

Dartington Recreation Association trustees meeting

12th March 2024 by zoom

Present Jan Maddick(CHAIR), Margaret Cushen, Mandy Burton, Jim Brittain, Ashish Ghadiali, Miles Davies, Bex House, Charlotte Huish. Glenn Lobb, Louise Morpeth

Apologies: Joel Riley, Helen Tune, Mark Burton, Mark Alford

Jan invited those in attendance to introduce themselves as this was Glenn's first meeting representing Robins.

The notes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Jim gave an update on the preparation of the grant application as a matter arising, not on the agenda.

The deadline for this is 25th March. He has worked on it with Mark Burton. They have the involvement of Dartington Primary in principle and Robins too may be interested. They have quotes needed from some potential delivery partners and tech suppliers. Jim will need the agreement of Dartington Trust for the application to be submitted. Mark and Jim will finish the application and submit.

Finance

Louise's report had been circulated and she was on the call from the train. She apologised for not preparing a budget with this update. This will have provision to cover further costs of the pavilion and potential loss of income from loss of revenue, but will largely be in line with 23-24 budget.

Conflict of interest

This will be a standing item on the agenda – a point when trustees can declare any possible conflict of interest in relation to agenda items or the work of DRA in general.

Constitution

Ash raised this issue in the previous trustees meeting. He pointed out that the constitution calls for elected trustees to step down after 3 terms, for 12 months. Ashish asked that we consider the implications of this for current trustees and the functioning of the DRA, or we consider changing the constitution. Bex pointed out that many of the active trustees would need to stand down at the same time and it would have negative implications for ongoing project development.

Mandy proposed circulating the current list of trustees from the Charity Commission website so that we can consider a plan, in light of the facts. This was agreed. Margaret will add this item to the agenda of the next meeting for further discussion and development of an action plan.

Reports

Reports had been circulated and are here

<https://d.docs.live.net/d40a4eb4677bb861/Documents/DRA/Trustees%5eMAGM/trustees%20meetings/13.3.24%20Pool%5eJbike%20track%5eJ%20playpark%5eJ%20cffee%20club%20update.pdf>

<C:\Users\Margaret\OneDrive\Documents\DRA\Trustees+AGM\trustees meetings\Building Group Report 10 03 24.pdf>

<C:\Users\Margaret\OneDrive\Documents\DRA\Trustees+AGM\trustees meetings\Finance report for Dartington Recreation Association 10.3.24.pdf>

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Bex added that the playpark has had a £21,000 donation for new equipment

Margaret detailed that the playing field assessment has resulted in DRA being eligible to apply for FA funding to maintain the pitches. Jim suggested that as well as the football club, we should involve Andy Smaldon and Bex in discussions of a plan to submit for funding.

Bex reminded everyone that the EXTRAVEGANZA will be held on 12th May- weather permitting! The fundraising will be for the pool refurbishment.

It was suggested that the pool refurbishment needs to be part of a longer- term plan for the charity. Jim agreed, as part of his research for the energy strategy he had to identify how much direct government funding the charity has had, in fact we have had very little. However, with major project plans being discussed we to identify sources of funding for each project so that trustees are clear about the impacts of fundraising for one project on the next.

AOB

Road: Bidwell Brook maintenance team seem to have taken on the repair, no approach for costs has been made to DRA.

Bluebell Café: the caravan is having great difficulty accessing the MUGGA and ripping up the ground in the process. Mandy proposed we supply matting to protect the ground and enable access. Bex thought this might cost £500 given the cost of matting previously. Trustees agreed to this proposal.

Robins feedback: Margaret said that one of the great advantages of having representation from neighbours is that the DRA can receive feedback about its activities and to this end we hope Glenn will enable this.

Date of next meeting

11th June 2024 by zoom

