

VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON TRUST

Minutes of meeting held on 5th March 2025 at 21.05

In the Vic Day Hall

Present: Bjorn Watson, Chair (BW), Lucy Brown (LB), Stu Coffey (SC), Lewie Hilsdon (LH), Simon Howell (SH), Julia Jones (JJ), Bob Sheldon (RS), Elaine Ware (EW), Claire Winfield (CW), Nathan Woodhouse (NW)

In Attendance: Julia Evans, Lyn Frape

Public: None

3 members of the public

25/15	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Richard Bartle, Gerard Pearson	
25/16	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None.	
25/17	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY 2025. CW requested that the minutes record that at the last meeting she had stated that should major costs be involved in the roof repair due process should be applied. The minutes were approved. Proposed: JJ, Seconded: RS. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
25/18	MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING None.	
25/19	PUBLIC REPRESENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) A resident asked whether the green crockery was included on the asset register. It was confirmed that it was.b) The Secretary to VB Homes asked why the clock on the pavilion was not working. BW explained the situation and noted that discussions with the supplier were ongoing.c) The Secretary to VB homes stated that action needed to be taken regarding the track.	
25/20	TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING Nothing.	
25/21	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Time limit on monthly meetings. It was agreed that meetings should last no longer than 1 hour. Proposed BW, Seconded RS. RESOLVED.	
25/22	FINANCIAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Financial reports for January. The reports had been circulated. It was noted that the figures included a grant for hall refurbishment which would be spend by the end of March. The reports were approved. Proposed LB, Seconded JJ. RESOLVED. The reports were signed. SC requested that his abstention be noted.b) February payments. The payments were approved. Proposed LB, Seconded NW. RESOLVED. The list was signed. SC requested that his abstention be noted.	

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	<p>c) Bookings Report. The booking report was presented. The value of bookings for the year is likely to exceed expectations. The success of the pavilion was highlighted. It was noted that as the Cricket Club now has two teams weekend bookings will be reduced in future. It was not that OCC bookings could not be relied upon beyond July.</p> <p>d) Review of Asset Register. This had been circulated and was approved. Proposed LB, Seconded JJ. RESOLVED.</p>	
25/23	<p>HALL MANAGERS REPORT</p> <p>a) Energy Project. The work in the main hall was almost complete, with just the spotlights to be installed. Smart valves for the radiators were being investigated. Lighting in the Vic Day Hall would be replaced once the loggia roof work was complete. Chimney balloons were to be installed in the spring.</p> <p>b) Hall refurbishment. The work on the toilets was progressing well but there had be a delay on the delivery of the cubicles. The toilets were to be kept closed until all areas, including the disabled toilet, had been completed. The Chestnut room will be kept closed until the end of April in order to minimise disruption. Hirers had been informed. There had been a delay to the delivery of the oak for the loggia which will have an impact on the completion date. Roof work was to start within the next two weeks and the three phase electrical connection was being planned. BW pointed out that the flat roof over the Vic Day hall was included in the original scope of works.</p> <p>c) Other hall matters. The Barrington Room had been reassigned as a storage area and was no longer a hireable room. The application for the wedding licence was being prepared. The office lights had been replaced due to the failure of one unit. The hall staff were praised and thanked for their work.</p> <p>d) Recreation Ground matters. The new MUGA panels were awaiting installation.</p>	
25/24	<p>CROWD FUNDING FOR THE CCG</p> <p>Crowd funding had been suggested as a way to raise funds for the CCG events and the memorial tree. It was agreed that this could proceed. Proposed EW, Seconded CW. RESOLVED.</p>	
25/25	<p>PROPOSAL FOR MEMORIAL TREE</p> <p>A letter had been sent to local businesses seeking to raise funds for the tree. Planting would take place in November. A location was to be agreed.</p>	
25/26	<p>REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>a) Centenary Celebration Group. The next event is the Party on the Rec. Clubs and Societies had been invited to host a table. EW and the Heritage Society were working on a historical exhibition. Tickets for the 1920's evening went on sale on Ticketsource on 4th March. The Mad Hatters Tea Party for the children will take place in July. SC asked for times for the fly past. EW to ask the fete committee.</p>	EW
25/27	<p>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST</p> <p>None.</p>	
25/28	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTHS AGENDA</p> <p>None.</p>	

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25/29	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 2 nd April at approx. 9pm. SC gave his apologies.	
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Meeting closed at 21.52