

Trustee Meeting Report

The Trustees met on 5.2.26 to consider a range of governance, finance and project matters relating to the Butler Sports Centre and Wem Recreation Ground.

Apologies were received from Susan Griffiths, and M Hoffmann was absent.

At Butler Sports Centre, trustees considered several matters.

- A working party was established to review proposals from Wem Town FC regarding a new 12 year ground use agreement which will report back to the next meeting.
- Discussions also took place regarding refurbishment of the changing rooms. Following advice from Shropshire FA, Wem Town FC will review relevant Football Foundation grant opportunities and provide proposals to support the development of a women's football base in Wem.
- Authority was delegated to the Secretary and Groundsman to apply to the Pitch Improvement Fund when applications reopen in April.
- Trustees also approved the 2026 asbestos management plan and delegated authority for approval of the Legionella contract. The Fire Risk Assessment and action plan were noted.

At the Recreation Ground, trustees agreed to progress refurbishment of the public tennis court to enable both tennis and pickleball. Quotes will be sought for a full refurbishment, with funding to come from a combination of fireworks profits, reserves and grant funding. The Secretary will liaise further with Wem Tennis Club and report back.

The 2025 Fireworks event was reported to have made a profit of £3,533. Trustees agreed to hold the event again on 5 November 2026 and approved related expenditure, including investment in radios and improvements to the community tennis court.

Arrangements for the Sports Person of the Year awards were also agreed, including prizes, budget allocation and event organisation.

Trustees considered a machinery replacement report and agreed that replacing the tractor instead of the mower represents better value at this time but this will be subject to Town Council approval.

Work will also begin on developing proposals to re-establish the Wem Sports & Social Association Draw as a community sports fundraising initiative.

The next meeting will be held on 2 April 2026 at 6.00pm at Wem Library.