

Appendix 3

Newport Cricket Club 'Compensation Request Letters'



Aerial View of the Rodney Parade Cricket Ground in 1921

'Cricket Club Request For Compensation'

At the time of the sale of the Rodney Parade Cricket Ground in the late 1980's, Officers of Newport Cricket Club sought compensation from the NAC Management Committee for the loss of the Cricket Ground. Although a compensation figure was never finalised, initially the principle of compensation to help set the Cricket Club up at a new location was agreed.

However, in a dramatic U-turn, the NAC Management Committee reneged on their verbal agreement and refused to pay the Cricket Club any compensation.

This left the Club homeless and penniless and prompted the resignation of Cricket Club President Bill Jones, from his role as NAC Vice President.

Letters from Alan Brown (Secretary), Fred Wangler and Bill Jones (President) relating to the compensation issue and his resignation are enclosed in this Appendix.



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Please Reply
to

Dear Alan

Thanks for sending on the plan & letter from Gwent C.C. & that book was like someone sending the plan of a new mosque to the Prime Minister of Israel!

Ref. your enquiry re. a possible award - I am as surprised as anyone else that we have still not been informed by the Revenue what our Tax liability will be.

Obviously, this is not a bad thing interest-wise for the Club, but it prevents your matter being settled..

Yours Truly
James Bayn

SENT 28/1/91

Dear Ken

Please accept my resignation from Vice President and membership of the Club.

The reasons for this decision should be obvious, but suffice to say that I find ~~them~~^{MANAGEMENT'S} decision to deny compensation to Cricket quite appalling and contrary to the fine traditions that you yourself contributed so much to.

Regards
Bill Jones

9/2/91

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter, but very sorry indeed to learn of your resignation from Vice President's membership of the Club after such a long and active association.

I can appreciate your point of view but at the end of the day I am sure that you can understand the continuity of the club and its future success must be paramount.

The initial capital income may appear to be large but

When Tax and other large capital expenditures have to be incurred then the picture changes.

I cannot see why Bill, that the Club should pay Cricket compensation, after all it was a relatively small though important section of the Club.

I agree that tradition is a wonderful thing and heaven forbid the Club should lose it entirely, but the future seems to envisage a different format for the Club Bill, not quite like

The one we have grown up
to appreciate with so much
affection. I can't say I endorse
everything that is going on in the Club
Bill but one has to try one's best
to ensure that it continues to flourish
and keep it, as near as one can
to our ideals.

May I wish you every
success with your new club at
Spytty Lane. I shall do my best
to support you whenever I can.

Sincerely
John Jones

F. L. Wangler F.B.O.A., F.S.M.C.

John Parry B.Sc., F.B.O.A., F.S.M.C.

Ophthalmic Opticians

Addendum

It is the opinion of my solicitor Gilbert Davis that a change of rules is not necessary and that a proposal carried at a General Meeting of the Members would empower the Management Committee to act lawfully.

I would further emphasise that the Sports Council loan to the Cricket Club and the reserves made available by the

Borough Council are dependent
upon the contribution from
the N.A.E.

we Bill for
N.C. funds