

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK
Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at
The Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock
at 6 pm on Tuesday 10 July 2018

Present:

Graham Edgcombe Venning (Chairman) – Much Wenlock Town Council
Mike Bainbridge – William Brookes School
Chris Bowden – Wenlock Estates
Bill James - Much Wenlock Cricket Club
Alan Harris - Much Wenlock Bowling Club
Kate Southan - Much Wenlock Town Council

In attendance:

Sharon Clayton – Secretary and Treasurer
Cllr. Daniel Thomas

Due to the meeting being inquorate because insufficient voting members being present (Adam Davy was not present at this time but arrived later) it was not possible to make formal decisions and so an informal meeting ensued.

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Mervyn Jarman - Much Wenlock Bowling Club and Chris Bowden – Wenlock Estates
These apologies were ACCEPTED.

2) Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Secretary's report

Members received a written report from the Secretary on action taken since the last meeting.

The Secretary's report was NOTED. It was further NOTED that the Bowling Club roof had been repaired.

4) Treasurer's report

Members received the following financial report from the Treasurer.

The balance brought forward at 1 April 2018 was £15,100.54 and the balance in the bank as at 30 June 2018 was £22,344.25.

Income received since 1 April 2018 was £10,250, a donation from the Town Council, and expenditure from 1 April to 30 June 2018 was £3,006.29.

Tree works had been carried out by the Chainsaw Bloke, who had been appointed by the Town Council on a long-term contract and, although there was not sufficient funds in the budget for tree works, there were sufficient funds in the bank to make up the shortfall. Furthermore, the annual grant of £5,000 from Wenlock Estates had yet to be received.

Mike Bainbridge pointed out that £5,000 had been included as income from the school in the this year's budget and he advised that the school could not afford to pay that amount, however the school would commit to paying £3,000 per annum for use of the ground as it had in previous years.

Bill James asked why there was no income from the Cricket Club included in the budget. The Secretary said she thought it was because the cricket pavilion now belonged to the Cricket Club which was responsible for its maintenance, but she agreed to investigate and report back.

The Treasurer's report was NOTED.

5) User Agreements

Members discussed the development of User Agreements for William Brookes School, Much Wenlock Cricket Club and Much Wenlock Bowling Club. Whilst a User Agreement had been drawn up for the school it was not really appropriate and needed to be reviewed. The general consensus was that a (common) standard service level agreement suitable for all users would be more appropriate.

Adam Davy arrived at this point in the meeting and apologized for being late. As the meeting was now quorate, the remaining deliberations continued as a formal meeting.

6) Election of Chairman

Nominations were sought for the election of Chairman.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Kate Southan be elected as Chairman.

7) Election of Deputy Chairman

Nominations were sought for the election of Deputy Chairman.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Adam Davy be elected as Deputy Chairman.

8) Financial contribution for use of the ground from major users

The financial contributions from users had been discussed earlier in the meeting during the Treasurer's report and therefore;

it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that there would be an annual financial contribution of £3,000 from the school, £1,624 from the Bowling Club and charges for the Cricket Club were to be investigated by the Secretary.

9) Enquiry point

Members considered whether the Committee should have some kind of presence at this year's main Olympian games in order to raise awareness of the work of the charity and its commitment to the ground.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that a small table and a gazebo would be manned by Committee members on Sunday 15 July 2018.

10) Participation in other activities

Members considered whether committee members should participate in this year's Christmas Fayre.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- **William Brookes School should be asked for volunteers to help out on the day of this year's Christmas Fayre.**
- **The marshals attending this year's Olympian games should be asked if they would be interested in helping out at this year's Christmas Fayre and they would be approached by Committee members manning the enquiry point.**

11) Leader application

Members discussed the current status of the application for the Leader funding for a perimeter footpath, access between the school site and the Gaskell Recreation Ground, and fitness equipment for the Gaskell Recreation Ground. Members agreed that access between sites was important because it would enable users of the ground to park on the school site and then walk through to the ground.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- **A working group be established whose remit would be to put the Leader funding application together and acquire quotes for work.**
- **Working group members would be Kate Southan, Mike Bainbridge and Chris Bowden.**

12) Drainage

Members discussed the status of proposals for drainage works to be carried out on the ground. Whilst it had been hoped that work would commence in autumn this year it had been suggested that it might be best to wait until spring 2019. However, advice was still being sought.

It was AGREED that everyone would work together to find a suitable time for the works to be carried out.

13) Minutes

The minutes of an Extraordinary meeting held on 9 February 2018 were considered for approval.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place on 11 September 2019 and that the purchase of goal posts should be included on the agenda.

The meeting closed at 19:09.

Signed
Chairman

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