

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2009.

Present: J P Edwards
R Bellerby
M C Jones
A Miller
P Miller
B Phelan
M J Rees

Apologies: S Hannon & A L Smith.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2009 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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.

M C Jones had approached the Ladies Section who had agreed to release their books for examination.

Correspondence

- 1 Correspondence had been received from the County Club inviting Club representatives to attend the County Club's Annual dinner at the Plas Hyfryd Hotel, Narberth on Friday 23rd October 2009.
- 2 Promotional Literature had been received from Notts Sports
- 3 Correspondence had been received from Neyland Athletic Club regarding affiliation fees.
- 4 Correspondence had been received from PAVS regarding community transport needs in North Pembrokeshire.

Ground & Maintenance

The autumn work to the square had been completed thanks in the main to the efforts of Robert Bellerby and Paul Miller. The grass seed did not appear to have taken entirely but appeared no worse than in 2008. There were some elements outstanding. In this regard it was hoped to loan a "spiker" from the Pembrokeshire Groundsmans Association during the course of the next 6 to 8 weeks in liaison with Johnston

Cricket Club. It was considered that the existing scarifier which was under the charge of M C Jones was not fit for purpose and that an industrial scarifier was required.

Discussion then took place in relation to correspondence between the Bowls Club and Neyland Athletic Club Officials regarding the acquisition by the latter on behalf of the former of an attachment for one of the Bowls Club's existing machines. It was considered that the club's position in relation to the proposed purchase had been misrepresented in that the equipment in question was likely to be of no real use to the Cricket Club. In the event however it was decided that it would be unwise to prejudice existing arrangements with the Bowls Club in relation to the loan of equipment by formally taking the matter further.

It was noted that brushes suitable for use in the net facility were available at a cost of £8.00.

Tree felling in vicinity of nets – Robert Bellerby indicated that he would approach Dai Edwards regarding the trees. In addition it was suggested that some work could be undertaken as part of the Nat West Cricket Force scheme in the New Year. In the interim thought should be given to applying round-up to the net area and artificial wicket in November and during the spring.

Artificial Wicket -

Hand roller for nets – Robert Bellerby reiterated that he may be able to acquire a roller.

It was noted that concern had been expressed at previous meetings in relation to the condition of the outfield and it was remarked that the constant use of the outfield as a means of accessing the football ground, and rugby club 2nd field/training pitch by home sides and visitors alike was contributing to the problem. It was agreed that the Hon Secretary should write to the relevant bodies requesting that they ask their players and officials monitor the position to ensure that access to the fields is conducted via the boundary edge.

Athletic Club Development

Paul Miller gave a brief report on developments since the previous meeting and with the assistance of a plan advised members of proposals made by the County Council to encroach slightly onto the main field albeit not the playing area itself to accommodate the road which was to be constructed as part of the development of the new school building. Whilst the loss of the land was not considered too significant, extreme concern was expressed at the proposed drainage arrangements for the road which would see surface water drain to a soak way located within the playing area. It was noted that during recent rain events the area in question had become saturated with standing water present in parts. It was considered that, were the Local Authority's proposals to be accepted this problem was likely to be exacerbated and might severely curtail playing time in the event of heavy rainfall.

Considerable discussion also took place in relation to the extent of the fencing which the Local Authority might be prepared to erect as part of the school/roadway

development. In the event it was agreed that every effort should be made to obtain the most advantageous outcome.

Club Development Plan

Selection of electronic score board – it was agreed that the final decision should be left to those who had witnessed the demonstration of the two relevant systems.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

Given it was the off season there was little to report.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

Martin Jones indicated that he had commenced a full review of his record system.

AOB

- 1 Discussions with the County Club regarding the potential development of an indoor training school in Neyland were progressing but were at an embryonic stage at best.
- 2 It was agreed that the Club should field one side in the 2010 Indoor League.

At the close of the meeting the monthly 60 Club draw was held – the winner was Mr. Robert Bellerby.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 12th November 2009.