

((HEREIN ATTACHMENT - NOTICE CALLING A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL & ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY LIMITED, ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> 1905))

The Gloucester Football & Athletic Ground Co. Ltd.

*Chairman.*  
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*Secretary.*  
SIDNEY S. STARR

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1905.

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**Re. Proposed Building of Gymnasium, Training  
Quarters, Football Club Office, Committee  
Room, &c., at Kingsholm.**

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*Notice is hereby given* that a General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the New Inn Hotel, Northgate Street, Gloucester, on Wednesday next, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 p.m. to consider the above.

Plans have been prepared, and tenders provisionally accepted, subject to the confirmation of the Shareholders at this Meeting.

By Order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*

((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS -  
HELD AT THE NEW INN HOTEL, NORTHGATE STREET, GLOUCESTER  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> 1905))

Special General Meeting of Shareholders

held at the New Inn Hotel, Northgate Street, Gloucester, on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1905

Chairman Mr. A. W. Vears.

Erection of Gymnasium, Training Quarters, Football Club Office, Committee Room, etc.

The Notice convening the meeting having been read by the Secretary, the Chairman explained to the Shareholders the object for which they had been called together, viz. the consideration of a scheme to build a Gymnasium, Training Quarters, Football Club office, Committee Room, etc., on the Kingsholm Ground, the estimated cost being about £1,100. The Football Club Committee had consented to pay an additional rent of £100 per season if the Company would erect the desired building.

The Architect, Mr. H. A. Dancey, explained the Plans and many questions were asked and answered regarding details, and the letter was read from the Secretary of the Football Club agreeing (on behalf of the Club) to pay an increased rent of £100 per season.

Gas v. Electric Lights

Mr. H. Moffatt raised the question of lighting the buildings with Gas rather than Electric light and after a discussion on the matter it was left as a detail to be dealt with by the Directors as to which light should be used.

Finally on the motion of Mr. M. J. Arnold seconded by Mr. John Jennings, it was resolved, 'That this meeting of Shareholders approve of the erection of a Gymnasium with Committee and Bath rooms etc., on the Kingsholm Ground and sanction the borrowing of a sufficient amount to cover the cost of the erection.'

A Vote of Thanks

to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

((HEREIN ATTACHMENT - UNDATED EXTRACT FROM UNIDENTIFIED PERIODICAL))

## **THE KINGSHOLM FOOTBALL GROUND.**

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### **IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT.**

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#### **GYMNASIUM AND TRAINING QUARTERS TO BE ERECTED.**

A general meeting of the shareholders of the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co., Ltd., called to consider the proposed building of gymnasium, training quarters, football club office, committee-room, &c., at Kingsholm, was held at the New Inn Hotel on Wednesday evening. Mr. A. W. Vears (Chairman of Directors) presided, and there were present: Messrs. C. H. Dancey, S. Davis, H. W. Grimes, C. E. Brown, T. A. Washbourn, T. B. Powell, Sidney S. Starr (secretary), H. A. Dancey, H. Moffatt, A. G. Watkins, J. Jennings, P. Grant, C. H. Loveridge, W. J. Arnold, J. E. Dutton, W. Dancey, S. W. Bingle, and W. J. Robinson.

The Chairman, having explained the object of the meeting, said they were all aware that at present there was no real accommodation on the Kingsholm ground for training purposes for the football team. At present the Football Club were paying something like £30 a year for accommodation in several places, but the idea was to concentrate the requirements under one building. As a member of the Football Club he strenuously advocated the adoption of some such scheme as suggested. The Directors had carefully considered the proposals, and plans had been prepared for the carrying out of the enterprise. It was proposed to borrow the money to cover the outlay at 4 per cent., and the Football Club had agreed to pay £100 additional rent for the accommodation. While the scheme would greatly enhance the ground from a football point of view, it would not put the shareholders in a better position, but the Directors were prepared to recommend the scheme, and asked the shareholders to sanction it.

In reply to Mr. Grant as to the probable cost, the Chairman said the figures were approximately as follows: Building, £792 15s., hot water apparatus £127 10s., cold water ditto £92 2s., a total of £1,012 7s. Mr. Vears mentioned that during their eight months' tenancy the Football Club would be responsible for the up-keep.

Mr. Arnold said that in the Kingsholm Ward there was no building suitable for a public meeting or for taking a poll. At present the Corporation had to erect a temporary place in the

Recreation Ground. He therefore thought a building as proposed would be a source of revenue to the Company for letting purposes.

Mr. H. A. Dancey, architect, who was instructed to prepare plans, explained that the proposed building would be erected at the Worcester-street entrance at the top end. It would include an office 15ft. by 12ft., a committee-room 18ft. by 15ft., with lavatory and other conveniences. The big room, or gymnasium, would be 60ft. by 30ft. Bath rooms, about 14ft. by 13ft., would be provided for the home and visiting teams, with two sunken baths, 3ft. 6in. deep and 7ft. square, each containing 750 gallons of water. There would also be five shower baths, and hot and cold water would be available throughout. The boiler-house would be approached from the back, and the boiler would be capable of supplying all needs. For heating purposes flow and return pipes would be put in under the floors so as not to interfere with the players when training. The scheme included the fitting up of the building with electric light, with the exception of two arc lamps for the large room, which it was proposed to rent from the Corporation. The main entrance to the building would be 5ft. wide, and would be 115ft. from the Worcester-street fence.

Mr. Moffatt remarked that he had always favoured such a scheme as that proposed, and had hoped that some such building would have been erected as a memorial to the late Mr. H. J. Broughton. If the Football Club were willing to pay an extra £100 rental, they ought to adopt the proposal, and the ground would then be second to none in the kingdom. There was one matter, however, he (Mr. Moffatt) dissented from, and that was the proposal to have the electric light. He strongly advocated incandescent gas as an illuminant, remarking that it was far superior, very much cheaper, and very much better.

Mr. Robinson supported Mr. Moffatt, and said in his opinion electric light was a thing of the past. (Laughter). He gave instances where the electric light was being supplanted by the incandescent light, mentioning especially the case of the Strand improvement in London. Of the scheme generally it had his support, and he was glad the Directors had taken it in hand.

Mr. Bingle remarked that in the new agreement with the Football Club it would be necessary to make provision for the Club to have the use of the office in the new building during the summer months.

The Chairman said this matter had so far been overlooked, but he had no doubt a satisfactory arrangement could be arrived at.

Mr. Arnold then formally proposed that the meeting approves of the scheme as recommended by the Directors, and that the question of the lighting be left for the consideration of the Directors.

Mr. Jennings, in seconding, said the scheme was a step in the right direction. With regard to the remarks made by Mr. Moffatt as to electric light v. gas, he altogether differed from him. He absolutely contradicted the statement that electric lighting cost four times as much as gas, and could prove it. He would not go as far as to say that electric light was cheaper than gas, but there were other matters to consider. He strongly deprecated the decrying of one of their

municipal enterprises, and asserted that the Gloucester streets were lighted quite as well as scores of other towns.

Mr. C. H. Dancey mentioned the public library as a case in which economy could be effected in electric lighting. The first year the cost of lighting the library was £80, but things were looked into, and now it had been reduced to £36 per annum. He could not see how they were going to gain anything by substituting gas for electric light, and reminded the meeting that the Football Club, as tenants of the building for eight months of the year, would have to be consulted on the matter.

Mr. Arnold explained that in moving his resolution referring the question of lighting back he did not wish to infer that he was against the electric light. There appeared to be an expression in favour of gas, and he thought his suggestion would meet any difficulty.

Mr. Grant strongly supported the Directors' recommendation, and spoke in favour of the electric light. He gave his experience of the two lights at his house, which showed results in favour of electric light.

On the suggestion of Mr. Grimes, the proposer and seconder agreed that the resolution should take the following form:- "That this meeting of shareholders approves of the proposed erection of a gymnasium, with committee and bath rooms, on the Kingsholm Ground, and sanction the borrowing of a sufficient amount to cover the cost of erection."

The Chairman put this to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.

The contracts for the carrying out of the work had been provisionally entered into, and as a result of the meeting they will be put in hand almost immediately, in order to be completed for the next football season. The erection of the building has been entrusted to Mr. A. J. Dolman, the plumbing and internal cold-water supply to Messrs. Turner and Pritchard, and the hot-water and heating apparatus to Messrs. Woodward and Co.

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At a meeting of the Directors, Mr. F. H. Bretherton was elected a Director in the place of Mr. G. Cummings, resigned.

A resolution of sympathy was passed with Mr. H. J. Berry, one of the Directors, who has recently undergone an operation, with the hope that he would soon recover and be amongst them again.

((IN HERE - ATTACHMENT - EXTRACT FROM THE "CHELTENHAM CHRONICLE AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE GRAPHIC" - UNDATED))

**GLOUCESTER CITY.**

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**GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL CLUB.**

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**NEW TRAINING QUARTERS TO BE BUILT AT KINGSHOLM.**

On Wednesday evening a general meeting of the shareholders of the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co., Ltd., was held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, to consider a proposal to build a gymnasium, training quarters, football club offices, committee-room, etc., on the Kingsholm Football Ground. Mr. A. W. Vears presided, and others present were Messrs. H. W. Grimes, C. H. Dancey, T. A. Washbourn, S. Davis, C. E. Brown, T. B. Powell, W. Dancey, C. H. Loveridge, P. Grant, J. E. Dutton, S. W. Bingle, H. A. Dancey, W. J. Robinson, H. Moffatt, A. G. Watkins, J. Jennings, W. J. Arnold, and Sidney S. Starr (secretary).

The Chairman having stated the object of the meeting, said when the Kingsholm Football Ground was laid out a pavilion was erected, and for about fifteen years it had answered its purpose very well. However, no accommodation was made for training the team, etc., and at the present time the administration of the club's affairs, the training of the team, etc., had to be done in different buildings. It was, therefore, not at all surprising to the directors of the Ground Company that some scheme such as that now proposed should have been brought forward. The directors had given the scheme careful consideration, and the Football Club Committee had passed a formal resolution agreeing to pay £100 extra rental if the additional accommodation was provided. The fact of the work of the football club being concentrated under one roof would be of immense advantage to the club, but it would not make the position of the shareholders of the company any better. The directors were, however, prepared to recommend the scheme, and he hoped the shareholders would sanction it. The football club would rent the buildings for eight months of the year, and during that time they would pay for the upkeep, lighting, etc., whilst for the remaining four months the Ground Company would have the buildings on their own hands, to utilise or let for any purpose they liked. In reply to a

question, the Chairman said the proposed estimated outlay was: £792 15s. for buildings, £127 10s. hot-water apparatus, and £92 2s. cold-water apparatus, making a total of £1,012 7s.

Mr. H. A. Dancey (the architect) explained the plans, and said the buildings would contain an office 15ft. by 12ft., a committee-room 18ft. by 15ft., with lavatories, etc., and a big room 60ft. by 30ft. There would also be two bath-rooms (one for the visitors and the other for the homesters) each 14ft. by 13ft., and two sunken baths 3ft. 6in. deep and 7ft. square, and five shower baths (three for the home team and two for the visitors). The boiler-house would be at the back of the structure, and the shower baths would be regulated with hot and cold water. There would be flow and return pipes for heating the whole of the buildings. The scheme provide for lighting throughout by electricity, but there would have to be two arc lamps for the big room, which would have to be hired from the Corporation.

Mr. Moffatt said the buildings were just what had been required all along, so that the football club could do their work under one roof, and when the late Mr. Boughton died he (the speaker) suggested that such a building should be erected as a memorial to him.

Mr. Bingle pointed out that the agreement should contain a clause providing that the football club could use the offices during the four months the buildings were under the purview of the Ground Company.

The Chairman said that point had been overlooked, but he had no doubt it could be successfully arranged for (hear, hear).

Messrs. Moffatt and Robinson thought incandescent light would be cheaper and better than electricity. Both spoke strongly against the electric light, and contended that incandescent light was more economical and more efficient.

Mr. H. A. Dancey said he could easily arrange for gas, and on the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to leave the question of the lighting to the further consideration of the directors.

Mr. Arnold moved "That this meeting of shareholders approves of the proposed erection of a gymnasium with committee and bath-rooms on the Kingsholm ground, and sanctions the borrowing of a sufficient amount to cover the cost of the erection."

Mr. Jennings seconded, and entirely disagreed with the views expressed by Messrs. Moffatt and Robinson regarding the electric light, and said he had proved its efficiency, and although it was certainly a little more costly than gas, there were advantages which more than counterbalanced that. The electric light in Gloucester was especially good; in fact, the city was better lighted than a great many bigger places he had visited. He was sorry anyone should have decried such an important and valuable municipal undertaking, and he hoped the directors would very carefully consider the matter before they decided to substitute gas for electric light. The question of management had of course to be considered; if they were not careful the expense of electricity was of course very great.

Mr. C. H. Dancey said electric light, like everything else, needed watching. For instance, the first year it was installed in the Public Library the cost was £80. Economy was exercised, and the cost had been reduced to £36 a year (hear, hear).

Mr. Arnold and Mr. Grant supported the installation of the electric light, and the last-named said he had had it installed in his house for three years, and found it cheaper than gas.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and unanimously carried, the Chairman promising that the question of the light should be considered.

The Chairman announced that Mr. George Cummings, one of the original directors, had resigned through ill-health, and that Mr. Frederick Hawkins Bretherton had been appointed in place of him (hear, hear).

The meeting expressed sympathy with Mr. H. J. Berry, who, the Chairman said, had undergone an operation in a private nursing home, and was going on well.