

ARTHUR NICHOLSON RECREATION GROUND TRUST

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE BIDBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 17 MAY 2023 STARTING AT 7.22PM

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Collins, Eames, Hinds, Marriott, Stevens, Mrs Summers and Mrs Vidler

In Attendance – Neil Harris (Clerk)

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was **Agreed** that Councillor Mrs Summers be elected Chairman and Councillor Marriott be elected Vice Chairman of the Arthur Nicholson Recreation Ground Trust until the Annual Meeting of the Trust in 2024.

2. Position of Clerk to the Trust

It was **Agreed** that the Clerk to the Council be appointed to act as the Clerk to the Arthur Nicholson Recreation Ground Trust.

3. Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies for absence.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosures.

5. Terms of Reference of the Trust

It was **Agreed** that the Terms of Reference of the Trust as circulated at the meeting and attached to these minutes be approved.

6. Appointment of the Committee of Management

It was unanimously **Agreed** that

(1) the Committee of Management be reappointed with immediate effect

(2) the appointment be on the basis as set out in the Trust Deed with three representatives from the Trust and one each from the three sporting clubs named in the Trust Deed, the Cricket Club, the Tennis Club and the Stoolball Club

(3) the Clerk write to the Sports Clubs seeking their appointments to the Committee of Management

(4) the representatives from the Trust be Councillors Mrs Collins, Hinds and Mrs Vidler.

7. Trust Deed Amendment to include Bowls Club on Committee of Management

Councillor Mrs Vidler indicated that she had been corresponding with the Bowls Club, which is not represented on the Committee of Management, to ascertain whether they would be interested in being part of the Committee. They had indicated an interest but to achieve this it would be a requirement to amend the Trust Deed to allow this change to occur.

The Trust considered this matter and supported the idea and it was unanimously **Agreed** that, subject to the Bowls Club confirming their interest to join the Committee of Management, the Trust should pursue with the Charity Commission an amendment to the Trust Deed which would allow the Bowls Club to join the Committee of Management with a similar increase in the number of Trust representatives by one thereby maintaining the balance of membership as set out in the Trust Deed.

8. Terms of Reference of the Committee of Management

The Trust received a copy of the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee of Management for its consideration. It was unanimously **Agreed** that

(1) the draft Terms of Reference be referred to the first meeting of the Committee of Management for its consideration and that it be asked to recommend to the Trust its agreed Terms of Reference

(2) the draft Terms of Reference be forwarded to the Sports Clubs prior to the first meeting of the Committee of Management.

9. Refurbishment of the Play Park

The Trust considered the location for the refurbished Play Park, and it was unanimously **Agreed** that

(1) the Play Park continue at its existing location

(2) the Play Park be refurbished

10. Code of Conduct

It was unanimously **Agreed** that the Code of Conduct for the Trust as circulated at the meeting and attached to these minutes be approved.

11. Request from the Friends of Bidborough to hold a Community Event on the Arthur Nicholson Recreation Ground on 10 September 2023

The Trust were informed that it had received a request from the Friends of Bidborough for a community event for fundraising for the Play Park on 10 September to be held on the Recreation Ground.

It was unanimously **Agreed** that the principle of holding this community event on 10 September 2023 be agreed but that the Clerk write to the Cricket Club to clarify the fixture position and report back to the Trust.

12. Duration of Meeting

7.22pm to 7.56pm