

Minutes of a Meeting of Mid Sussex District Council Charity Trustees held on 25th September 2013 from 6.45 pm to 6.55 pm.

Present:

Councillor Gordon Marples (Chairman)
Councillor Peter Reed (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors

Jonathan Ash-Edwards	Bruce Forbes	Gary Marsh
Simon Banham	Richard Goddard	Peter Martin
Stephen Barnett	Susan Hatton*	Edward Matthews
Andrew Barrett-Miles	Ginny Heard	Simon McMenemy*
Richard Bates	Christopher Hersey*	Pru Moore
Edward Belsey*	Margaret Hersey*	John O'Brien
Margaret Belsey	Catrin Ingham*	Robert Salisbury
Liz Bennett	Anne Jones	Susan Seward*
Pete Bradbury	Denis Jones	Ian Simpson
Heidi Brunsdon*	Graham Knight*	Christopher Snowling
Jack Callaghan	Jim Knight	Dick Sweatman
Cherry Catharine*	Jacqui Landriani	Mandy Thomas-Atkin
Phillip Coote	Andrew Lea	Colin Trumble
Mims Davies	Mike Livesey	Neville Walker*
John de Mierre*	Andrew MacNaughton	Garry Wall
David Dorking*	Bob Mainstone	Norman Webster
Kathleen Dumbovic	Natalie March	Emily White
Tim Farmer		

*Absent

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared a personal interest in Item 4, St John's Park Charitable Trust, Burgess Hill - Proposed New Practice Net Facility and Lease Disposal, as his Grandson played for Burgess Hill Cricket Club.

8. RICHARD WORSLEY RECREATION GROUND CHARITABLE TRUST, CUCKFIELD - PROPOSED LEASE DISPOSALS

The Chairman introduced the report and invited Trustees to speak.

The two Cuckfield Members expressed their satisfaction with the report and that it represented good governance by the Trustees and a sound financial base on which to go forward. They asked other Trustees to support the report's recommendations.

As there were no further questions, the Chairman took the Trustees to the report's recommendations, which were agreed.

RESOLVED

That:

- (1) the contents of the report and the Independent Surveyor's report be noted;
- (2) the grant of the leases of the Tennis Courts and the Tennis Club Pavilion to the Club be agreed, and
- (3) subject to the Club paying the costs of so doing, the Charity Trustees' Solicitor be authorised to advertise the Charity Trustees' intention to grant the leases of the Tennis Courts and the Tennis Club Pavilion in accordance with Section 121 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 and to report back to the Charity Trustees, as to the public response to the proposal.

9. ST JOHN'S PARK CHARITABLE TRUST, BURGESS HILL - PROPOSED NEW PRACTICE NET FACILITY AND LEASE DISPOSAL

Councillor Moore introduced the report and outlined the undertakings made by Burgess Hill Cricket Club. She acknowledged the need to replace the existing practice nets as well as the need to ensure replacements nets were secured against damage whilst ensuring community access to the area. She asked Trustees to support the report's recommendations.

Other Trustees welcomed initiatives to promote health and wellbeing in Mid Sussex, and to improve existing sporting facilities.

Responding to a Trustee's question, Tom Clark, Solicitor to the Charity Trustees confirmed that the designation of the land on which the practice nets stood would not be affected.

As there were no further questions, the Chairman took the Trustees to the report's recommendations, which were agreed.

RESOLVED

That:

- (1) the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) the grant of the lease of land edged in red on the plan in appendix A of the report to the Club be agreed in principle;
- (3) subject to the Club paying the costs of so doing, the Charity Trustees' Solicitor be authorised to advertise the Charity Trustees' intention to grant the lease of land edged in red on the plan at Appendix A of the report, in accordance with Section 121 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, and
- (4) the Charity Trustees' Solicitor be authorised to obtain a report and recommendation on the main terms of the lease from an independent surveyor, in accordance with Section 119 of the Charities Act 2011 and report back to the Charity Trustees, as to the public response to the proposal and the main terms of the lease.

Chairman.