

n Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of Wem Sports and Social Association CIO held on Thursday 7th March 2024 2024 at 15.30 in the Town Council meeting room, Wem Library, High Street, Wem

Present: B Barker (Meeting Chairman), M Meakin, S Starkey, S Griffiths, E Towers, W Ollerenshaw,
Penny O'Hagan – Secretary
John Ralphs - Groundsman

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – to receive.
Apologies from Alan Walker were received.
Absent R Drummond

- 2 **Meeting Minutes** – to approve as a correct record the minutes of the trustees meeting held 4.1.24.

Resolved:- to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4.1.24 and they were duly signed as a true record.

- 3 **Progress Report** - To receive a report from the Secretary and Groundsman.

Resolved:- to note the report.

- 4 **Finance**

a) To receive 2023-24 budget report to 29.2.24

Resolved:- to note the report.

b) To consider any outstanding income
Current income outstanding £5831.79 plus Bowling Club contribution.

Resolved:- to note the report.

c) To approve legal fee repayment plan proposed by Wem Town FC.

Resolved:- to approve the repayment plan of £530 in April and £265 per month until December 2024.

- 5 **Trustee Vacancies** – to discuss

It was reported that no one had come forward from Wem town FC to become a trustee. A discussion took place and it was

Resolved:- that Bob Barker would draft an article to place in the April Wemian to update on the work of The Association and attract new trustees.

- 6 **Butler Sports Centre**

a) **Establishment of netball facility on hardstanding** – to discuss
A discussion took place and it was

Resolved:- to give permission for the use of the old five aside hardstanding area adjacent to the car park as a netball court for a trial period of 1 year.

This permission is on the condition that appropriate insurance cover is in place and that the WSSA will have no responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the area. Any use of facilities in the changing rooms will be chargeable.

b) Electrical Report Butler Sports Centre – to consider. It was reported that this had been completed on 7.3.24 and the report was awaited.

Resolved:- to delegate authority to the Secretary and Groundsman to seek quotes for work arising from the inspection.

c) Carnival Request for storage – to receive update from meeting held with carnival committee.

It was reported that a meeting had been held with the carnival committee and the location of the container had been agreed, further information was awaited about it's actual size.

Resolved:- to give permission for the installation of a storage container next to the Football Club unit subject to:

- **The storage unit being in good condition and its size to be agreed by the Secretary prior to any installation works.**
- **Access to the unit would be by prior permission only and vehicular access to the unit will be limited to when the ground conditions are suitable to be determined by the groundsman.**

7 Wem Bowling Club – to consider correspondence received.

A discussion took place on this item and it was:

Resolved:-

- **Not to provide any assistance with the requested maintenance around the greens.**
- **To respond that whilst trustees are sympathetic to the situation regarding the fence, as the association was not responsible for its erection, before it can consider whether to commit any funds to its removal trustees would wish to see evidence that the Bowling Club has discussed this issue and attempted to reach an agreement with LG Roberts.**
- **Not to include the annual electricity costs for 2023-24 invoice but in future years, electric use will be included in the annual invoice.**

8 Fireworks Night – to discuss and if required agree a date

Resolved:- to hold fireworks event on Tuesday 5th November and to earmark £1500 from profit made at the 2023 event for additional expenditure on fireworks.

9 Wem Sportsperson of the year – to discuss report.

Resolved:- that W Ollerenshaw and S Griffiths form a working party to consider this in more detail and report back to the next meeting.

- 10 **Wem Weekend Festival of Sport** – to discuss report.

Resolved:- to hold a meeting of the sporting bodies on April 18th to see if there is any interest to organise a Festival of Sport.

- 11 **Recreation Ground Bookings 2024** – to approve.

Resolved:- to approve the Rotary bookings for Wem Fest on 25.5.24 and Vehicles of Interest on 21.7.24.

- 12 **Scout Hut Access Issues** – to discuss.

The secretary reported that she had no information on this matter.

Resolved:- not to progress this matter as no further information has been received.

- 13 **Social Club rebuild** – to agree a way forward.

Bob Barker presented this matter and stated it was important that the rebuild project became a standing agenda item so that agreement could be made on what facility is needed. All trustees present were asked their views on what they would wish to see built in the area and the following response was given.

Mandy Meakin – a place to provide a sports facility and for private event hire, with a better kitchen.

Edward Towers – Creation of a sports village which will encompass a 2 storey sports and social facility overlooking the pitch, with the scout hut relocated, the five aside area reutilised, upgrade of changing room facilities, creation of an all weather pitch, extension of the swimming pool to facilitate a 25m long pool with additional viewing facilities and gym offer.

Stuart Starkey – highlighted concerns about the plans and whether they will come to fruition and if they do will there be a demand for it?

Susan Griffiths - Sports hub / village, less priority on its use as a community venue as other buildings in the town are currently underused for social use, more cohesion within all the buildings, all buildings to be carbon neutral.

Bob Barker– 2 storey venue with café (possible bar) bringing in reception of swimming pool building across the width of the area with a sports hall that could include a provision for short mat bowls.

Resolved:- to have this as a standing agenda item and look to progress ideas and suggestions prior to a wider community consultation.

- 14 **Other Matters of Concern** – for consideration.

None.

- 15 **Date of meetings** - to set date and time of next meeting

Resolved:- next meeting to be held on Thursday 9th May at 5.30.

Meeting ended 5.30

