



MBSC Committee Meeting 1st February 2016

Held at “The Gate Hangs Well”, Carlton at 19.30

Present:

Bob Sykes (Chairman) – BS
David Gordon – DG
Mick Stokes – MS
Ricky McDougall – RM
Stella Bridle – SB

Apologies: John Denore (JD), Steve Robinson (SR) & Matt Watson (MW)

1. Approval of minutes of last Committee Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting (11th January 2016) were agreed as correct.

2. Sports Ground

The ground conditions were now becoming a major concern following the recent prolonged spell of wet weather – with many games cancelled due to waterlogging. Ground drainage seemed to be working correctly but third-party ditches ideally needed clearing to allow much better outflow of the drained water. Riley’s seemed reluctant to do this – **SB would contact them again to discuss this and also parking for the 2nd July Bosworth Festival event.**

Dependent upon the outcome of discussions, consideration would be given to using a mini-digger (when ground conditions allow) for ditch clearance and creation of a holding pond (with adequate fencing) as attempts at manual clearance had proved ineffective. Muddy areas of the main pitch needed rolling and spiking to remove ‘ankle-twisting’ depressions and assist drainage – **BS & RM would make arrangements for this work.**

3. Finance

DG advised that the Sports Club bank accounts currently totalled £25.4k with sufficient funds in the Clubhouse account to meet the Club’s contribution to the latest Bedaro invoice, due for payment this month. DG estimated that a total of £80k now remained outstanding until project completion – some discussion then took place regarding variation orders, forecast figures, contingency and the contractual arrangements for 5% retention and ultimate payment (next year?). **RM would check project contract documents and with JD for Football Foundation perspective.**

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RM had spoken to Graham Chilvers and there could be potential for around £10k of funding from corporate donations and other sources to address any immediate shortfall for project completion in addition to existing opportunities; e.g. Parish & Community Fund (PCIF, see below) – **RM would follow up with Council contact.**

DG advised that he was still awaiting receipt of the Oliver Walle Fund donation to the Sports Club – believed to be approx. £1.3k – **to be discussed with MW in due course.**

4. Clubhouse Project

Weather conditions were continuing to disrupt progress with the Clubhouse build project but it was now likely to be completed in April and therefore ready for use from 1st May 2016 – i.e. in advance of the official opening proposed for 11th June (coinciding with the annual Football Club tournament and presentations) and the planned Bosworth Festival event on 2nd July.

Hence most of the remainder of the meeting was concerned with supply and delivery of the items and services required to make the new Clubhouse a viable community as well as Sports Club facility – as listed below, with respective actions noted in bold.

- Tables, Chairs, Crockery, Cutlery, Glasses etc. (nominal 100 persons) plus office furniture – Ikea seemed to offer cost-effective solutions – **SB and BS to make enquiries.**
- Function Room Honours Board and pictures, Mirrors in Changing Room & Toilets, Toilet Rolls & Brushes, sundry items, cleaning equipment, kettles – **SB and BS to make enquiries.**
- BT phone line + Broadband – previously quoted as £115 installation & £33/month – survey required? **SB to enquire/renew quotation.**
- Cleaner/Cleaning Contractor? – Decision to be based on cost? **RM making enquiries.**
- Bar provision – beer fridges required. Real ale, barrel and bottled options available – Baby Bottles, Coventry. **BS making enquiries.**
- Potential Coffee Shop option; e.g. Jaspers or own staff (weekends only)? Even £1 per cup could offer significant income stream.
- Clubhouse Management Committee/Maintenance Costs? – **DG to estimate likely costs to end of year.**
- NFU request for insurance review of new facilities – **DG to arrange in due course.**
- Security Fence provision was considered essential in light of recent incidents at ground – possible installation with deferred payment (from PCIF)? **RM to make enquiries.**
- Number and relocation of Advertising Boards – new and cheaper ‘Banners’ fastened to security fence, similar to Clubhouse signage – **RM contact for suitable solutions.**

5. Fund Raising

MS would pursue the Parish and Community Initiative Fund (PCIF) application with specific request for Security Fencing funding – deemed a major priority to help protect the new facilities.

6. A.O.B.

Clubhouse Lettings – various enquiries had been received regarding use of the Clubhouse Function Room. It was agreed that a Wedding enquiry for late summer would be too soon for the Sports Club to host such a major event and offer the respective guarantees. However, it was agreed that other enquiries would be offered use of the facilities based at £1 per person – thus allowing them to ‘grow’ with the Sports Club – with starting dates from May 1st 2016. Formal agreements would be needed and potentially a deposit to cover damage to or abuse of the new Clubhouse facility.

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MS and SB would respond to enquires as follows:

- SB would respond to the Slimming World enquiry from Sandra Bridges in accordance with the price-per-head proposal to see if this would be acceptable. (SB would also check the cost of hiring the Parish Hall for the recent Quiz Night Fisn'n'Chip Supper for comparison).
- MS would respond to the late summer Wedding Reception enquiry with a polite refusal.
- MS would respond to other enquiries in accordance with the price-per-head proposal to see if this would be deemed acceptable to potential tenants.

DG requested information from the Football Club regarding their bank account, since John Harvey had now taken over from Paul Carter-Ford. **BS/JD to advise in due course.**

On behalf of the Triathlon Club, SR had requested access to the damaged container (broken lock) which had turbo trainers inside. It was suggested that the Triathlon Club should take appropriate measures to gain access and, if at all possible, render the container usable again. The Sports Club Committee also requested consideration of further funding from the 1485 Triathlon Club to ensure timely completion of the Clubhouse build project and associated works – e.g. the essential footpath and security fencing requirements.

Proposed date of the next meeting – Monday 7th March 2016

The meeting closed at 21:30

MAS – 2nd February 2016