

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER 2010

Present:

J P Edwards
R Bellerby (part)
S Hannon
M C Jones
J Milne
I Milsom
B Phelan
M J Rees

Apologies:

A L Smith, P Miller

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2010 were read confirmed and signed as a truer record.

Matters Arising

Other than the Athletic Club Development (see below) there were no matters arising.

Financial Report

The Treasurer reported that the current balance in the club accounts was £ [REDACTED]

Correspondence

- 1 A cheque for £125.00 had been received from the ECB as part of the Sky Sports Coach Education Grant Scheme (in respect of I Milsom)
- 2 A cheque for £194.00 had been received from Robert Simons. That sum comprised of £50.00 in reimbursement of the costs of staging an Under 9 Cricket Festival and £144.00 which it was believed was payment for tickets for a one day international.

Ground & Maintenance

- 1 A work party consisting of Brian Phelan, Andrew Miller and Robert Bellerby had put the square to bed.
- 2 Grass seed had taken well although there were one or two bare patches
- 3 Spiking was due to take place in the next week or so

Athletic Club Development

Martin Jones had duly e-mailed Mark Lewis on 10th September 2010 requesting a face to face meeting with members of the Steering Group and selected Club Officers and Trustees to discuss those issues which it was considered needed to be resolved. In response Mr Lewis had declined to attend such a meeting but had agreed to a face to face meeting with Martin Jones. A helpful discussion had taken place and Martin had subsequently e-mailed Mark Lewis with a summary of their discussion. Out of that meeting Mr Lewis had agreed to the following:

1 North Field - the County Council would pay a licence fee [REDACTED] in respect of rent/maintenance of the North field. The Council were keen for the licence to be signed.

2 Car Park – the County Council accepted that the area of land in question was leased by the Grand Stand Trustees and that Council Officials had acted improperly in not entering into negotiations in relation thereto.

3 Drainage - no manholes would be constructed on the cricket outfield as part of the proposed drainage arrangements for the roadway.

4 AFC Training Sessions – the request that the AFC be allowed free access to the Thornton Sports Centre training grounds in exchange for loss of the school field had been rejected

5 Vaughan Trust Field – an indication had been given that there were no obstacles to ownership being transferred to the Athletic Club whenever the Athletic club wished

6 Proposed Safe Route across Athletic Club grounds – Plans were currently on hold

7 Outstanding Fees to P Miller – there was no movement in the Council's position

In terms of the development project itself Mr Lewis was of the view that the plans as envisaged had little possibility of coming to fruition in the current economic climate. He indicated that the County Council were still prepared to back the project albeit on a smaller scale and suggested that the proposals should be scaled down accordingly. He gave the Phoenix Development in Fishguard with its budget of £1.6 million as an example of the sort of scheme which he had in mind and had produced plans of that building for discussion by the member clubs. The Athletic Club were due to meet on 20th October to discuss this proposal and committee members discussed the plans with a view to mandating club representatives on the Athletic Club. Examination of the plans made it clear that the building would be smaller than originally envisaged with consequently less changing facilities. Some of the associated sporting groups such as the Judo Club and snooker teams would be inconvenienced although it was considered that there was sufficient room within the building as a whole to accommodate them with a bit of give and take. The problems facing the Friends of Charity were less easy to resolve particularly given the potential absence of a stage however the majority view was that if nothing was done the existing club would cease to become habitable and the Athletic Club should seek to grasp the nettle.

Club Development Report

In the absence of both Andrew Miller and Paul Miller no report was available.

Presentation Evening

The evening had been reasonably well attended although the figures quoted at the previous meeting had proved slightly over optimistic. The decision to combine the

senior and junior presentations had nevertheless proved to be a success and between the admission charge and the raffle the cost of the food had been covered.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

Martin Jones provided those present with a report on the controversial proposals to reduce the number of junior county age groups which would receive funding from the CBW.

Child Welfare Officer's Report

All appeared in order.

Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed after fixing the date of the next meeting for Thursday 11th November 2010