

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE RED ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER 2011

Present: J P Edwards
R Bellerby
M C Jones
A Miller
P Miller
J Milne
I Milsom
B Phelan
J Seaton
M J Rees

Apologies: S Hannon.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2011 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

1 The picnic benches had been stowed away in the rear of the storage shed.

Financial Report

The Treasurer reported that the clubs current balance stood at £ [REDACTED] Income since the previous meeting included £ [REDACTED] (grant towards purchase of water hog) and £ [REDACTED] (Community Chest Grant through the Sports Wales Lottery. Payments made during the corresponding period included £10.00 (fine imposed by County Club – late notification of result), £ [REDACTED] (service of mower), £ [REDACTED] (purchase of grass seed) and £ [REDACTED] (purchase of awards – presentation evening).

The bills for both presentation evenings had been paid. The net cost of the senior evening had been £54.30 (£115.30 - £60.00 (raffle) compared to £174.00 in 2010 whilst the net cost of the junior presentation evening had been £29.60.

Bills outstanding included that for the purchase of loam (approximately £ [REDACTED]), £ [REDACTED] (purchase of power pack for bowling machine) although the grants received from the Milford Haven Port Authority and Community Chest Grant would cover this) and £ [REDACTED] (60 Club draws).

In addition Jenny Seaton had raised a further £ [REDACTED] through the purchase of key rings and the sale of goods arising from the Easter Fayre whilst the club had been reimbursed in the sum of £30.00 in respect of the County Club's contribution towards the purchase of orange balls for use in the Duggie Morris Cup competition.

The Secretary also produced a bill from John Boot of Lydstep in the sum of £ [REDACTED]. This bill was in addition to those previously settled by the Athletic Club and had originally formed part of a larger bill sent to the Rugby Club and which was a matter of dispute between that body and the Athletic Club. The majority of those present were firmly of the view that the work (spraying) which was the subject of the bill had been authorised by Athletic Club Officers. Given these circumstances whilst it was agreed that the bill should be paid forthwith to prevent Mr Boot from suffering further inconvenience clarification should be sought with the Athletic Club.

Correspondence

1 The Secretary had received an e-mail from the Welsh Cricket Association advising that the club had been fined £25.00 for failing to fulfil the Welsh Cup fixture against Mumbles CC on 12th June 2011.

2 An e-mail had been received from Robin Varley advising that following the merger of the Cricket Board of Wales and the Welsh Cricket Association into a new body Cricket Wales the functions of the WCA had been absorbed into the new body. As a result the WCA had been formally dissolved from midnight on 30th September 2011.

3 An e-mail had been received from Stephen Gibbs, Communications Officer, Glamorgan Cricket offering the services of a Glamorgan player to take part in the club's end-of-season dinner or awards night, run a coaching session with our junior teams or get involved with any other event, milestone or project.

4 An e-mail had been received from Matt Freeman, Cricket Development Officer enclosing an application form for free kwik cricket sets and junior cricket bags through the Lords Taverners.

5 An e-mail had been received via Paul Miller from Matt Freeman, Cricket Development Officer advertising an opening for a cricket Community Coach in Pembrokeshire.

6 An e-mail had been received from Paul Miller providing details of the outcome of the Cricket Wales Junior Council meeting held in Llandrindod Wells on 2nd October 2011. The main issues discussed included the vacancy for a Community Coach (see above) and renewed focus on child welfare compliance (see below)

7 Correspondence had been received from Criced Cymru Wales enclosing:

(i) Promotional Literature from Glamorgan County Cricket Club advertising membership packages for the 2012 season.

(ii) Promotional Literature from Glamorgan County Cricket Club regarding the England v South Africa one day international to be held at the Swalec Stadium on 24th August 2012.

8 Correspondence had been received from the County Executive to the effect that the Annual Presentation Dinner is to be held at the Plas Hyfryd Hotel, Narberth on Friday 14th October 2011.

Ground & Maintenance

1 Robert Bellerby offered his thanks to Dai Edwards for his assistance with the Autumn work on the square and which had journeys to Lawrenny and Herbrandston (twice) to collect equipment.

2 The scarifying had been completed and the loam applied.

Athletic Club Development

1 Boundary Wall – Brian Phelan had attended the inspection and the formal hand over had not been signed off.

2 Licence had yet to be signed pending transfer of the Vaughan Trust Land. In an e-mail dated 9th September 2011 Mark Lewis had indicated that he had instructed the Council's Property Division to prepare the appropriate agreements to facilitate the occupation of the Vaughan Trust Land by the Athletic Club.

3 The demarcation of the car parking spots between the athletic club users and School users had still to be accomplished.

4 It was believed that the fees of the structural engineer appointed to survey the building, Mr Tim McMahon of John Francis, might be met by Mike James.

[REDACTED]

Club Development Plan

Community Chest application had been submitted.

It was believed that the Ladies Cricket Section was hoping to reform in 2012.

[REDACTED]

Some outdoor work including the application of weed killer and spiking.

The fate of the money which was to be paid towards the maintenance of the grounds was queried.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

Junior Presentation - This had been a very successful evening with some 100 attendees including all the Under 15s. Thanks were extended to Ian Milsom for donating the awards for the Under 9s

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

Martin Jones reported that the club's records were up to date. He had contacted David Loosemore to arrange for some registrations to be deleted. Of greater significance the message from the Cricket Wales Junior Council meeting held in Llandrindod Wells on 2nd October 2011 (see above) was that there was to be a renewed focus on child welfare compliance in 2012 which might involve publishing details of each club's compliance (i.e. CRB checks, First Aid Courses attended, Safeguarding Children Courses etc) on-line from 2012/13. Paul Miller had prepared a simple spread sheet to keep track of the relevant records. It was also suggested that a "safe hands" course was to be run attendance at which would be mandatory for Child Welfare Officers.

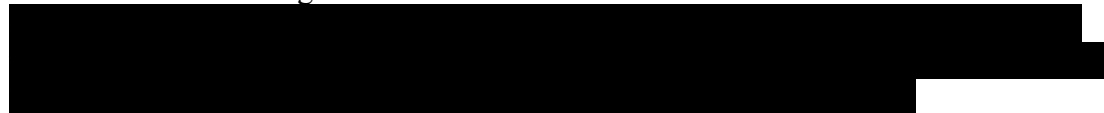
These proposals provoked considerable discussion however the consensus of those present was that the Club was well placed to adapt to and meet the new requirements.

AOB

1 Reference had been made at previous meetings to the fact that the Club would celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2014. It was agreed that a potential fixture against a County XI, an anniversary dinner/reunion and commemorative ties should be on the agenda for any sub-committee raised to prepare for the forthcoming landmark. In this regard Martin Jones indicated that Yvonne Jones would be willing to assist in these preparations.

2 Fund raising was discussed including the potential to hold a Xmas fete of Xmas bingo. In the longer term it was hoped to organise a sponsored walk.

3 Brian Phelan referred to the cycle path which the local authority proposed to construct on Athletic club ground. Although the proposal had been ratified by the Athletic Club Committee subject to certain caveats it was clear that the Athletic Club would receive no compensation for the land surrendered as it was claimed that no money was available. It was suggested that the scheme should be revisited particularly given the manner in which the Local Authority appeared to be dragging their feet over the Vaughan Trust Land.



5 It was suggested that tickets should be purchased for the England v South Africa one day international to be held at the Swalec Stadium on 24th August 2012 and used as a raffle prize or in lieu of a 60 club monthly draw.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Friday 18th November 2011.