

**THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE RED ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008.**

**Present:** R Bellerby  
J P Edwards  
A Hansen Snr  
M C Jones  
N Koomen  
A Miller  
P Miller  
B Phelan  
M J Rees

**Apologies:** A Hansen Jnr.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

1 Martin Jones had approached Colin Johns of Whitland Cricket Club with a view to removing at least one of the obstacles which appeared to be delaying the delivery of the roller.

2 Gregg Miller had arranged for fresh keys for the equipment sheds to be cut.

3 Project Completion in relation to the 2007 Community Chest Grant had been submitted.

**Financial Report**

Information relating to club finances will not be available online. Members with any queries relating to this section should contact the club treasurer directly.  
Please see the Management Committee section of this website.

**Ground & Maintenance**

1 80 bags of loam and 2 bags of grass seed had been ordered in anticipation of end of season work on the square. It was anticipated that the use of a scarifier & seeder and aerator would be available to the Club through the auspices of the Pembrokeshire Association of Groundsmen however due to uncertainty as to when this machinery would be free it was not possible at this stage to determine whether the necessary work would be completed.

Paul Miller placed before the meeting a draft programme of activity which could act as a guide to the work which needed to be completed as part of the Spring Preparation and Autumn Renovation process. He suggested that certain tasks should be allocated to individual Club members. A brief discussion ensued in which the general

consensus was that although the idea was excellent on paper, the problem would be in finding the hands to complete the tasks identified.

### **Athletic Club Development**

M C Jones provided a brief report on the recent Annual General Meeting of the Athletic Club. During that meeting it had become apparent that the land required if the development was to proceed as originally envisaged had still to be purchased. It appeared that in order to attract additional funding it was now proposed that the new building would also incorporate additional community elements in the day centre and youth club. It was believed that to do so would lead to additional funding of between £250,000 and £500,000. As always however details of how the future running costs of the building would impact upon the sporting bodies was still a grey area.

The other developments reported were that:

- 1 to recognise the difficult trading conditions being experienced by the licensed trade, the rent paid by the franchisees had been reduced although the new figure was subject to review on a regular basis
- 2 the club were one short of the required number of Trustees – it appeared that fears of becoming personally liable in the event that the Club should fail was deterring potential appointees.

### **Correspondence**

1 Correspondence had been received from the County Club inviting Club representatives to attend the County Club's Annual Dinner and Dance which is to be held at the Cleddau Bridge Hotel on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The Guest Speaker is to be Mr Jonathan Agnew

2 Correspondence had been received from the Cricket Board of Wales enclosing a cheque in the sum of £125 in respect of the Coach Education Sponsorship sponsored by Sky Sports as a result of Sean Hannon completing a Level 1 or 2 coaching course during the winter (see Treasurer's Report).

3 Correspondence had been received from the Cricket Board of Wales regarding the Chance to Shine Scheme in 2009 (see Development Report below).

4 Correspondence had been received from the Wales Council for Voluntary Action enclosing a questionnaire entitled Voices for Change Cymru. The document was of little relevance to the Club however.

### **Club Accreditation/ Club Development Plan**

Paul Miller presented a development report (hard copy attached).

Roller – Paul indicated that the final sum of £11,191.88 had been paid on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008 which included a £25+vat delivery charge and the roller was due to be delivered on Friday 15th August 2008.

Net Facility - As had previously been reported the CBW had agreed to cover 75% of the cost however discussions were still on-going with regards to a final figure. It will be 75% of the project cost, up to a maximum project cost of £X and it is that figure which was the subject of negotiations.

PRIDE had also been approached informally this month but they had informed Paul that the application process was closed and would re-open in September of this year. They will be the one other option available to the Club (not including the CBW); the Sports Council for Wales having indicated that they already contribute to the CBW facilities strategy and as such would not be able to support our project further.

Women Welsh Cup Competition - while there had been numerous problems throughout the day insofar as the scheduling of fixtures was concerned, the feedback has been by and large positive. The standard of cricket on show had been excellent and in Paul's view most importantly had been a good advert for the club, with the Neyland Ladies benefiting from the variety in opposition as well.

Paul expressed his thanks to Robert Bellerby, Alan Hansen, Martyn Rees, Brian Phelan and Ian Miller for their support on the day, Robert having the previous night prepared the wicket.

Paul indicated that he was of the view that future tournaments had great potential both in terms of attracting sponsorship and grants. To run it next year, and in order to better resist calls for the tournament venue to be rotated / moved, he suggested that it would be highly desirable for Neyland to have 2 pitches to offer. With this in mind it was necessary to come up with a strategy for the renovation of our 2<sup>nd</sup> field. [Not just for this tournament but for possible 3<sup>rd</sup> XI friendlies also]

Coaching Courses – Andrew Miller presented a brief report.

Coaching Courses Summary:

- 3 spaces on level 2 course (£290 each and in Llanelli)
- Limited number of spaces on level 1 course (£180 and in Pembrokeshire)
- Andrew Miller to complete level 3 in Cardiff (No cost to club)
- Coach Development Workshops. 2 available in Pembrokeshire (£25 each)
- CDW – Paul Miller wishes to do all 6 in Hampshire. (most likely <£25 each)

Coaches Association Membership - this was something that the Club had let slip past by us this year. Only Andrew Miller and Martin Jones are actually insured at present and that is not acceptable within the accreditation guidelines.

Any application for membership submitted after September will result in membership lasting up until 31<sup>st</sup> December the following year and so Paul recommended that the insuring of coaches (membership to the CA) is taken 'in house' by Neyland Cricket Club and that in September of this year a minimum of 5 coaches should be identified and their membership of the CA paid for by the Club. This he suggested should be done via a direct debit to the NCC club account (to ensure it is repeated each year and to save £4 - Membership is £25 per year when paid by direct debit. (£29 by cheque) The cost to the club will be £125 annually.

In addition a review should be completed at the November committee meeting (as a standing item on the November committee meeting agenda) so that the 5 names can be modified, if necessary, for the coming year.

This proposal was accepted by those present. .

Groundsman Association Membership – Paul indicated that if the Club had not already joined the Association we should do so ASAP, not least in order that the Club would then be able to make use of the equipment available for the autumn renovation of the square..

In addition, Robert Bellerby had been booked onto a Groundsman's course to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2008. The cost of the course was £110 which included Rob becoming a member of the institute of Groundsmen

Pitch Covers – Paul produced for those present (copy attached) a cost sheet with some options. He pointed out that the club was currently one game short of having lost 1/3 of the season due to bad weather. On top of this the guest professional groundsman at the last groundsmans' association meeting had expressed the view that it was impossible to prepare a good cricket wicket without covers'

Bearing in mind both those two points Paul indicated that it was important that the Club re-visit the issue of covers and see if there is any way the Club would be in a position to acquire them in time for the start of the 2008/09 season.

During the debate that followed doubts were raised as to the efficacy of covers insofar as the weather conditions which had prevailed this year particularly as those sides which did have covers had derived no obvious benefit in terms of games played. It was nevertheless agreed to review the position once other areas which were deemed to require funding more urgently had been addressed.

Chance to Shine – Paul delivered a brief presentation (see below) on the chance to shine scheme after which he sought an indication of the Club's aspirations, as a club, in the areas of junior coaching and specifically our role in coaching local schools.

### **Chance to Shine -**

The Programme

- Club to link with local schools
- Coaches selected to deliver sessions must be a min ECB/UKCC Level 2 (or working towards it) and attend the Working In Schools module;
- Ensure delivery of –
  - X hours coaching & competition at X local schools during the Spring and Summer terms ( dependant on the scheme chosen. see below)
  - Each school to play a minimum of 5 matches
  - Club must enter details of each Coaching session on to the play cricket site

### **Funding**

Example: Half Scheme

### **140 hrs in 2 primary and 1 secondary school**

- £2750 payable as follows;
  - Coaching (140 hrs @ £15 ph inc of ex's) £2100
  - Development fund £250
  - Delivery fee £400

Example: 2/3 rds Scheme

**180 hrs in 3 primary and 1 secondary school**

- £ 3560 (?) payable as follows;
  - Coaching (180 hrs @ £15 ph inc of ex's) £2700
  - Development fund £333
  - Delivery fee £530

Example: Full Scheme

**280 hrs in 4 primary and 2 secondary schools**

- £5500 (?) payable as follows;
  - Coaching (280 hrs @ £15 ph inc of ex's) £4200
  - Development fund £500
  - Delivery fee £800

- Coach payments must go through the CBW payroll system.
- Development fund and delivery fee are payable direct to the club
- Delivery fee will be paid on a half before, half after basis.

During the discussion which followed it was apparent that those present were broadly in favour of the proposals subject to the Club being able to find sufficient volunteers to commit to the programme as drafted.

**Club Child Welfare Officer's Report**

Martin Jones reported that he had now completed a thorough review of his records and all was in order.

**Junior Report**

The inclement weather had played havoc with the scheduled fixtures although the Under 11s had played the majority of their fixtures and had been somewhat unlucky to finish runners-up to Kilgetty in their Section.

The combined Under 17 side had reached the semi-final of the Ormond Cup Plate competition where they were due to meet Saundersfoot.

**Presentation Evening**

Arrangements had been left in capable hands of the Neyland Ladies Section. A provisional date had been fixed for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008. The Hon Secretary indicated that he would order trophies etc. Some discussion took place with regard to the awards and in particular those elected by the Committee. The majority remained to be decided however those that were voted on by the Committee were:

- 1 Billy Lloyd Trophy (Clubman of the Year) – Paul Miller
- 2 J H Preece Trophy (1<sup>st</sup> XI Player of Year) – Paul Murray
- 3 C E Morgan Award (2<sup>nd</sup> XI Player of the Year) – Ian Milsom

**A.O.B.**

1 It was noted that the maintenance fund operated by the three supporting bodies currently stood at £1100. It was becoming increasingly evident that the fact that the tractor did not have grass tyres fitted was having a deleterious effect on the condition of the grounds and it was agreed that fresh overtures should be made to the Athletic Club Committee for funding towards the provision and fitting of grass tyres. In this regard Martyn Rees agreed to raise the subject at the next Committee meeting of the RFC with a view to obtaining their support.

2 A brief discussion took place with regard to the make-up of the party to attend the Pro 40 fixture between Glamorgan CCC and Warwickshire CCC at Sophia Gardens (Swalec stadium) on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August when Club representatives were scheduled to receive the Clubmark Accreditation Certificate. It was agreed that in view of the time and effort which they had put into the accreditation process that Andrew Miller and Paul Miller should receive the certificate on the Club's behalf with the remainder of the party to be comprised of Junior Coaches and Club Officials.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008.