

Gresford Trust Minutes for 9th June 2022.

Held in the in Green Room at 7pm.

Present: Jayne Osborne, Ian Gibson, Richard Williams, Richard Evans, Gino Paletta, Val Shields, Steve Bland, Mike James, Robert Grey, Lesley Murley, Sue Happs, John Lloyd, Geoff Jones, Robert Williams, Marian Williams, Susan Hill, Michelle De Rosa.

Apologies: Janet Holmes, Phil Percival, Phil Jones, Sue Roden, John Bell, Julian Davies, Andrew Bailey, Jo Burke.

Chairman wanted it to be noted and recorded that we send our condolences to Margaret Heaton, at the loss of her husband Bob Heaton. Our Trust owe grateful thanks to his stirring support and work for developing this building, which the village benefit from today.

3. Minutes were accepted as an accurate record by Steve Bland and Gino Paletta.

4. No safeguarding issues.

5. Health and Safety – Janet Holmes and Jo Burke not present or discuss in detail the full report, mainly safety lights and signage needed and housekeeping of certain areas. The Recreational Club and Bowls have been informed.

6. Janet Holmes and Jo Burke not present or discuss in detail the full report, mainly safety lights and signage needed and housekeeping of certain areas. The Recreational Club and Bowls have been informed of the concerns to be addressed.

7. Finance – Last year's accounts are with our appointed Auditor.

Two trustees wanted to know why salaries appear lower than previous years. Possibly due to Covid.

b. Budget was discussed with Admin group three weeks ago, due to Covid we will review again in 6months.

c. Grants – Jayne Osborne reported on the National Lottery Zoom meeting, which will be time consuming, Jo Burke has already started asking the community for what we do well, what can we do better? What other facilities or activities would you like to see? These question sheets are displayed in the corridor in the hall and also in June Essentials Magazine, we are eager for the public's' comments.

Steve Bland, stated that much of the village are unaware that the Trust survives on donations and has to be self- funded from hiring our facilities. Chair reminded the trustees that such an article was written earlier in the year, stating this. It was suggested we have an open day, to promote the facilities we have.

Chair stated that after delivering over 2000 flyers for the 100 club, we had a disappointing uptake. We need volunteers to take on more activities, rather than the same people are doing all the work.

8. Leases:

a. Gas Governor – no new updates at this time.

b. Royal British Legion – Richard Evans and Ian Gibson, have met with RBL, they have paid their lease upfront for this year, they will struggle if we increase to above £4,250, it was agreed that it was far

more lucrative to receive this than see the RBL fold and close down. The new lease will request the lack of heavy goods being parked on the car park.

We, the Trust, will be reviewing the lease every 3 years. Unanimously agreed to leave it with Richard Evans to sort out.

c. Allington Park- The situation seems more promising. Ian Gibson and Richard Evans have a meeting arranged for 13th June 22 in the village library. Unfortunately, the Clerk has had a sudden bereavement, which has delayed everything. Jan Jones has been appointed as Chair, so it is hoped we can progress the discussions on the 25 year lease successfully.

9. Ground and tree maintenance work – Weed control has been applied to the sports pitches as part of our annual ground maintenance process, normal process used to inform users. Chairman informed trustees that in the future all sports clubs must now register with DEFRA to be able to obtain licences and permissions to use chemicals. Ian Gibson will forward the information to Michelle De Rosa, Junior Football and Matt Jones Gresford Athletic Football. Need to find out if the Bowls also need to contact DEFRA, Ian Gibson will investigate and inform John Lloyd.

Trees need work to remove deadwood from Acacia trees and may need to fell the Acacia/Robina. Three estimates have been given, range of cost from Phil Benfield of £2,700. STC, £840. All Things Trees, was £1200.

John Brewin Wrexham Tree Officer has been discussed with him.

10. Club reports – All very positive reports from the groups after the pandemic. Interesting to see groups on the up again. Craft group have now undertaken the training to support them becoming Dementia friendly.

11. AGM – a date cannot be set until the auditor has completed the work on our accounts. Hopefully looking at some time in July 2022.

12. 100 draw – draw not done.

13. A.O.B. – Wednesday 8/6/22 Clubs expressed concerns with selfish parking across the disabled bays. Could Jo Burke look into this? And maybe message users again. Ian Gibson will ask Jo Burke to allocate the Craft group Red cards to put on vehicles blocking the carpark and disabled bays.

Meeting closed @20.10

Signed by Chair after being agreed the Trust meeting.

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