**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BAWTRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE NEW HALL ON 27th MARCH 2024 FROM 7PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: A. Claypole, G. Scott, D. Gale, J. Gale, S. Young, D. Cartwright, P Holland,

D. Kirkham, D. Kirby, J. Linsley, K. Kileen, I. Greer.

Mrs. A Harrison – Town Clerk

**In Attendance:** 3 members of the public.

**23/24/246** Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence

A. Cropley (other commitment).

**Resolved:** That the reasons for absence be approved.

**23/24/247** Receive Declarations of Interest (other than standing interests)

Cllr. Young –Pecuniary interest Item 5 & 6 as chairman of BARS

**23/24/248** Agree Confidential Items

Item 6 – Legal discussions.

**23/24/249** Extended Public Discussion Period

Members were introduced to the new BARS trustee which had recently been appointed.

Noted Bowling Club had now ceased operating and there was no real prospect of them resurrecting the Club in the future.

Chairman of the Junior Cricket Club discussed the recent meeting with the primary users, the new BARS trustee and BTC representatives. He understood that the Council was not currently looking to finance the facility with the current management structure.

Discussed the proposed incorporation of the Charity and the permissions that BARS would need, including the Council’s. The merits of incorporation was briefly discussed and the issues with the lack of trustees being co-opted over a long period. As well as primary users/council representation as trustees it was also asked that a Bawtry Resident Group representative was invited.

Lack of communication and resistance to change were some of the reasons for the current problems.

The Chairman of BARS indicated that the primary users were allegedly in conflict previously which had caused problems, although the primary users representatives were currently perfectly aligned.

The obligations to have a committee with Council representatives under the lease noted.

Discussed the viability of the facility, some of the current liabilities and the current reserves held by BARS. The risks of insolvency was raised.

The cricket club confirmed that the have not merged with Everton CC.

The starting point for change was for new trustees to be co-opted onto the charity.

4 councillors, 1 cricket, 1 football, 1 resident & the new trustee Ian Cotterhill. A form of service level agreement was also proposed longer term.

**23/24/250** Consider Future of the Memorial Sports Ground

Previous dealings with BARS and the Council discussed.

Discussed the proposals that arose at the user group/BARS/BTC meeting and Council members were agreeable to the suggestion that new trustees be appointed imminently.

**Resolved:** A letter would be forwarded to BARS asking for confirmation within 7 days that new trustees would be appointed and an initial meeting held before 12th April, when the cricket season was due to commence.

**Resolved:** Cllrs A. Claypole, G. Scott, J. Gale, D Gale agreed to be appointed trustees subject to suitable insurance being in place.

**23/24/251**  Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960

That in light of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public be excluded.

Cllr Young left the meeting.in light of his pecuniary /conflict of interest.

**23/24/252** Consider Potential Actions available to the Council under the Lease with BARS including receive Legal Advice.

Noted the legal advice was still awaited and the likely costs. An initial Condition Report had been received but this was to be updated when the internal area of the bowling club had been inspected and circulated to members.

**Resolved:** That should the current trustees not agree to the action plan noted at minute 23/24/250, members would seek the immediate repair of all areas recorded in the condition report in accordance with the terms of the lease and on receipt of legal advice, look to revoke the lease.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.15pm

**Chair: ……………………….……………. Dated…………………………………………**