

**THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

Present:

A L Smith  
J P Edwards  
R Bellerby  
M C Jones  
A Miller  
J Milne  
P Murray  
B Phelan  
J Seaton  
M J Rees

Apologies:

G Miller  
P Miller  
I Milsom

The minutes of the meetings held on both Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were read. Confirmed and signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

1 Enquiries made of Lee Day had established that the article which had appeared in the Milford Mercury and which had reported that there were hopes that 2011 would see real progress in moves to redevelop the Athletic Club to which Brian Phelan had referred to in the January meeting had been prompted by a telephone call to the Local Authority requesting an update on progress. Mr Phelan expressed concern that the tenor of the article suggested that the Athletic Club were dragging their feet.

2 Spiking and Scarifying had been discussed at the Athletic club meeting and it had been determined not to scarify the grounds for the time being.

3 Having given the matter further thought Andrew Miller had decided that he did not wish to be nominated to serve as Vice Chairman of the County Club.

**Financial Report**

The Treasurer reported that the balance in the club accounts as of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 was £[REDACTED]. Outgoings since the previous meeting were £[REDACTED] whilst a payment of £[REDACTED] in respect of insurance was outstanding.

**Correspondence**

1 Correspondence in the form of an e-mail had been received from the Welsh Cricket Association in relation to the draw for the 2011 Gwalia Welsh Cup competition. In the first round scheduled to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011 the Club had received a bye

whilst in round 2 they were due to entertain Tredegar on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 with the winners of that fixture due to meet either Gowerton or Mumbles on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

2 Promotional literature had been received from Meadons Cricket Club Insurance

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4 Correspondence had been received from the Welsh Cricket Association announcing the merger of the WCA with the Cricket Board of Wales to form Cricket Wales/Criced Cymru.

5 Correspondence had been received from the Pembrokeshire Sports Development Council announcing that the Council was to hold its first course of the year on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and offering a further invitation to affiliate to the Council.

6 Correspondence had been received from the County Club regarding the purchase of cricket balls. The price of senior and junior balls had risen due to the increase in VAT and were now available at £57 per box of 6 balls (Senior) and £33 per box of 6 (Junior).

### **Ground & Maintenance**

As members were aware the Athletic Club grounds and the cricket field in particular had suffered considerable damage in recent weeks as a result of the escape of loose horses from adjoining fields. Enquiries had established that the land from which the horses had escaped was not in the ownership of the local authority but rather was in private hands although the identity of the owner had still to be established. It appeared that the owner of the horses had now enclosed the field to hopefully prevent further intrusions and the Athletic club Solicitors were looking into potential legal remedies. In terms of remedial works Paul Miller had sought the advice of Len Smith whilst an estimate had been received from Jonathon Boot in relation to the athletic club grounds as a whole, a copy of which had been forwarded to the Police who were also involved.

It was early days however it was hoped that rumours that the Club would be forced to play fixtures at alternative venues would prove unfounded and that the damage was not irreparable. Indeed early indications were that the damage was reparable and that some areas of the square were unaffected. It was agreed that a meeting should be held on a Saturday or Sunday morning to inspect the damage and decide upon the best way forward.

It was observed that had it not been for the efforts of Steven Evans and Nick Harwood in attempting to corral the horses and notifying the authorities the damage occasioned to the grounds might have been far worse and it was agreed that the Secretary should write to both gentlemen thanking them for their actions.

### **Athletic Club Development**

The meeting between members of the Stand Committee and the Athletic Club Committee to discuss the future of the car park area had taken place. Those present had agreed to allow the Council access to the car park subject to certain caveats including the provision of a hard standing area as a temporary car park between the bowling green and the rugby club and clarification of parking arrangements at the school and the Athletic club post project. Martin Jones had subsequently met with Maria Jones at Cardigan on 8<sup>th</sup> February to discuss these points and whilst doing so had also raised the possibility of connecting a water supply to the new storage shed.

Martin Jones confirmed that it was hoped to arrange a meeting between members of the steering group and Council representatives in the near future.

### **Club Development Report**

In the absence of Paul Miller no report was available.

### **County AGM**

The agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Pembroke County Club to be held at Haverfordwest Cricket Club on Wednesday 23rd February 2011 was discussed and the Notices of motion considered. It was noted that the majority of the notices of motion arose from the survey on proposed rule changes which Andrew Miller had canvassed of fellow Club Captains in late 2010 and had been proposed by Andrew Miller and seconded by Martyn Rees. The minutiae of these proposals and indeed the other proposed amendments to the County rules were discussed and the Club's representative Jason Milne mandated as to how the Club's votes should be cast. It was agreed that in those instances where members present had no strong views either in favour of or against the proposal then the Club's vote should be left to Mr Milne's discretion.

### **Youth Cricket Organiser's Report**

The Club had entered a side in the National Under 13 Cup Competition..

### **Child Welfare Officer's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Any Other Business**

1 Members present offered their congratulations to the Neyland team who had captured the Welsh Indoor Cricket Cup at the Meads Leisure Centre Milford Haven the previous Sunday. The side had readily accounted for both Radyr and Ynystawe and were due to play the winners of the Wiltshire Final over the course of the next weekend.

2 Andrew Miller advised that a further Accreditation inspection was due to take place in 2011.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed after fixing the date of the next meeting for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011.