

TRUST AGENDA AND MINUTES for April 2022

Held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th April 2022

Present: Richard Evans, Chair. Richard Williams, Janet Holmes, Val Shields, Phil Percival, Jayne Osborne, Gino Paletta, Steve Bland, Sue Happs, John Bell, John Lloyd, Geoff Jones, Marian Williams, Sue Hill, Jo Burke, Robert Grey.

1. **Apologies:** Ian Gibson, Michelle De Rosa, Lesley Murley, Robert Williams, Phil Jones.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:** Minutes accepted by John Bell and Richard Williams as a true record.
3. **Safeguarding update:** The policy needs updating with changes in best practice. It will be distributed to trustees for comments.
4. **Health and Safety/lone working policy:** Meetings with all paid employees have been undertaken. We need to decide if we undertake the same process with Trustees and volunteers and each of the groups using the Trust facilities, or should we expect that each group undertake their own checks? The policy document just needs a final review.

a. Recreation/Snooker Hall: Thanks to Gino Paletta and his workers for the repair of the chimneys.

b. Fire Risk Assessment: It is law that we have this risk assessment undertaken every 4 years. After our Fire assessment, we as Trust and our users, need to make sure the fire doors are clear of any furniture or rubbish which blocks users' exits in case of the need for evacuation. Extinguishers' were also inspected during this site visit. Trustees thought the cost of the inspection was expensive. There are some points in the report which need clarification. Bowling and Snooker clubs would get personal feedback on the areas to be addressed.

5. Admin Committee

a. Leases: These still remain ongoing and all need to be reviewed this year.

b. Allington Park update: Chair and Vice Chair had one meeting with the Community Council sub group, the second meeting was arranged for 15/4/22 had been cancelled, which is very disappointing. Phil Percival suggested we wait until after the elections in May. Steve Bland asked if they could continue to cancel meetings. It was suggested we write in the Essentials Magazine to clarify the situation regarding the renewal, however it was felt it was not the right time for the Trust to go public with the lease and payment. A brief background on how the Community Council have funded the lease previously was given.

User agreements for all groups are now under review and will need to be increased at renewal time.

6. Treasurer/Finance

a) Budget: It's been a difficult year. We are in profit with the help of Covid 19 grants. John Bell and John Lloyd congratulated the team for all their hard work.

b) Financial Regulations Policy: John Lloyd would like to thank Jayne Osborne and Janet Holmes for all the work on creating an all-encompassing and comprehensive policy which would satisfy any reader and scrutiny from the Charity commission. John Lloyd wished the Trustees to accept the Financial Regulations Policy.

c) Treasurer discussed the bank accounts and who the named signatories are, for Nat West account and they are Janet Holmes, Richard Evans, Richard Williams and Val Shields.

Barclays Bank, signatories are Janet Holmes, Richard Williams and Jayne Osborne.

It was suggested by Phil Percival we look for alternative banks, e.g. Monmouth Building Society who at present are giving much better interest rates. The Methodist Church use COOP for their accounts. Phil Percival will review options for the trust.

d) Grants/working groups.

National Lottery – Jayne Osborne took part in a Zoom meeting with their representative and AVOW to investigate what grants might be available.

RENEW has sent a surveyor to review our building, he will produce an audit of his findings, which will allow us to start to formulate ideas for grants which might be applicable for the Trust to apply for.

We need volunteers from Trustees to support this work in fundraising, grants, and ground work etc. It was suggested we ask schools if groups of learners undertaking Welsh Bacc and Wellbeing might be able to volunteer for jobs around the Trust, any groups or individuals need to be self-monitored/supported. No trustee volunteers came forward at this meeting to work on any projects.

Community Council were thanked for their purchase of the goal posts which would allow permanent community use on site.

7. Gresford Athletic FC update – Tuesday night's fixture caused much concern to the Craft group, they were not able to park close to the building and disabled members of the group had to return home due to no disabled spaces available. The Craft group reported that the players and supporters were verbally unpleasant when challenged about their parking and there appeared to be no stewards present at this match. Jo Burke apologised to the Craft Group, for failing to inform them that the football was due to be played. Richard Evans responded that the footballers should park in lower car parks. All groups will be advised if this should occur again. We are not allowing any parking on the fields, as we do not want any damage to the grounds and it will also be a H&S issue when the permanent goal posts are in place.

It was noted that the relationship between the Trust and GAFC has deteriorated, particularly after a series of emails regarding a Facebook post made by a member of GAFC. It was clarified that damage to their stands etc. and their facilities on the grounds remain the responsibility of GAFC not the Trust. Trustees wished to view the contents of the recent emails. It was agreed that they would be sent out to Trustees present at the meeting, and would be de-personalised. It was felt that the Trust has been supportive of GAFC, especially to play belated matches on week nights and the agreement for weekday matches to be played at home at the start of the season.

Locking gates through to the bowls area during football matches was raised as a concern. Trustees also wanted to understand if GAFC left to relocate what the financial implications would be to the Trust.

There was no GAFC Trustee present at this meeting.

Marion Williams has been informing the PCSO's of any anti-social behaviour she has observed, she stressed that all residents and Trustees do the same. Trustees are concerned at a lack of Police presence around the village.

8. A.O.B

Craft group wish Ruth Thompson Gresford Community Agent to visit them to support the group to become more Dementia Aware and friendly. If any other Trustees requested a meeting with Ruth, Janet Holmes would arrange.

The Trustees from each group again requested that they could update the meetings on what their respective clubs were up to, they all agreed their reports could be kept brief. This would be considered again by the Admin Trust.

100 club draw: 91 – Jayne Osborne

122 – R.E.M Bates

55 – Jo Burke.

Meeting Closed at 20.45