

Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of Wem Sports and Social Association CIO held on Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 16.00 in the Town Council meeting room, Wem Library, High Street, Wem

Present: Alan Walker (Chairman), Roger Drummond, Edward Towers, James Gwillam, Robert Barker, Madelaine Meakin, Paul Ellis

Penny O'Hagan – Secretary,
Chris Bennett – WTFC Secretary

1 Apologies for Absence – to receive.
Stuart Starkey, Susan Griffiths

2 Football

To receive report from site visit and consider the request from Wem Town FC for permission to locate of a temporary standalone building to act as a clubhouse on the site of the old sports and social club

It was reported that four trustees have visited the building which WTFC propose to purchase and relocate to the Butler Sports Centre. A question was asked about whether the building could be any bigger and whilst this was feasible it would cost the football team more to purchase and extras and it would cost more to heat the a larger space.

A discussion took place on the what the building will look like once the cladding is removed as it could be in poor shape. Some trustees expressed the view that the building should be clad in wood to match the existing cladding on the side of the changing rooms. However after discussion it was felt that the proposed metal cladding would still fit into the area as it would match the Groundsman's shed and the swimming pool. Metal cladding would also be a better option in terms of ease of maintenance.

A suggestion was made that the proposed security fencing was not suitable for the area. It was suggested that if fencing required to the front of the building then fencing similar to the school may be more appropriate and this could be softened with some planter boxes. A discussion took place and all present felt that the only fencing that was essential would be to both sides of the building to ensure that there was no public access to the bowling club

It was explained that a lease would still be required for the use of the land and conditions would need to be included relating to the upkeep of the building and responsibility for its removal. It was agreed that subject to the advice from the solicitor this could be a 10 year lease with a 5 year break clause

Resolved:- that trustees give permission for Wem Town Football Club (WTFC) to temporarily locate a clubhouse as detailed in the Temporary Modular Building Proposal submitted for consideration by trustees at the meeting on 13.6.23. This permission is subject to the following conditions:

- a formal lease between Wem Sports and Social Association and Wem Town Football Club must be in place prior to the commencement of any works on the site.
- planning permission is granted for the proposed clubhouse prior to the commencement of any works.
- appropriate fencing must be installed at the commencement of works to ensure the security of Wem Bowling Club
- details of public liability insurance, risk assessments and method statements for all installation and ground preparation activities must be submitted to the Secretary prior to the commencement of any works.

3 Other Matters of Concern – for consideration.
None raised

4 Date of next meeting - to set date of next meeting
Wednesday 18th July at 9.00

Meeting ended

Chairman.....