



## Present

John Barker (Chair), Andrew Black, Jonathan Williams, David Thomas, Keith Griffiths, Stan Davies, Mark Cadwallader, Neil Tuffin, Brian Corfield.

## 1 Apologies

Rob Yewdall and Rob Kinsey.

## 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 13 May 2009 were agreed.

## 3 Matters Arising

Keith Griffiths reported that issues with the CRB checks have now been resolved.

## 4 Correspondence

John Barker read out an e-mail from the Chairman of Llanidloes Cricket Club thanking us for playing the recent Twenty/20 game despite the wet weather. He also congratulated 'the Gentlemen of Montgomery' on our return to the first division.

## 5 Financial Update

Andrew Black tabled the accounts summary and highlighted the amount for the outfield mower. This has not yet been paid because we are waiting for some mechanical issues to be resolved before making the payment.

Keith Griffiths reported that there are no outstanding Junior Section subscriptions because junior members are only allowed to join coaching sessions if they have paid.

Andrew noted that the cost of the tickets for the first Ashes test will be recouped from the successful candidates following the draw.

## 6 Fund Raising

Andrew Black summarised the position with grants and the current estimated costs of the development plan. Some of the costs had reduced, thanks to the hard work of some members in exploring sponsorship opportunities, and offers from members of the club to carry out some of the work. The committee backed Colin Davies' plan to get sponsorship for the covers, and thanked Colin and Neil Tuffin for reducing the estimates for the clubhouse refurbishment from £29,000 to £21,000. The reduction has largely been achieved by identifying areas where the skills of club members can be utilised.

The current estimates and grant situation leaves the club having to find just over £19,000 to implement the development plan. With the club's current financial situation and projected income generation from established sources (such as subscriptions and match fees), it leaves the club needing to raise slightly less than £12,000 of 'new' money over the next two years.

As co-ordinator of the fund-raising programme, Mark Cadwallader commented that £12,000 is a very ambitious target, and suggested that a more realistic plan would be to implement the development plan in two stages. This plan would see deferment of the work on the non-turf pitch until a later second phase, with the focus in the first stage being on the clubhouse, nets and covers. The committee agreed in principal that this is realistic, but asked Andrew Black to check whether there are any commitments to a non-turf pitch in the grant applications we have already submitted. It was noted that the club will not be able to apply for another Lords Taverner's grant until two years after we have received the last payment of the current grant. This means that we won't be able to apply for a grant for a non-turf pitch until at least 2012. The Committee accepted this.

John Barker enquired whether any consideration had been given to ECB interest-free loans. Andrew Black replied that very stringent conditions were applied to these loans and thought that the club should only apply as a last resort. This was accepted, although the possibility of cash-flow problems was recognised if contractor's conditions required payment before grants had been received and sufficient money had been obtained from fund raising. The Committee agreed to investigate interest-free loans from members to cover such an eventuality and Mark Cadwallader and Andrew Black agreed to draw up terms and conditions, including those for repayment and security. The constitution of the club will also be checked to ensure that Committee members are indemnified against any debt.

Participation from all members is crucial in realising the development plan and Mark Cadwallader will be writing to all members setting out fund-raising schemes. A separate fund-raising group will be formed to oversee the programme. The membership of this group will be flexible, depending on the

programme, and will include non-committee members and a representative from the youth section.

## 7 Ground Issues

The Committee thanked Stan for his work on the ground and reported the compliments received from visiting teams. Stan commented that the new equipment was a great help, but noted that there were problems with the outfield mower.

## 8 Captains Issues

John Barker congratulated both senior captains on a very successful start to the season, and it was noted that player availability had been good so far.

Neil Tuffin was concerned that the club had only been made aware of the first round of the Montgomeryshire Knock-out Competition at a very late stage. John Barker agreed to telephone the Secretary of the Montgomery Cricket Association for an explanation.

## 9 Child Protection Issues

Keith Griffiths is concerned that it is easy to contravene regulations for junior players if they are not fully understood. In particular the condition that juniors can only bowl 20% or less of the overs in a game, even when the number of overs has been reduced. It was noted that this conflicted with advice in the League Handbook, and John Barker agreed to raise this with the League Secretary.

Keith highlighted rules for Under 13s, particularly the need for parental consent when playing for senior teams. The club also needs to nominate a person to look after them when they are with the team.

Keith noted that junior players can only bowl three full spells in seven days, and that this should be considered when juniors are playing Sunday and mid-week fixtures as well as Saturday games. He also noted that the club has a responsibility to ensure that regulations are followed, even when it is an opposition team that is transgressing. In some cases it may be necessary to stop the game if the opposition are not complying.

Keith agreed to write to parents to set out the regulations, and urged team captains to make sure they understood them.

## 10 Youth and Coaching Issues

Keith Griffiths reported that all junior teams are playing well, and that the Under 15's and Under 13's have reached the second round of the Welsh Cup

in their respective age groups. We have five players in the mid-Wales regional squads.

Keith has obtained quotes for the Junior Awards, which will cost £39.99 each. Members who have already agreed to sponsor an award will be informed, and a request for further sponsors will be included in the forthcoming newsletter.

Keith informed the Committee of courses coming up, including a Young Leaders Course, a Level 2 Coaching Course, a Level 1 Umpiring Course, and a Groundsman's Course. Members will be asked whether they are interested in attending.

Two junior helmets with distinctive orange markings have gone missing from the junior kit. Captains will look out for them on match days and practice evenings.

Keith hoped that all those with Level 1 coaching qualifications will take part in practice sessions, and he will be contacting them to encourage them to participate.

Peter Brett is making plans for the award of our accreditation plaque, and expects Matthew Maynard to be involved. Keith and he have provisionally agreed to hold the event on Thursday 25 June, and Keith will confirm this date and arrangements as soon as possible. David Thomas agreed to inform the County Times and Shropshire Star to ensure good press coverage once arrangements are confirmed.

## 11 Communication Officer Issues

David Thomas will produce a newsletter to coincide with the fund-raising letter from Mark Cadwallader

## 12 Any Other Business

Keith Griffiths reported compliments from Pontblydden Cricket Club on the quality of our website.

Neil Tuffin asked for the Committee's support for erecting a sign at the end of Lymore Lane to advertise the club's location, and this was granted in principal subject to the agreement of Powis Estates and planning approval. Neil agreed to ask Wynford in the first instance.

Brian Corfield reported that the draw for the local knock-out tournament has been made. The presence of two new teams – the Herbert Arms and the Upper House C Team was welcomed. The costs of entry will be £20, except for the Youth Team who will pay £10.

Plans for the Cricket Club Coffee Morning are being made by Louise Corfield and Jocelyn Williams. Members will be urged to help as much as possible.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 on Wednesday 1 July at Lymore.