

# Carwinion Playing Field Trust

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**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF BOTH THE JUNIOR PLAYING FIELD TRUST & CARWINION PLAYING FIELD TRUST (HELD CONCURRENTLY) ON MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.00PM AT MAWNAN BOWLING CLUB**

**PRESENT:** Mr M Faiers, (chair), Mr P Bradley Mr G Marsden, Mr P Moyle, Mr D Nash, Mr A Prasad Mr R Sadler, Mrs C Toland & Mrs J Whibley

**APOLOGIES:** none noted

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator (parish clerk) + 2 members of the public

53.19 **Safety Procedures** – noted by chair

54.19 **To receive apologies for absence** – none noted

55.19 **To received minutes from the last joint trust meeting on 27th June 2019**

It was proposed by Mr Prasad, seconded by Mr Marsden and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair

on a vote being taken this matter was approved unanimously

56.19 **Any matters specifically arising from previous minutes**

Mrs Whibley – she has some “no dogs” stickers available if necessary. Had contact to be made with Highways to ask about yellow lines between the exit splay and the BT site – this would alleviate the majority of visibility issues. Suggested it might go onto the Parish CNP Highways Pot EOI for next year. Mr Moyle asked if the new JPF swings were suitable for adults as they had been seen using them. There was a question about general signage of equipment and if signing on or near it would be useful (with age/weight limits).

## JUNIOR PLAYING FIELD

57.19 **To receive details of current financial position**

The current financial statement was read out

58.19 **Progress on the project to upgrade / refurbish the playground equipment. Do we make an insurance claim on the damaged balance beam?**

The beam had been damaged whilst putting in the new path – being broken off the footings. The beam had now been put into the hedge. It was agreed to find out a repair price before deciding on a making a damages claim.

Mrs Toland reported that work on the upgrade project was underway with conversations with the school and junior members of the parish proving fruitful – they want monkeybars, a slide and tunnel mound. She was also hoping to involve the PTA in discussions but was looking into funding sources & grants.

Consideration needed to be given to wheelchair accessibility on replacement equipment. The new path from footpath 16 had been laid but the exacerbated the need for the overhanging trees to be lopped.

The brownies had asked if someone could come to one of their meetings (or vice versa) to discuss their thoughts on outdoor facilities and what was needed in the village by younger residents.

59.19 **To agree a schedule of regular over winter works**

The clerk explained that most of the over-winter works were of a “cleaning, brushing & oiling” type that was not necessarily being thoroughly done at present. It was thought that a community working group/day be arranged to get these works done given their basic nature.

All of the gates were “off” – either having to quick close (relying on simple springs, not closures), had slipped and were not sitting straight, had rusted hinges or were in need of planning/sanding due to swelling.

Mr Sadler said that the trees along footpath 16 also needed topping out after several years of being left to grow (Simmo might be willing to do if dry when he was out next week).

The boundary fence with the Bowling Club needed to be replaced – it had been fixed many times but was getting beyond attention. Mr Moyle suggested replacing with ‘horse fence’

It was agreed that Mrs Toland, Mr Moyle & Mr Marsden form a committee to look over the clerk’s list of winter works and assess/get quotes/

## **CARWINION TRUST**

### **60.19 To receive details of current financial position**

The current financial statement was read out

### **61.19 To receive a request to discuss the ‘purpose of the Carwinion Charitable Trust’ \***

Mr Sadler expressed concerns about the loss of open space at the Carwinion Field – siting the King George Playing Fields & Fields in Trust (National Playing Fields Association). He did not feel that putting any buildings up on the field – even the pre-school - was appropriate and that the new constitution gave the Trust the right to “do as it likes” on the site. He said he had been to the County Records Office to read through various minutes from the 1930s which he read out, about the history of the purpose & set up of the field and its managing constitution. He felt that the Trust is not fit for purpose as it is now.

Mr Faiers & Mrs Toland were unhappy with the term “sport” being used and referred to the copy of the 1939 Conveyance in that everything was always stated as Recreation Ground and that recreation was not just sport. The MCA building itself was not a sports building –it’s flooring & height being unsuitable for any real “sports” – it was just a clubhouse at best.

A reminder that a full public consultation of the Administrative Hub had already been agreed to by the Parish Council once a more complete picture of the finances necessary had been obtained. This was awaiting the planning application decision. Mrs Whibley asked if it might be possible to get information out to the community to find out how they felt by using the NDP email list, since the issues of sports facilities/open spaces had been made in their questionnaire.

### **62.19 Current state of re-negotiations on the MCA lease.**

Mr Bradley started by saying he was surprised by the open-minded and welcoming attitude by the MCA members present at this meeting, given the past poor reception. All cards were put on the table by both sides at the start and immediately dissipated any past poor feelings allowing the following meeting to go very smoothly – even to the points of tackling items above and beyond those on the official agenda.

Mr Faiers followed with a summary of the meeting notes (which would be forwarded to all members later) – a 10 year lease had been proposed and was suitable with both sides but the initial £3000 rent was a sticking point. The MCA had gone away to discuss how they could possibly lower the outgoing of the Trust to offset this – so were looking at the cleaning costs as a start.

It became apparent during the discussion that the MCA is only just keeping its head above water as a functioning facility and was being highly supported by the Sports & Social Club (bar takings), whilst doing a lot of works to the building that should be covered by the Trust. It was also highly reliant on volunteers – both in building upkeep & upgrading as well as general administration, which could be put in jeopardy if the Trust were seen to be taking extra rent simply to make money.

Mr Marsden asked if reciprocal accounts from the MCA/Social Club were available – the Administrator was to ask – and was there a list of spending done to areas outside of the hall?

Mr Sadler congratulated the team on the positive progress. He also said that in the past the teams had been responsible for cleaning the changing rooms and they should bear some of the burden, given that they did not pay towards use.

Mr Prasad wanted a community vote on the use of the precept to support the sports field since he viewed it as causing an £8000 pa ‘hole in the budget’. Mr Sadler responded with the fact we could lose the field if it was not supported by the precept (something the parish should do by Law) or we pushed too hard to get more rental income. Mr Bradley said that there was some feeling in the community that the Carwinion Field was an elitist venue, restricting itself to only a small minority of the community and that those NOT

involved in cricket or football were made to feel excluded not only from the Hall but from the field in general. We wanted to see the field opened up more to other users and regain the "community asset" feeling to the wider village.

Mr Bradley finished up by saying that the new blood within the MCA who had now taken the reins in the negotiations were those members who were driving the continued existence of the group and keeping the field (and clubs) thriving. They appeared to be open to change and new opportunities.

**63.19 Work suggestions to provide an extension of the carpark (advice & response) & trimming of boundaries**

There was a lack of carparking space noted during certain periods. Since the boundary wall had been damaged the suggestion for a small expansion to allow 2 rows of parking seems appropriate. Discussion had taken place with the Cricket Team to find out how much space the outfield needed and an agreement of approx. 6' reached. It was agreed to try to limit the works done on the play surface as last time works were done it took 3 years for the area to settle and reinstate.

It was agreed that a quote for the works (wall to have flat blocks, 1 access point with gateposts & chain) to include making out of bays and provision of the extension only would be sourced. A second quote for resurfacing the whole carpark and installation of gates would also be sought in the near future. It may be that nets would have to be provided, but this was thought to be unlikely as most attendees during the cricket season took extra care when parking.

The administrator's suggestion of an honesty box so that contributions by those using the carpark, but not the field facilities otherwise, was approved. Funds would go to carpark maintenance.

Mr Saddler said that the boundaries do not appear to have been <sup>by mca</sup>timed and topped out for several years. There were a number of sycamores on the top of the hedges that needed cutting down. There was also the question of who was responsible for maintaining the area outside of the gate and the small area of planting just inside the gate, as this needed cleaning of brambles and could do with a general sort out.

Mrs Toland asked about an electrical supply to the entrance – to allow for lighting on signs, notices and standalone items. There was supposedly an extant electricity cable across the carpark that would just need reconnecting. It was agreed to include reinstating this in the carpark quote process.

**64.19 Request from the WI to use the field to host a Big Lunch (to celebrate their anniversary) on 13th June 2020**

This would be dependent on cricket fixtures (which could not be conformed until Feb 2020) but there was no reason seen not to support this community event.

It was proposed by Mr Sadler, seconded by Mr Moyle and

**RESOLVED** to allow and support the WI proposal of a Big Lunch event

on a vote being taken this matter was approved unanimously

Mr Faiers also said that the Preschool had made a request to have a helicopter from Culdrose land on the field as part of an activity. Given that the field had already been risk assessed for use by the air ambulance and would no doubt have an on-the-day assessment made there was felt to be no issue with this.

The administrator would write to both groups confirming our support.

**65.19 Public comments**

A resident supported the idea of an honesty box and asked if it might be included with a holder for footpath leaflets.

Mr Sadler raised the point that the address for Mabe Parish Council was being given on their website as the Mawnan Offices and would like this discussed.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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