

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE RED ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2009.

Present: J P Edwards
P Hannon
A Miller
P Miller
P Murray
B Phelan
A L Smith
M J Rees

Apologies: R Bellerby, G Miller

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2009 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Messrs R Bellerby, A Miller and P Miller were not present as all three were engaged on club business at an alternative engagement although A Miller and P Miler did arrive shortly before the conclusion of the meeting. In the interim the meeting continued without them hence the absence of several reports which normally form part of these minutes.

Matters Arising

- 1 Purchase of cricket balls – it had been decided not to purchase balls at this stage although the position would be reviewed during the season.
- 2 It appeared that Narberth CC had made approaches with a view to deferring the Welsh Cup fixture scheduled to take place on 3rd May 2009 for a week and playing a friendly on that date – it was understood that this suggestion had been politely refused.

Financial Report

In the absence of R Bellerby there was no Treasurer's report available.

Ground & Maintenance

In the absence of R Bellerby there was no report available.

Correspondence

- 1 Notice had been received that the 40th Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Cricket Association is to be held at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells on Sunday 29th March 2009 at 11.00a.m.
- 2 Promotional Literature had been received from Meadons Insurance Brokers regarding cricket club insurance.
- 3 Promotional Literature had been received from Bodyline Sportswear.

4 Promotional literature including a ticket application booklet had been received from the MCC in relation to the 2009 International fixtures against the West Indies and Australia.

5 Promotional Literature had been received from Miner Roof Trusses.

Athletic Club Development

B Phelan provided those present with a report on the latest meeting of the Development Project Group which had taken place the previous Tuesday. Despite assurances that negotiation were well advanced the additional land deemed necessary for the scheme to proceed as originally envisioned had still to be acquired. Without this the demolition of the hedge below the 1st XV rugby field might not be accomplished within the required time scale i.e. before the commencement of the nesting season, although it had been intimated that if a survey of the hedge revealed that no nesting birds were present that deadline might be rendered redundant. The reason for the delay in completing the purchase of the land was not entirely clear although it appeared that the Solicitors acting for the Vaughan Trust or the Trust themselves were behind the delay. A further complication was that the developer of the proposed building development adjoining the grounds was apparently reluctant to commit to the project. As previously reported proposals to allow the school automatic access to Athletic Club facilities had been firmly rejected. In this regard it was apparent that as the new school was to be constructed in part on the existing school playing field, the County Council were anxious to obtain access to club facilities.

Club Accreditation/ Club Development Plan

1 Tree felling was taking place as part of the net development, a delay in obtaining planning approval having delayed matters somewhat. The contract to install fencing had been awarded to David Rees Fencing whilst Notts Sport would be providing the playing surface. In response to the planning consultation Neyland Town Council had asked for a hedge to be placed at the side of the nets but this had been refused. Proposals to install a power supply to the storage area had been shelved for the time being.

2 An application for grant funding made to the Communities First Trust Fund had been refused.

3 Application to the ECB for an interest free loan had been submitted – decision pending

4 Initial enquiries made with the CBW regarding the machinery grant fund suggested that it was extremely unlikely that the club would derive any additional machinery from that source in 2009.

5 Club Kit - the order for 2009 needed to be submitted as soon as possible – Paul Miller agreed to enquire about the availability of ties.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

Martin Jones gave members a brief update on the current position.

County AGM

A report was given by the Chairman on the outcome of the Annual General Meeting of the Pembroke County Club held at Haverfordwest Cricket Club on 25th February 2009. Details of the Officers elected to the various available posts and committees were provided and the outcome of proposed amendments to County rules confirmed.

AOB

1 A Miller indicated that one of the items discussed at the other meeting which he had attended that evening had been the spiking of cricket outfielders. It appeared that both Carew CC and Cresselly CC had both adopted this approach and had derived considerable benefit as a result. The approximate cost of the work in question was £100 to £120 and it was agreed that subject to the views of R Bellerby the club should go along the route.

2 Ladies Section - M Rees indicated that he had received a telephone call from the County Secretary W H V Marchant enquiring as to whether the Neyland Ladies proposed to enter a team in 2009 as attempts to clarify the situation with individual Lady members had failed to elicit a response. It was known that the Ladies had been extremely distressed at the decision of the County Club to award the 2008 title to Hook Ladies' and it appeared that this may have encouraged them to withdraw from the 2009 competition. P Miller agreed to endeavour to establish the precise position.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 19th April 2009.