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Dartington Recreation Association
Thursday 13th September 2018, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Meadowbrook
Minutes

1. Present

Trustees: Mandy Burton (Chair), Louise Morpeth (Secretary), Allan Tudor, Carole Tudor (Treasurer), Peggy Prout
Parishioner: Bex House

2. Apologies: Margaret Cushen, Alan Blake, Dave Prout

3. Minutes

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

4. Matter arising

MB has requested all the relevant information from DHT about the Meadowbrook building following WF suggestion.

Action: DHT needs a reminder of this request.

AP has looked into options for fencing. CT has requested a quote from Wickes to quote for a picket fence – durable, long lasting, vandal proof and affordable.

Re: the solicitor's letter from swimming club to the DRA – the DRA solicitor sent a response to the swimming club. There has been no reply to this letter.

5. Chair's update

MB had nothing to report. Everything was to be covered in other agenda items.

6. Club updates

Totnes & Dartington Football Club

The club has had a very successful last season resulting in promotion to the Premier Division. The under 16s won their league and cup. This season has started well for the men. The youth teams will be under 8 9 11 12 and 18s. The club is growing in numbers and will add a second men's team and more youth teams next season. The disability group had a fantastic last year with Jo Carrodus gaining her Level 1 coaching award. Charlie Stephens who has been with the club for 48 years received the prestigious SDL Award for services to local football.

Parish Council

The PC are holding a 'welcome to the village event' on Saturday 13th October 5-9pm at Meadowbrook. It will be open to all villagers.

Action: LM offered to attend on behalf of DRA. DRA to promote it to T&D football, Meadowbrook Athletic, Swimming Club and Sub aqua club.

7. Update on income and expenditure

Income and expenditure is within the budget set for 2018/19.

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To note: restricted funds have been secured from Cllr Hodgson (£607 to go towards an ecological assessment for the proposed bike track); Dartington Stores (£250 to purchase play equipment); Silver Churn (£200 to go towards the play park).

8. DHT Lease

DRA trustees and DRA solicitor met in early June with DHT solicitors and DHT staff to agree all the actions that were required finalise the new 99 year lease for the DRA. MB, CT and LM met again in early September with the solicitor to go through final decisions and outstanding actions.

As of 13.9.18 nearly all the terms of the head lease have been agreed.

Outstanding issues: (1) the new lease will need to be signed by and vested with the official custodian, (2) insurance – there had been an agreement that DHT would take out a policy for all structures on DRA land as part of the wider DHT policy. The DRA would then pay DHT and, where appropriate, recover costs from individual clubs. Subsequently, DHT has stated that it cannot add DRA structures to its policy. The DRA now needs to arrange its own insurance. Work is underway to determine these costs. It was agreed that if the costs of a separate policy were well in excess of the costs of cover within the DHT policy an approach should be made to DHT senior leadership for reconsideration; (3) a sub-lease on the car park is still to be agreed.

Once the main lease is in place, each organisation using DRA facilities will need to enter into a new user agreement.

9. Update on the play park and bike track plans

MB submitted a single planning application for both proposed projects in mid-July. During the validation process, the planning officer has requested a more detailed map of the bike track plan. It was agreed that the bike track developer would be asked to develop a new plan so that the application can be submitted.

Decision: it was agreed that funding of £450+VAT is allocated to pay to develop a new plan.

LM suggested that regardless of the outcome of planning something visible is done in the play park to use the funding kindly donated by the post office and silver churn. LM undertook to draft two more funding applications over the autumn. If these are not successful, it was agreed that a new approach could be made to use the Section 106 funds. It was also agreed that trustees should try to get an article in the Totnes Times about the bike track and play park as well as inviting supporters to send letter.

10. Extravaganza

Arrangement are in place for the event on Saturday 15th.

11. Date of future meetings

22nd Nov 2018 (AGM), 31st January 2019 , 26th March 2019 , 6th June 2019 , 12th September 2019, 21st November 2019 (AGM)

12. AOB

Meadowbrook Community Centre have invited the DRA to attend their monthly committee meetings to foster better connections between the two organisations. MB to attend on 14th Sept.