

Meeting of Gresford Trust at the Trust on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Ian Gibson, Richard Evans, Janet Holmes, Richard Williams, Val Shields, Jayne Osborne, Phil Jones, Steve Bland, Mike James, Carole Grey, Gino Paletta, Lesley Murley, Sue Happs, Andrew Bailey, John Lloyd, Marion Williams, Susan Hill,

Apologies: Robert Grey, Jan Jones, Beryl Blackmore, Michelle DeRosa, John Bell, Geoff Jones, Robert Williams,

Minutes of previous meetings:

10th October 2023 Proposed P Jones Seconded R Evans accepted as a true record by those present.

Matters arising: GAFC lease for stands – no further contact from club. M Williams reported further vandalism to old stand that needed addressing and litter clearing. Club to be advised to correct. M James suggested employing a contractor and charging the club for the work if not addressed. The Chairman advised that an invoice had been received for legal fees for the Allington Park Lease of £1,200. P Jones asked if there was any progress on appointment of a secretary for the Trust, the chair advised that there had been no progress to date. He requested that Trustees consider volunteering to take minutes at future meetings.

Safeguarding: J Bell had advised that no amendments are needed to the Trust policy at this time.

Health & Safety: P Jones suggested the purchase of a barrier to stop people going near the hot water boiler. Agreed to purchase. Problems with flooding on Clappers Lane were discussed, trustees were asked to report to WCBC online and with Jeremy Kent. It had been logged by J Holmes with Council.

Finance: J Holmes advised that the budget had been circulated, there were no questions raised it was proposed Richard Williams Seconded Steve Bland and accepted by those present.

Renewal of the gas contract has incurred additional cost per unit. In addition, higher gas usage over the winter period results in a 20% VAT charge rather than 5%

Given this we now need to look at charges for hire and Admin group will discuss further and report back to Trustees.

A discussion took place on VAT registration and further information would be sought.

The Chairman reported that contact had been received from Wales & West Utilities regarding the construction of the Gas Governor Station which will may be completed this financial year. The Trustees confirmed they were happy for the Chair and Vice Chair to take this forward with our solicitors.

Grants: A grant to support grounds maintenance, work on trees before tree inspection and tree inspection costs had been made to Gresford Community Council. Grants for hedging plants being explored.

Club Reports:

All Saint's Church – recent coffee morning has raised £430 for church funds, Light and Lantern Festival was a huge success raising £1,500 to be donated to Hope House and Nightingale House Hospices. Carol service is on Sunday 17th all welcome. **Methodist Church** – Had raised £300 in November market. Carol service on Sunday, Christingle, and popup nativity on Christmas Eve. **Community Council** – carols around the tree last Saturday. Precept will be 9% this year as major work on concrete lampposts replacement needs to be addressed. **Cricket** – P Jones reported that one of the girl players from the club had been selected to represent Wales. **Bowls** – no report. **W.I.** – thriving now have 60 members. As speaker unavailable 2 members gave cooking and

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flower arranging talks at last meeting. Looking forward to next meeting which is their Christmas meeting.

Craft Group - S Hill reported that members had enjoyed the trip to the knitting and stitching event. Members had created 40 lanterns for the festival in church, they were pleased with the new chairs and meetings start again on the 2nd January 2024.

A.O.B. Carole Grey reported a poor response to help with the warm room starting in January. 2 Trustees are needed at every Thursday session which start at 10am. They are asked to contact Carole to allow the sessions to take place. Thanks go to Gresford SPAR who had provided a voucher for £40 towards refreshments.

The Trust had entered a light into the Church event, thanks go to Jayne for creating the model.

100 Club:

	First Prize £30		Second Prize £20		3rd Prize £10	
November	148	Brian Jones	82	R H Evans	55	J Burke
December	90	A Williams	135	J Bell	166	K Hobbly
Christmas Bonus – 3 prizes of £40						
	88	M Perry	6	J Jones	48	P A James