

Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of Wem Sports and Social Association CIO held on Thursday 12th September 2024 at 16.00 in the Town Council the meeting room, Wem Library, High Street, Wem

Present: R Drummond, S Griffiths, E Towers, J Gwillam,

Penny O'Hagan – Secretary

In the absence of Edward Towers, Susan Griffiths took the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – to receive.
The following apologies were received from M Meakin, John Ralphs, C Bennett and W Ollerenshaw.

- 2 **Meeting Minutes** – to approve as a correct record the minutes of the trustees meeting held 11.7.24.

Resolved:- to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11.7.24 and they were duly signed as a true record.

- 3 **Progress Report** - To receive a report from the Secretary and Groundsman
It was reported that despite contacting him several times C Parker had not returned his trustee declaration form so it was not possible to register him as a trustee so there were still 2 trustee vacancies.

Resolved:- to note the progress report.

- 4 **Finance**
a) To receive 2024-25 budget report to 31.8.24.
Edward Towers joined the meeting at 16.10 and took over as chairman.

Resolved:- to note the financial report.

b) Bank signatories – to nominate additional signatories for Nationwide and Unity Accounts.

Resolved:- to add James Gwillam as a signatory for Unity Bank and defer a decision on adding an additional signature on the Nationwide account to the next meeting.

- 5 **Fireworks 5.11.24**
a) to consider report, approve ticketing platform recommended and set ticket price.

Resolved:- to
 - **Sell all tickets online using the Little Box Office ticketing platform linked with a paypal or stripe account.**
 - **To set ticket prices at £7 for adults and £3 for children.**
 - **To decide nearer the time whether to sell any unsold tickets on the gate.**
b) to appoint a trustee to shadow the Secretary as event deputy.

Trustees were reminded of the need to ensure that there were sufficient volunteer marshals for the event to run safely. No trustees present were willing to shadow the Secretary and become event deputy.

Resolved:- to defer a decision on this to a future meeting.

6 Recreation Ground

To consider request from Wem Tennis Club to remove the self-seeded ash tree adjacent to the brick toilet.

A discussion took place on whether the tree needed to be removed.

Resolved:- that trustees would visit and inspect the tree and make a decision at the next meeting.

7 Wem Sportsman of the Year Award – to discuss poster and nomination form and consider any application conditions and agree deadline for applications. Subject to the typos on the poster being corrected it was

Resolved:- to

- **approve the poster.**
- **approve the nomination form.**
- **to set a deadline for applications of 31.12.24.**
- **defer a decision on the judging panel and set a date for the presentation event to the next meeting it was suggested that presentations could be made at the 2025 Annual Town Meeting depending on when it will be held.**

8 Butler Sports Centre –

a) To approve quote for hedgecutting.

Resolved:- to approve the quote submitted by Via Della Emelia.

b) Floodlight Service – to discuss quotes received.

The Secretary presented the 2 quotes received, along with a rough quote to replace the lights with LED lamps. A discussion took place and Sue Griffiths suggested that a grant may be available from the Marches Energy Agency to fund replacement LED lamps. She agreed to find out more and report back to a future meeting. As the lights were currently working well it was

Resolved:- to defer the service until one of the bulbs needed replacing.

c) Changing Room revamp – to discuss.

It was reported that the changing rooms would benefit from modernisation. James Gwillam agreed to draw up some plans to redesign the building that could form the basis of a grant application and to bring to a future meeting. It was agreed that this would be a long term project and would be subject to grant funding be secured.

9 Leases – to receive a verbal report on lease agreements currently held with sporting bodies.

The Secretary reported that the only lease she was aware of was held with Wem Albion Bowling Club and that there seems to be no leases or ground use

agreements for Wem Bowling Club and Wem Tennis Club. It was suggested that it may be an idea to develop either a ground use agreement like the one held with Wem Town FC Football or some form of written agreement outlining responsibilities for each club.

Resolved:- that the Secretary would research what agreements were in place in other towns who have a similar set up.

10 Other Matters of Concern – for consideration.

Use of Ground for Personal Training – The Secretary reported that following meeting with the person who wished to use the ground for one to one personal training sessions they have requested that the proposed fee is reduced to £5 as only the junior pitches are available and that the work is primarily carried out with youth athletes

A discussion took place on this matter and it was

Resolved:- to set a price of £7.50 per session on a trial basis of 3 months.

The Secretary reported that she had been approached by a re-enactment group Militias of Anglia suggesting the use of the Bowensfield for a re–enactment event in 2025. Trustees expressed interest in this suggestion ad it was

Resolved:- to invite a representative to discuss the proposal to the next meeting.

11 Date of meetings - to set date and time of next meeting.

Resolved:- to hold the next meeting on 14.11.24 at 16.00.

Meeting ended 17.15.