

HORDEN RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held 17th November 2015

Present: Councillor W Smith (Chairman)
Councillors C Cain, E Connor, D Langan, D Tait, D Nicol, J White, L Williams and E Wood

Apologies: Councillors R Bagnall, J Clark, M Clark, W Hill and I Roberts

Staff: Mr. P Davison (Clerk),

HRG 15/16/072 **Declarations of Interest.**
Councillor C Cain declared a prejudicial interest in Item 8 on the agenda, HCW AFC Litigation on the grounds that he was affiliated with the football club in the past.

Councillor L Williams declared a personal interest in Item 7 on the agenda, HCW AFC Supporters Club, on the grounds that he was the neighbor of the licensee.

RESOLVED: that the declarations of interest submitted be NOTED.

HRG 15/16/073 **Apologies for Absence.**
Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors R Bagnall, M Clark, J Clark, I Roberts and W Hill.

RESOLVED: that the apologies submitted be APPROVED.

HRG 15/16/074 **Matters Arising.**
The Clerk advised that representative of the trustee had met with the rugby and provided additional information subsequent to the meeting for the trustee to note.

RESOLVED: that the information received be NOTED.

Mr. G Hayes entered the room at 6.10pm

HRG 15/16/075 **Public Participation.**
The Chairman welcomed Mr. G Hayes to the meeting who had requested to address the council regarding their previous resolution HRG 15/16/71 (vii).

Mr. Hayes expressed dissatisfaction concerning the trustee's decision not to choose the oldest miner in the village to unveil the "Marra" sculpture, and to let the miners themselves choose amongst themselves instead. Mr. Hayes asked why the trustee had made that particular decision, especially when they had previously asked for the oldest miner to come forward in an earlier consultation with the public.

The trustee explained that because it was uncertain as to which miners from the given list, were actually going to attend on the day, a decision on choosing one particular miner was not made. In addition to that, the trustee did not want to upset people by choosing one particular person.

The trustee thanked Mr. Hayes for his contribution and advised that his correspondence previously submitted would be considered and would instruct the Clerk to respond the next day.

Mr. G Hayes left the room at 6.24pm.
Councillor L Williams left the room at 6.25pm

The Chairman welcomed Mr. A Facey to the meeting who had been requested to address the council regarding agenda item 7; HCW AFC Supporters Club.

Mr. Facey addressed the numerous concerns that the trustee had with regard to the operation of the supporter's club premises, in turn, and explained he was working with the police in order to improve the situation there

Mr. A Facey left the room at 6.40pm

The Chairman moved that in accordance with Standing Order 10 (a), that agenda Item 7; HCW AFC Supporters Club, be made the next order of business due to police representation being present to include input on the item.

Councillor L Williams re-entered the room at 6.41pm.

**HRG
15/16/076**

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 item.

PCSO M Haigh entered the room at 6.44pm

**HRG
15/16/077**

HCW AFC Supporters Club

The Chairman welcomed PCSO M Haigh to the meeting from Durham Constabulary's Licensing department.

PCSO Haigh provided an overview of his role in the community and summarised the incidents to date with regard to the supporters club. The trustee outlined their concerns with the club and asked what the police were doing to address these.

PCSO Haigh advised that he had recently been appointed to the area and would be working closely with the licensee to address several issues that had been brought to his attention. He also stated that if he was required to provide an update with regard to the measures that would be put into place and provide a progress report, he would do so.

The trustee welcomed PCSO Haigh's input and requested that he be contacted early in 2016 to provide a progress report.

PCSO Haigh left the room at 7.22pm

RESOLVED: that PCSO Haigh be invited to provide a progress report on the Supporters Club in January 2016.

The Chairman moved that in accordance with Standing Order 10 (a), that agenda Item 8; HCW AFC Litigation, be made the next order of business.

**HRG
15/16/078**

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

**HRG
15/16/079**

HCW AFC Litigation

The Clerk advised that information regarding the litigation case that would require resolutions from the trustee had only arrived on the day of the meeting and as such, with Members not receiving it three clear working days beforehand, could not consider it. The Clerk therefore recommended that the item be deferred to a later meeting, as yet to be arranged.

RESOLVED: that the item be deferred to a later meeting.

HRG
15/16/080

Miners Sculpture.

The trustee considered the correspondence received in context of the public representation they had received earlier in the meeting. Much debate ensued with regard to the choosing of the oldest miner for the unveiling of the sculpture and the previous resolution the trustee had made on the matter.

The trustee also considered correspondence received from Durham University requesting permission to conduct a housing survey at the miners sculpture event.

RESOLVED: that

- (i) The Clerk telephone the miners who had provided their details, to ascertain whether they would be amenable for Mr. Lawrence Martin, being the oldest name given on the list, or the oldest miner in attendance on the day to unveil the sculpture.
- (ii) If the majority of the miners contacted were not amenable to the suggestion set out in (i), then for the miners to determine amongst themselves who would unveil on the day.
- (iii) Due to the nature of the miners event, being primarily about heritage in nature, that Durham University's request be not approved on this occasion, but be invited to subsequent events in future.