future budgets.

HRG **Rugby Pitch Number Two**

15/16/057 The Clerk summarised the correspondence previously circulated and drew Members attention to the drainage proposal provided by TGMS which required their consideration before undertaking the tender exercise.

Members expressed their concern that Horden Rugby Club, although providing correspondence to indicate their intentions to use the pitches in the Welfare Park for 2015, did not make clear as to their longer term occupancy which was a condition of the grant funding supplied to the parish council in order to address the drainage issue on the number two pitch and if the club were to leave, the grant funding would no longer be available.

Members also considered the drainage proposal and given that the future occupancy of the rugby club in the Welfare Park was uncertain it was

RESOLVED: that Horden Rugby Club be contacted in order for a meeting to take place with the Chairman of the Horden Recreation Ground Committee, the Chairman of the Parks and Cemetery

Committee, the Clerk to the Council and representatives of the Rugby Club in order to seek clarity on future occupancy arrangements and report back to the Horden Recreation Ground Committee before proceeding further.

**HRG
15/16/058**

Exclusion of Press and Public.

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.

Councillor C Cain declared a prejudicial interest in the following item and left the room at 6.34pm

**HRG
15/16/059**

HCWAFC

Members considered the correspondence from the solicitor previously received. Further consideration was given to the obtaining of ATE insurance and any proposed reduction in outstanding invoices owed to be included in any revised Part 36 offer given.

Much discussion ensued and it was

RESOLVED: that

- (i) The solicitors be instructed to obtain deferred premium insurance to cover the council's own costs and disbursements and the indemnity limit be set at £100,000, subject to a time limit of four hours of solicitor time expended on the exercise as per their previous resolution set out in HRG/15/16/50.
- (ii) In relation to the Part 36 offer, no reduction in outstanding invoices owed be offered to the club due to extensive previous debt incurred by the club being written off by the council on an ex gratia basis.