

Winsford Recreation Association

Draft minutes of the Winsford Recreation Association

Held on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 6pm at Winsford Village Hall

Present: Frazer Lawrence (FL) – Chair, Ian Whybrow (IW) Treasurer, Jayne Luscott (JL) - Secretary, David Luscott (DL), Sue Hayes (SH), Ros Dearing (RD), Jane Orchiston (JO), Andrew Blackmore (AB)

FL opened the meeting at 18.02.

1. Opening remarks – Chair

The chair welcomed everyone for attending.

2. Apologies

Apologies from BN and MH

3. Conflicts of interest

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of 20th October 2022

All agreed.

5. Financial Update

IW had issued two spreadsheets in a previous email to all members. First showing overall summary of income/expenditure for the year with a surplus of £1099.01. There has been another 100 club draw which isn't included in these figures, also there are another 2 more 100 club draws to come out. IW stated that there is one more event (Jazz Evening) before year end, and with that we shouldn't be far off the current balances. The second spreadsheet detailed the Elvis event showing a net profit of £606.60. JO asked about the comparability of the figures compared to last year, IW said it was probably slightly higher. FL said we needed to build up a reserve fund for unforeseeable expenses.

6. 100 Club Subscription Collection Plans

DL stated that we were coming up to collecting again for the 100 Club, DL also stated that we missed a number of people last year and that we need to try and get them back in, and also try to include the new people in the village. DL suggested that the Chair could write a letter to all residents explaining the reasons for raising the funds and also mentioning that the lower field was going to be leased to the WRA by the parish council and that this would need maintenance. It was decided not to raise the £15 per person donation this year. FL suggested asking Jayne Davis if it could be possible to have collection boxes in the Pub and Shop. FL and IW said that for insurance purposes the Cricketers should be a member of the Recreation Association and joining the 100 Club is the easiest way of doing this. FL asked AB to approach the cricketers at the AGM to see if they would be interested in joining the 100

club or increasing the subs from £5 to £6 to cover the insurance. DL will email out the collection plan in due course. DL to draft letter for FL to sign off.

7. Tennis Court Lower Field – Proposals & Approach

FL stated that as far as he was aware the field had not been handed over to the WRA yet. The field was left from Anne Le Bas to the parish council and would be leased to the WRA for a peppercorn rent. There was a lot of discussion about what to do with the field. A wild flower meadow with a walk through was suggested. This would require maintenance to keep the walk way cut. FL stated that area is liable to flooding. FL said he had been told by members of the parish council that they had up to 15 trees that they would be happy to donate to the WRA. It was discussed that until it was decided what to do with the field, it wasn't a good idea just to plant them anywhere. FL said he would send BN an email to find out what type of trees they are, and to get the parish council views on the field.

8. Jazz Event – Saturday 4th March 2023

JO stated that the band was going to cost £350 without VAT. Posters have gone up around the village and it will be in the next issue of Across Exmoor. Cost is £10 per head. JO suggested changing the posters/flyers to state that it is the same group that played at Her Late Majesty The Queen's Jubilee last year.

9. Update Charity governance/Trustees with Charities Commission

FL stated that the Trustee information was now up to date. MH to be an advisor to the Trustee's. FL will update the articles and issue to the Trustees.

10. AOB

JL stated that Bev Flannagan has given us the plaque for the Tennis Courts, DL to action. FL stated that the gate to the tennis courts had broken. Mike Hillier has fixed this at cost of £11. FL stated that the fence at the bottom of the Recreation field is broken. There was much discussion about whether there needs to be a fence. It was decided that FL and DL would do a risk assessment to see if a fence was needed. AB offered to take down the broken fencing. FL stated that a donation to National Park had been given for the treatment of the Japanese Knotweed of £20.

AB and Charles Hayes are doing maintenance of the Pavilion. AB to find out from James How who they use for the emptying of the cess pit. AB to also check the roof of the pavilion.

JO has received emails from Tribute band companies, JO will email to all and receive back suggestions at the next meeting.

11. Closing remarks (Chair)

FL thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 19.10.

12. Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th April 2023 at the Village Hall at 18.00