

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 8th JULY 2010

Present:

R Bellerby
M C Jones
A Miller
P Miller
B Phelan
A L Smith
M J Rees

Apologies:

S Hannon
I Milsom

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2010 were read confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

The Steve James Six-a-side due to be held on Sunday 4th July 2010 had been postponed due to bad weather. It was anticipated that the tournament would now be held over the August Bank Holiday.

2 The Secretary confirmed that he had written to the County Club in response to the letter of complaint submitted by Llangwm Cricket Club concerning the cancellation of the 2nd XI fixture against Llangwm 2nd XI on 29th May 2010.

Financial Report

The Treasurer reported that the current balance in the club accounts was [REDACTED] Outgoings since the previous meeting included £[REDACTED] towards the purchase of covers and £[REDACTED] to insure the same.

The Club had received the funding due from the Sita trust (£[REDACTED]) whilst outstanding bills included £270.00 towards the purchase of balls.

The Treasurer commented that the effectiveness of commencing raffles during games rather than after games were completed was illustrated by the £54.00 collected for the recent 1st XI fixture against Whitland.

In closing the Treasurer commented that in his view cuts in expenditure were necessary and suggested that one such belt tightening measure might be to reduce the number of awards handed out at the presentation evening.

Correspondence

- 1 Details of umpiring appointments for July & August had been received.
- 2 Promotional literature had been received from Glamorgan County Cricket Club in relation to the England v Pakistan T20 Internationals to be held at the Swalec Stadium on 5th September & 7th September 2010
- 3 A series of letters of thanks had been received from children attending Neyland Community School in relation to the outing to the Swalec Stadium on 12th May 2010
- 4 Correspondence had been received from the County Club to the effect that the Club had been fined £25.00 for playing an ineligible/unregistered player (Ian Lewis) in the 2nd XI fixture against Hook 2nd XI and a further £10.00 for failing to notify the result of the 1st XI fixture against Whitland

Ground & Maintenance

The covers had arrived and had already proved their worth – some concern was expressed at the potential for vandalism particularly during the winter months and it was agreed that the nets might provide a haven of safety.

The grounds were otherwise in good condition although the outfield needed a cut.

Athletic Club Development

1 Martin Jones had spoken to Mark Lewis and appeared to have resolved some of the issues relating to drainage which were a source of concern to the club. In terms of the boundary wall/fence it was agreed that the Club should insist that the local authority comply with the specification that they had signed up to in their agreement with the Athletic Club. It appeared that the Council were prepared to install brackets to replace seating. The major area of concern albeit one that had the potential to affect all the sporting bodies was the Council's claims to ownership of the car park.

2 Storage Shed – construction of the shed was proceeding apace. Unfortunately the RFC Committee had decided that they wished the electrical works to be carried out by James Mowthorpe rather than by Ian Miller as was originally proposed. This would potentially delay installation of the electronic scoreboard and lead to the Athletic Club incurring additional costs however it appeared that the RFC were firm in their decision. The need to progress completion of the new shed was reinforced by an e-mail received by the Athletic club from the County Council to the effect that the existing shed was considered to be close to falling down.

3 Licence Agreement for Second Field – members were broadly content with the amended draft although the steering Group were consulting a valuer with regard to maintenance costs agreed by the Council in relation to other similar playing fields.

4 A request from the RFC Committee that they be allowed to erect permanent floodlights at either end of the artificial wicket on the old 3rd XI ground was rejected. Whilst sympathetic to the request the majority of those present were of the view that were the Club to acquiesce to this request it would inevitably prejudice any possible reinstatement of the 3rd XI in the future. Whilst it was accepted that the likelihood of forming a 3rd XI in the foreseeable future was remote, equally the position might change in the course of time and the erection of floodlights would effectively deny the club the opportunity to do so. The Club did however remain flexible concerning the installation of temporary or removable lights.

Club Development Report

Machinery Shed Project

The Athletic Club machinery shed project was reported as progressing smoothly. One residual issue remained regarding the electricity supply however this was with the Athletic Club officers. The scoreboard element to that project was scheduled for completion before the end of July.

It was suggested that the Club should seek to mark the construction of the new storage facility and the acquisition of an electronic scoreboard by staging a friendly fixture against Hook Cricket Club on a Friday evening in August. It was also suggested that such a fixture should perhaps become a permanent fixture between the two clubs as a means of honouring the memories of Colin Davies and Terry Hitchings. The Secretary agreed to write to his Hook counterpart in this regard.

Covers

Wicket Covers were delivered on the 1st July. They were insured on the 2nd July at a cost of £■■■■ by Marshall Woolridge. The cover provides up to £■■■■ with a £■■■■ excess and will be due for renewal at the same time as the clubs personal injury insurance which is with the same company. The cost will be £■■■■ in subsequent seasons for a full 12 months.

Insurance

With regards insurance in general, the Athletic Club has recently renewed its own insurance which included both the cricket club nets and the cricket club machinery (Outfield Mower and Roller). A copy will be required for cricket club records and this information will also be required when submitting the club for re-accreditation before the end of the year.

Community / Schools Coaching

As part of our commitment to schools cricket Paul Miller reported he had given Neyland School permission to use the cricket field in the last few weeks for cricket practise. He indicated he would continue to do so unless there is any objection and there was none.

A schools tournament day was to be held at the club on the 15th July (Thur). Milford Haven Juniors, St Francis and Neyland had all confirmed their attendance. Hakin School had declined the offer due to a busy schedule however Coastlands were to be invited in their place. Each school will provide 2 teams of 8. Plans had been put in place in the event of coastlands not attending.

Cricket Club Development Plan

With respect to the above the development manager indicated he would require the following information from team managers / coaches.

Talent Players;

District Boys and Girls

County Boys and Girls

Minor County Cricket (Wales)

Teams;

Sessions

Number of Boys and Girls

Teams

Coaches

League Matches / Cup Matches / Friendly Matches

Athletic Club Business – Fence/Wall to south of cricket field.

In his capacity as Development Manager Paul wished to put on record that he opposed any alteration to the design of the wall/fence to the southern boundary of the cricket field. He was of the view that PCC agreed to provide the boundary treatment the club specified when they signed the machinery shed sale agreement and therefore he believed PCC should be made to honour that commitment.

Athletic Club Business- North Field License

Paul has passed his comments regarding the above to Martin and Mal as requested. In summary he believed the following to be the crucial issues;

- The land to the north of the rugby field must be acquired freehold in exchange for the license.
- The license fee must reflect the true ongoing cost of maintaining the North Field. No less than £350 p.c.m.
- The mechanism suggested by PCC to allow the fee to track inflation was accepted.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

The Under 15 and Under 14 sides had yet to win a fixture but given that they were in effect Under 14 and Under 13 sides respectively that was not perhaps too discouraging. Conversely the Under 11 side were going really well and were potential finalists.

On a representative note Phillip Llewellyn had been selected for the Wales under 11 side and Luke Ryan had been selected for the County under 14 side.

Work commitments were severely impacting those involved in junior cricket and Martin Jones commented that the Club would have to review the arrangements for 2011.

Child Welfare Officer's Report

All administrative issues were in hand however some mild concern was expressed at the bad language used by one or two senior players in recent 2nd XI fixtures. It was considered that whereas in one instance in particular the outburst had been prompted by what might be argued was an extremely debatable umpiring decision, nevertheless the boundary between what was and was not acceptable had been crossed. It was

agreed to monitor the position and if necessary issue a verbal warning to the individuals involved.

Any Other Business

Paul Miller confirmed that he was pursuing outstanding kit monies and expressed the view that the sum collected should cover costs.

Thanks were expressed to Alex Kemp for running coaching sessions in St Francis School on a voluntary basis.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed after fixing the date of the next meeting for 12th August 2010.