

Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of Wem Sports and Social Association CIO held on Thursday 11th July 2024 at 16.00 in the Town Council the meeting room, Wem Library, High Street, Wem

Present: B Barker, R Drummond, S Griffiths, W Ollerenshaw, M Meakin, E Towers, C Parker

Penny O'Hagan – Secretary John Ralphs – Groundsman

Chris Parker was welcomed to the meeting as a new trustee.

- 1 **Appointment of officers for 2024-25** (deferred from previous meeting)
Chairman

Resolved:- to appoint Edward Towers as Association Chairman for 2024-25.

Vice Chairman

Resolved:- not to appoint at this time.

Treasurer / Secretary

Resolved:- to appoint Wem Town Council Clerk as Secretary / Treasurer.

- 2 **Apologies for Absence** – to receive.
None.

- 3 **Meeting Minutes** – to approve as a correct record the minutes of the trustees meeting held 9.5.24

Resolved:- to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9.5.24 and they were duly signed as a true record.

- 4 **Progress Report** - To receive a report from the Secretary and Groundsman
A report was received from The Secretary and Groundsman.

Resolved:- to note the reports.

- 5 **Finance**

a) To receive 2024-25 budget report to 30.6.24.

Resolved:- to note the report.

b) Bank signatories – to nominate additional signatories.

Resolved:- to remove Alan Walker as bank signatory and add Susan Griffiths as bank signatories for Unitary Trust.

- 6 **Butler Sports Centre**

a) Heras Fencing – to agree advertising of Heras fencing for sale.

Resolved:- to delegate authority to the Groundsman to advertise the Heras Fencing in return for a donation to the WSSA.

b) Hire fee – to set hire fees for use of Butler Sports Ground by personal trainers/ children’s parties .

Resolved:- to set an hourly hire fee of £10 per hour and permit the Secretary in discussion with The Groundsman to agree booking terms and conditions with hirers.

7 Recreation Ground

a) Closing time of Wrights Fair on carnival night – to discuss.

A discussion took place on this item and trustees expressed disappointment at the recommendation from Wem SNT that the fair continues to close at 7.30 on the night of carnival unless security and additional lighting are put in place. The need for additional lighting was queried as it would still be light at 8.30.

Resolved:- that the Secretary will contact Wem SNT to request that they define the amount of security that they would require to permit the fair to stay open later and whether additional lighting is necessary. Once this information is received the Secretary was instructed to contact Wrights fair to see if they would be willing to provide it.

b) Removal of Goal Posts

It was explained that the goal posts were showing signs of corrosion at the bottom and needed replacement. It was the recommendation of the Groundsman that smaller junior goals should be installed on the recreation ground as the current goals were too big and did not receive great use.

Resolved:- to seek prices for the supply and installation of junior football goals and to request that the Town Council considers funding the purchase using The Neighbourhood Fund.

8 Trustee Vacancies – to discuss and consider applications received.

It was reported that Chris Bennett and James Gwillam had both expressed an interest in becoming trustees

Resolved:- to appoint Chris Bennett and James Gwillam as trustees.

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

It was reported that the tennis club lease could not currently be found and there was some discussion as to whether one ever existed.

Resolved:- to defer this item to a future meeting.

10 Fireworks 5.11.24

a) to consider arrangements for fireworks night.

Arrangements were discussed and it was

Resolved:- to charge £30 for a food stall this year.

b) to discuss whether to set up advance ticket purchase options.

Resolved:- to explore online ticketing platforms and prices and report back to the next meeting.

c) to appoint person in overall charge of the event.

Resolved:- to appoint The Secretary as person in overall charge of the event, and to nominate a trustee to shadow this role so a trustee could take over for future events.

- 11 **Wem Sports Fair** – to consider instead of holding a separate event encourage sports group to attend the Health and Wellbeing event in Wem Town Hall which has been organised for 11.10.24.
The Secretary reported she was willing to have a table promoting individual sports clubs at this event or each club could sign up for the event.

Resolved:- that the Secretary would contact all sports groups with information about the event and the offer to host a table.

Chris Parker left the meeting at 17.30

- 12 **Wem Sportsperson of the Year Award** – to discuss.
Wanda Ollerenshaw and Susan Griffiths updated on this and outlined the 4 categories and form.. It was suggested that a question on the nomination form outlining the nominees connection to Wem be included

Resolved:- that the Secretary and Treasurer develop a poster and nomination form for consideration for a future meeting.

- 13 **Objects of WSSA** – to discuss (at the request of Bob Barker).

Resolved:- to defer to the next meeting.

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

Finances of the association, Bob Barker – explained that he would like the fellow trustees to take on board his concerns about the association's finances especially the staff time spent maintaining the changing rooms and football pitches at the Butler Sports Centre, work which only seems to benefit Wem Town FC. A general discussion took place and it was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting

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

Resolved:- to set the date as Thursday 12th September at 16.00

Meeting ended 17.50

Chairman.....