

# VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON TRUST

## Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 20.50

### Meeting held remotely on Zoom

**Present:** Bjorn Watson (BW) Chair, Richard Bartle (RB), David Pratt (DP), Gerard Pearson (GP), Connor Farrelly (CF) , Lucy Brown (LB)

**Secretary:** Julia Evans (JE), Lyn Frape (LF)

**Other:**

21/01	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Stuart Coffey and Liz Jenkins sent their apologies.	<b>Action:</b>
21/02	<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> None.	
21/03	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020</b> The minutes were approved. Proposed: RB; Seconded: GP. RESOLVED. To be signed when it is practical to do so.	
21/04	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA</b> a) <b>20/139 (20/133) - Playground Accessibility.</b> Request to lower the height of the basket swing. JE to send photographs to Wicksteed for assessment.	<b>JE</b>
21/05	<b>PUBLIC REPRESENTATION</b> None	
21/06	<b>TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING</b> a) <b>The closure of the playground during Lockdown 3.</b> The advice given is that playground can remain open but the recreation ground can only be used for exercise. Debate followed on the pros and cons of keeping the playground open. It was felt that parents and carers should observe social distancing and ensure that children sanitised their hands. Some trustees expressed concern that the new COVID strain was more transmissible and there were more cases among children. It was felt that keeping the playground open could cause a major outbreak. It was established that the Trust is not in a position to continually disinfect the equipment. It was noted that the infection rate locally had risen sharply. The proposal was that the playground should remain open, with notices put up informing people that they used it at their own risk. Proposed DP, Seconded GP. There were 3 votes for the proposal and 3 votes against. Using his casting vote BW decided that the playground should close. <b>Afternote:</b> following clarification from OPFA and Gov,uk, and having asked other local Councils what action they were taking (all were keeping their playgrounds open) BW decided to reverse the closure decision and keep the playground open. New notices were to be put up and a new COVID risk assessment was to be carried out. LH to carry this out.	<b>LH</b>
21/07	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> None.	
21/08	<b>TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS</b> a) <b>Hall Management Group</b> – The minutes of the Hall Management Group meeting held on held on 17 <sup>th</sup> December had been circulated. It was reported that the latest lockdown had severely	

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	affected the Trust's financial position, and the lack of income was expected to continue until at least the end of February. The minutes were approved.	
21/09	<b>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST</b> None	
21/10	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b> a) <b>Financial Statement for November 2020</b> – The Financial statement was reviewed and approved. It had been agreed at the O&F meeting. No questions were raised. Proposed DP, Seconded RB. RESOLVED. b) <b>December Payments</b> – The payments were reviewed and approved. Proposed RB, Seconded DP. RESOLVED. c) <b>Draft budget for 2021/22.</b> The draft budget that had been presented was a deficit budget. JE reported that it was not possible to reduce expenditure any further. RB stated that the Parish Council was not prepared to increase the grant at the moment. BW felt that the budgeted income was hugely optimistic. JE and LF to review again. It was agreed to review the budget again at the next meeting. JE pointed out that it must be approved at March meeting at the very latest.	JE/LF
21/11	<b>UPDATE ON SPORTS PAVILION</b> BW reported that the project was slowly moving forward. It was hoped that construction would begin on 5 <sup>th</sup> April.	RB/BW/JE
21/12	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTHS AGENDA</b> a) <b>Broken bollard near the football club entrance.</b> BW is looking into this.	BW/JE (agenda)
21/13	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021 at 20.30 (approx.).	

Meeting closed at 21.20