

Newent Recreation Ground Trust  
DRAFT Minutes of Trustees Meeting  
2 May 2023

In attendance: Roger Beard, Mary Duffield, Sandra Marcovecchio (chair), Mary Duffield, Gill Moseley, Christine Howley, Clare Stone (Secretary).

Observers: Neil Sapsed, Sara Hulbert, Juli Escrit.

1. Apologies: Karen Draper
2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record.
3. The Secretary's report was received and noted.
4. Matters Arising: the potential budget shortfall was noted:
  - a. Evergreen to provide detailed breakdown of costs for kerb and lamppost work to Gill Moseley to investigate potential Highways local funding.
  - b. Chris and Roger to continue to explore local business donation opportunities.
  - c. Secretary to write to Calford Seadon requesting a donation.
  - d. Project cost estimates to be further scrutinised.
5. The secretary was authorised to issue and sign a Section 708 VAT certificate for Evergreen Developments, to secure VAT exemption for the project.
6. Trustees voted to enter into a 10 year loan agreement with Newent RFC for the sum of £40,000 and authorised the secretary to sign that agreement on behalf of the Trust.
7. Working party. Trustees agreed to defer discussions on the establishment of a working party until the new board of trustees was in place.
8. Community Build Progress. The secretary reported that contractors were now on site, with preliminary works taking place this week, and main construction due to start next. Contracts for the build had been signed by the Secretary on behalf of the Trust and witnessed by Trustee Marcovecchio.
9. Any Other Business. It was agreed that a small "ground breaking" ceremony would take place on the recreation ground on Monday 8th May with photographs for the council newsletter and the press. It was further agreed that information boards would be provided on site, giving details of the project for residents. Roger Beard agreed to cover the cost of these to £60.
10. Date of next meeting TBA.