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Minutes of the **Extraordinary Full Council Meeting** held on Thursday 30th April 2015 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Benneyworth, Thompson, Crane, Bumbieris, Small, Brookman, Leach and Whiting
Also present: Nigel Pateman (NP), Martin Digweed (MD) and Rob Cox (RC) from the Triangle Field Management committee (TFMC), the Clerk and RFO.

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllr Farrell
- 2. Declarations of interest** – Cllr Thompson – item 3
- 3. Triangle Field Car Park** - a) Propose agreement of contractor's terms and budget and contributions

Cllr Roger Thompson (RT) read out his statement on behalf of The Community of Hungerford Theatre Company (CHTC). This included reference to the planning application for the containers to be housed in the Triangle Field car park which he advised a decision is not likely to be received until mid-May or June. He mentioned TFMC support this subject to some conditions. The cost of reconfiguring of the bund and laying hardstanding to the far end of the car park quoted at £4200 can be mainly funded by the Theatre Co. who can contribute £3000. They could not contribute further to the car park. RT suggested a 5 year licence and £50 annual rent. RT is looking to move the containers to the Triangle field by the second week of July. CHTC advised there will be no loss of car parking space so this should satisfy Sports England's concerns.

Cllr Small advised HTC are in a position to sign the transfer deed to obtain the Freehold of the Triangle Field. HTC will be responsible for the new area. The Rugby Club have a lease for the club building only.

The Rugby Club (RFC) has no expectation for the car park to be resurfaced but would like the bund moved. They also want written confirmation that there will be no parking restrictions in front of the containers at the weekend. RFC advised they pay £4K towards the upkeep of the field and the CHTC won't be. At a previous TFMC meeting RT agreed an annual rent of £400? MD is looking for reassurance of a good working relationship and RC would like CHTC to contribute and become part of the TFMC. TFMC are opposed to a diesel generator due to noise and fumes. CHTC has now had an offer to run an electric cable underground. **Action:** TFMC and CHTC to meet to discuss details and come back to HTC with Heads of Terms.

The spec, car parking plan and cheapest quote received for the ground works was shown to RC, MD and NP. The car parking should be increased by 20 spaces. Cllr Brookman spoke to Derek Carnegie at

WBC who had no doubt that planning would be obtained. WBC is in support and D Carnegie is speaking to Sports England. A letter to WBC from HTC and TFMC to address Sports England's concerns is needed. **Action:** Clerk to draft letter and all parties to sign.

Cllr Benneyworth proposed, subject to planning permission being given, HTC proceed with the groundworks quote of £4200, subject also to receiving £3K from the CHTC, seconded by Cllr Crane, one abstention, rest in favour.

b) Propose temporary placement of containers on site awaiting groundworks completion provided planning permission is in place.

This is not required. A temporary site has been found for the containers until planning permission is given.

Cllr Small advised the freehold transfer wording has been agreed for the use 'only as a public open space, and for Sports and Recreation and other community leisure purposes'. The transfer is now ready to sign. The existing lease will go and the Rugby Club underlease will become a head lease. Cllr Crane proposed the transfer is signed tonight and proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Small, all in favour. The Mayor and Clerk signed the transfer. Cllr Benneyworth proposed that £15,640 from Ear marked reserves and the balance of £360 from general reserves is used to fund the transfer, seconded by Cllr Bumbieris, all in favour. **Action:** Write cheque to WBC and pass to Cllr Small.

4. Croft Field – Consider hire charges for 2 new users.

Cllr Leach suggested £4 as an hourly rate for hire of the Croft Field hall for now, seconded by Cllr Thompson, all in favour. It was also agreed that HTC continue using the existing session rates set by WBC. A management committee needs to be put in place.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm