

Minutes of a Meeting of Mid Sussex District Council Charity Trustees held on 15 April 2015 from 6.45 p.m. to 6.53 p.m.

Present:

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

John Allen*	Kathleen Dumbovic	Natalie March*
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*	Geoff Rawlinson
Liz Bennett	Anne Jones, MBE	Robert Salisbury
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
Rod Clarke	Andrew Lea	Colin Trumble
Phillip Coote	Mike Livesey	Neville Walker
Mims Davies*	Andrew MacNaughton	Garry Wall
David Dorking	Bob Mainstone	Norman Webster
		Emily White*

*Absent

6. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Charity Trustees held on 23 July 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

8. BEECH HURST GARDENS, HAYWARDS HEATH – PROPOSED LEASEHOLD DISPOSAL AND AUTHORISATION OF FUNDS FOR BEECH HURST KIOSK

The Solicitor to the Council introduced the report. He advised that the Council had now found a tenant who would be able to move into the Kiosk and the report outlined the proposed terms of a lease which Members were asked to agree. The term of the lease would be for 2 years with a rent of £4200 p.a. and the tenant would be responsible for insurance.

The Solicitor to the Council reported that Members were also asked to authorise the allocation of funds to purchase roller shutters for added security at £3120 and the purchase of outdoor seating to accommodate trade at £800.

A couple of Members commented that they were pleased to see investment in this precious asset in the district. They went on to say that particularly at the weekend this facility is heavily used and it is hoped that the kiosk will be able to incorporate into the atmosphere of the Gardens and enhance it.

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

RESOLVED

That Charity Trustees:

- (1) Authorise the Charity Trustees' Solicitor to apply for consent from the Charity Commissioners to the grant of a lease to Bidder A;
- (2) Subject to (a) above authorise the Charity Trustees' Solicitor to grant a lease of the new Beech Hurst Kiosk to Bidder A on the terms mentioned in this report and such other terms as the Charity Trustees' Solicitor considers appropriate;
- (3) Allocate a maximum of £800 of charity funds to purchase picnic benches and £3120 for roller shutters which will add to the facilities at Beech Hurst Gardens; and
- (4) In the interim, grant a licence to Bidder A to use the premises at £350 per month.

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

The Solicitor to the Council introduced the report. He advised that Members were asked to note the possible granting of a lease for Burgess Hill Cricket Club to erect new nets to protect the asset. This will make the ground closed off to the public when not in use. The Club will cover all costs for the new nets, their installation and their on-going maintenance as part of the lease. Initially a 12 month licence would be given.

Responding to a Member's question, the Solicitor to the Council confirmed that the land in question was land owned by the charity and explained that the lease was for 28 years because the club needed that length of lease to attract future funding.

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

RESOLVED

That Charity Trustees:

Note the contents of the report and the proposal to allow occupation under a licence pending the completion of the proposed lease.

Chairman