

Randolph Social Welfare Centre Charity

[THE RANDOLPH RECREATION GROUND]

Charity number: 520785

Minutes of a meeting of the Randolph Social Welfare Centre charity's trustee board held in the Randolph Community Centre, Stones End, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland, DL14 9RE, on Tuesday 16th September 2025 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R. Bolden (in the Chair); J. Cosslett; A. Marshall; B. Medhurst; R. Spraggon.
IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. K. Murray-Hetherington (Clerk to the Trustee Board); Mr. Jamie Lamb.

Minute No.	Agenda item
001.	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed Mr. Jamie Lamb, Secretary and Club Captain from Evenwood Town Football Club.
002.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: RESOLVED: That apologies and reasons for non-attendance shall be accepted from Cllrs. E. Pettit (holiday) and A. Deakin (holiday). Cllrs. A. Breeze; C. Hodgson; and R. Potts were absent with no reasons given.
003.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest in any items.
004.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED: To approve as a correct record and authorise the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2025.
005.	MATTERS ARISING: The Chairman gave an update on the changing of all the locks at the pavilion and storage/security sheds to a master key system. A local electrician had inspected the showers in the pavilion and confirmed there was no work necessary.
006.	EVENWOOD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB: Members discussed matters affecting Evenwood Football Club. [<i>Mr. Lamb left the meeting</i>]. RESOLVED: That Evenwood Football Club shall take on complete responsibility for ownership of the lawnmower and storage room, including costs of all repairs and insurance; that the Club shall be required to pay a peppercorn rent (a very low or nominal sum) for the lease of the land on which the storage room is situated, and the Trustee Board will require evidence of a valid insurance policy. The property will then be handed over to the Football Club, subject to contract.
007.	EVENWOOD CRICKET CLUB: Members considered a written update from the Secretary of the Cricket Club on a proposed lease agreement for Evenwood Cricket Club. RESOLVED: That the Trustee Board will contact its solicitor with a view to submitting an application to HM Land Registry to expedite the application for first registration, subject to there being no cost involved; to note that the Club will be paying a fee of around £1,118.00 out of its own funds for relevant searches in connection with the proposed lease; that the proceeds from the sale of 34 Heras fence panels [£308.00] would be paid to the Club with a deduction of £50.00 for the total number of electricity cards received by the club [5 x £10 cards]; that members would like to visit the pavilion at the Welfare Ground to view the improvements and listen to the Club's ideas and plans for the future, at 5:00 p.m. on Friday 26th September 2025; and to endorse the application submitted to <i>North Star Housing</i> for up to £2,500.00 funding to improve the pavilion.
008.	DEFIBRILLATOR: Members noted that a British Heart Foundation funded community defibrillator would be installed at the sports pavilion on Wednesday 8th October 2025. RESOLVED: To allocate money in the budget for 2026/2027 for replacement defibrillator pads and for the minimal electricity consumption.
009.	WORKING GROUP: Cllr. Cosslett gave a comprehensive report on an inspection visit within the pavilion; at the cricket pitch and football pitch; and play area. He agreed to conduct regular monthly inspections with a report of the findings.

Chairman's Signature..... Date: 11th November 2025

- 009.1 **RESOLVED:** To investigate the removal of the obsolete floodlights and metal poles.
- 009.2 **RESOLVED:** To ask a suitably qualified contractor to conduct a full Legionella Risk Assessment of the water systems at the pavilion.
- 009.3 **RESOLVED:** To ask a suitably qualified contractor to conduct an inspection of all fire extinguishers at the pavilion.
- 010. FINANCIAL MATTERS: RESOLVED:** To receive the most recent schedule of expenditure and approve payment of invoices, together with details of the agreed budget providing assurance that spending plans were proceeding as hoped, or with information about areas where spending was higher or lower than anticipated. **RESOLVED:** To convene a special budget setting meeting (2026/2027) at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday 11th November 2025.
- 011. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION:** Members considered a report on a playground inspection on Monday 14th July 2025. All equipment was assessed as 'low risk'. **RESOLVED:** To ask the Clerk to the Trustee Board to draft an action plan for any necessary repairs identified in the report. It was hoped that there might be some assistance from local volunteers.
- 011.1 The Chairman drew members' attention to a printed article which stated that MPs from across the political spectrum and campaigners have called for a duty to provide space for children to play on new developments to be embedded in planning law. It was generally agreed that there is an onus on the Trustee Board to keep the play area in good condition.
- 012. NEXT MEETING: RESOLVED:** To confirm the date and time of the next meeting: Tuesday 11th November 2025 commencing at 6:00 p.m. to consider and approve the charity's annual budget for 2026/2027.
- 013. CONCLUSION OF MEETING:** The meeting closed at 8:42 p.m.