

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK
Registered Charity no. 1116940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting held at
The Corn Exchange, Much Wenlock
at 6 pm on Thursday 14 December 2017

Present:

David Gibbon (Chairman), Trevor Childs, Graham Edgcumbe Venning and Mary Hill.

In attendance:

Sharon Clayton – Secretary

1) Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Herbert Harper who was recovering from a fall.

3) Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4) Minutes

The minutes of an Extraordinary meeting held on 17 November 2017 were considered for approval.

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

5) Secretary's report

Members received a written report from the Secretary on action taken since the last meeting. The Secretary also reported that the application for Leader Funding had been endorsed and Kerry Rogers was completing the application on behalf of the Management Committee. She would also be attending a meeting on 25 January 2018 to start completing the full application for LEADER funding. A draft version would be available soon after the meeting for Members to look at.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the Secretary's report be NOTED.

6) Treasurer's report

Members received the following financial report from the Treasurer.

The balance brought forward at 1 April 2017 was £10,474.12 and the balance in the bank as at 30 November 2017 was £19,593.19.

Income received since 1 April 2017 was £10,450, and expenditure from 1 April to 30 November 2017 was £10,330.93. The balance in the bank account as at 30 November 2017 was £19,593.19.

The financial accounts for 2016/2017 had been submitted to the Charity Commission although the Charity Commission no longer requires returns if income is less than £25,000.

The Town Council has earmarked reserves of £61,418 for drainage works to be carried out on the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that the Treasurer's report be **NOTED**.

7) Design and printing of Management Plan

Members considered for retrospective approval the cost of the design (£390) and printing (£375) of the Management Plan.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that the costs be **APPROVED**.

8) Tree works

Following the granting of permission for tree works to be carried out on the trees members considered for approval how these works should be carried out in accordance with the Tree Officer's report.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that quotes should be sought for the tree works.

9) Pitch marking

Members considered for approval pitch marking of the football field. It had been suggested that the pitches be re-arranged next year to include 3 football pitches and allow younger people to play football, even though it might infringe on the cricket field.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that Spacecare-Shropshire should be asked to provide for quotes for pitch marking to accommodate three football pitches.

10) Signage

Members considered for approval whether new signage should be installed on the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that:

- i. Quotes should be sought for new signage once the wording had been agreed.
- ii. Members of the public should be informed that new signage was to be installed by putting information in the next edition of the Wenlock Herald.
- iii. High vis tabards should be worn by officials of the Gaskell Recreation Ground when visiting the ground on official business.

11) Play equipment

Members considered for approval, the repair, maintenance and renewal of play equipment in the children's play area. The swing basket in particular was showing signs of wear and had been decommissioned because the bearing had failed, it had also been vandalized by 6th Form students at William Brookes School. The wet pour surface was beginning to show signs of wear and was lifting in places.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that:

- i. The £3,000 included in the 2017/2018 budget for a disability carriage would not be needed for its original purpose and should be ring-fenced and used for the purchase of new play equipment.
- ii. A programme for the replacement of new play equipment should be implemented in the Spring of 2018.

12) Drainage

Members considered drainage plans for the ground.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED** that:

- i. Alan Lewis should be asked for an update on development plans for the ground.
- ii. The Secretary should apply for planning permission to demolish and remove the disused toilet block.

The meeting closed at 18:34.

Signed
Chairman

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