

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE BARTON LAWS USER GROUP WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT Councillors Lynch, Scott, Jackson & Armstrong
S Faish (WTC Grounds Supervisor) D Martos (Wigton Harriers) & Darren Graham (Abbeytown)

BL/1/2021 TO ELECT A CHAIR

Cllr Scott was

BL/2/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

I Carruthers (Abbeytown) S Keaveney (NADT) D Graham (Carnival) Cllr Ferriby

BL/3/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

BL/4/2021 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

BL/5/2021 TO DISCUSS CHARGES FOR THE PITCHES & FACILITY

A discussion took place about the merits of a season ticket v “pay as you go”. Clubs were generally open to a season ticket charge. D Graham suggested use of the kitchen etc. could be incorporated into a season ticket charge (for the young teams). The matter will be referred to the finance committee, who will then discuss with the clubs to come to an agreement.

BL/6/2021 TO AGREE OPENING/CLOSING OF THE FACILITY

The clerk suggested that a key code might be the best solution with the code being changed on a regular basis. It was also suggested that the master key not be deposited on the outside entrance in case of vandalism, and that a strong key deposit box be obtained. A key holder agreement would need to be drawn up (or written into the Service Level Agreement). It was also suggested that in the case of Abbeytown FC a named person could be given the code who would then pass on to the users.

BL/7/2021 TO AGREE CLEANING ARRANGEMENTS FOR BARTON LAWS

It was agreed that during the winter months the Ground Maintenance Team clean the facility and that a contractor is used during the summer months.

BL/8/2021 TO CONSIDER AN ANNUAL SINKING FUND

It was agreed that this be referred to the Finance Committee

BL/9/2021 TO DISCUSS FURNISHING OF THE KITCHEN AND COMMUNITY ROOM AND HOW TO FUND

After a discussion it was agreed that the Council write letters to businesses to see if they would like sponsorship boards by the pitches. The clerk is to check that planning permission is not required. Abbeytown FC are open to providing an urn for teas/coffees. It was suggested Free for All may have some kitchen equipment. The Clerk will price up tables and chairs.

D Martos is looking at funding from the football foundation for portable floodlights and car parks works. He will liaise with The Clerk regarding quotes.

A discussion then followed about a formal opening ceremony for the Facility (which cannot happen until the funder's signage is installed). Cllr Scott suggested that we make the opening ceremony an event, involve the sponsors, with the clubs arranging a match. D Martos will arrange a friendly match and it was agreed that it be held in April. All were in agreement.

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm

Date of Next Meeting 2nd February, 2022 6.30pm.