

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL
sitting as TUCKER'S RECREATION GROUND TRUST
Reg. Charity No. 300156

Minutes of the Meeting of the Trust
held on Monday, 8 September 2014 at 7.30 pm
in the June Rennie Room, the Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon

TRUST MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr Mike Wise
Mr Ian Bell
Mr Roger Cox
Ms Angela Finn
Mr Andrew Marsden

Non-Voting Trust Members:
Mr Simon Harrington (Faringdon
Town Football Club)
Mr Jonathan Gerrans (Faringdon
Judo club)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Hilary Sherman (Clerk &
Financial Officer to the Trust)

As neither the Chairman nor the Vice Chairman was present, it was proposed, seconded and CARRIED that Dr Mike Wise act as Chairman for this meeting.

23/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Julie Farmer, Mr James Gregory and Mr Steven Leniec.

24/14 Minutes of Last Meeting: 12 May 2014

- (a) The Minutes were AGREED and signed as being a correct record of the meeting held on 12 May 2014;
- (b) *Min 15/14, Appointment of Treasurer:* Mr Cox queried whether this role was still required given that the Trust already had a Financial Officer. It was NOTED that the Clerk had contacted the Charity Commission seeking clarity on this matter. The Charity Commission had advised that it was not essential for a Trust to have a Treasurer unless it was specifically stated in the Trust's Charity Commission Scheme and that it was basically up to the Trustee to ensure it complied with its obligations to the Charity Commission in the keeping and filing of accounting records.
- As the Financial Officer to the Trust deals with all the accounting records and the Trust Members approve the year end accounts, it was proposed, seconded and CARRIED that the post of Treasurer be abolished forthwith.

25/14 Public Speaking Time

There were no members of public present.

26/14 Payment of Bills

There were no bills to be paid.

27/14 Thames Water

It was NOTED that the outstanding claim submitted to Thames Water for a refund of high water charges incurred through no fault of the Trust or the Football Club had now been settled and a credit of £973.82 had been received.

28/14 Faringdon Town Football Club

Mr Simon Harrington updated the Trust Members on the club's current activities, as follows:

- there were 6 junior and 3 senior sides;
- Grass cutting equipment had now been purchased for which the Vale of White Horse District Council had given a grant as well as funding from the football club. Grass cutting time had subsequently been much reduced;
- The "Live in the Park" event on 28 June had been very successful and, of the funds raised, £1000 was donated to The Pump House Project and £1000 to the Royal Benevolent Fund. Mr Harrington reported that there had been some complaints about noise from the event but the football club had been in touch with the District Council about this. However, if this event were to take place again next year, the football club would seek advice at that stage in order to ensure there were no problems;
- The Scarrotts Fair which had visited for a week from 29 June had also been successful;
- The Oxfordshire Play Association had held a play and activity date on 19 July which had been well supported. Faringdon Town Council had given a grant to support this.

Simon also reported that there had been problems with youths but that the club had been in touch with the police. Motor cars and bikes had been tearing up and down the track, they were also possibly using the club WiFi and were leaving rubbish. It was suggested that the gate should be locked but that it would need to be clarified when the dog litter bins were emptied so that the contractor would be able to gain access to them.

Ian Bell enquired whether ladies' football had been considered by the football club and Simon stated that this was being followed up with Rachael Kenyon.

29/14 Faringdon Judo Club Report

Mr Jonathan Gerrans apologised for not having been able to attend the last couple of meetings. There had been a long summer break and they would be starting back with two sessions on Wednesdays from next week and Derek Malin would continue to coach. The club was still running Sunday morning sessions which children from all around the area attended.

Of the 28 children who went up to the British Junior Championships held in May, 4 live in Faringdon and the rest from other towns/villages in the area. 9 medals in total were achieved with one of the Faringdon children getting a medal.

More competitions were due to be held this Autumn term in which lots of Faringdon children would be participating.

The club was aware that the guttering needed to be replaced on the football side of the building and would be attending to this.

Jonathan wished to express thanks to the football club for always keeping the area neat and tidy. He stated that to date there had not been any problems with vandalism.