

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

**Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at the Guildhall at
7.00 pm on Thursday, 14th December 2023**

PRESENT:

Duncan White– in the chair, Daniel Thomas, Marcus Themans, David Fenwick, Susan Crooke-Williams, Will Benbow, Chris Tyler (representing Much Wenlock Town Council)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman's report

The chair reported he is pleased that the Gaskell ground is developing due to the investment put into treating the ground. It is rewarding to see the improvements. It is positive that the ground is now home to two football teams who are working well to accommodate each other. The cricket club have survived albeit with only one team. They have started to make moves to do some fundraising as have the bowling club who generated an extra 20 members from the open day they held. Duncan thanked the management committee and Mike Humphries for the continuing work.

2) Election of Chairman

Nominations were sought for the election of Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by Marcus Themans and SECONDED by Duncan White that David Fenwick be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously AGREED that David Fenwick be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

David Fenwick took the chair

3) Election of Deputy Chairman

Nominations were sought for the election of Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by David Fenwick and SECONDED by Duncan White that Marcus Themans be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously AGREED that Marcus Themans be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

4) Election of Secretary

Nominations were sought for the election of Secretary for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by David Fenwick and SECONDED by Duncan White that Lorna Dexter be elected as Secretary for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously AGREED that Lorna Dexter, Administrative Assistant to the Town Council, be elected as Secretary.

5) Election of Treasurer

Nominations were sought for the election of Treasurer for the ensuing year.

It was PROPOSED by David Fenwick and SECONDED by Susan Crooke-Williams that Lorna Dexter be elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year

It was unanimously AGREED that Lorna Dexter, Administrative Assistant to the Town Council, be elected as Treasurer.

6) Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

| Trustee | REASON FOR ABSENCE |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Christian Toon | Work commitments |
| Wilf Grainger | Work commitments |
| Linda West | Family commitments |
| John O'Dowd | Family commitments |
| Tim Motley | Non Submitted |

These apologies were **ACCEPTED**

Not Present:

| Trustee |
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| Chris Bowden |

7) Minutes

- a. it was **PROPOSED** by Dan Thomas, **SECONDED** by Duncan White and unanimously **AGREED** that the minutes of a meeting held on 15th June 2023 be **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** as a true record.

8) Financial Matters

- a. Trustees reviewed the accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2023. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the accounts for **2022/23**:

| | £ |
|--|-----------|
| Balance b/f at 1 st April 2022 | 19,259.86 |
| Income to 31 st March 2023 | 22338.00 |
| Expenditure to 31 st March 2023 | 25,600.11 |
| Balance as at 31 st March 2023 | 27,854.01 |

b. Financial Report

Income and expenditure to the end of October 2023 was presented:

| | £ |
|--|-----------|
| Balance b/f at 1 st April 2023 | 27,854.01 |
| Income to 31 st October 2023 | 5,737.20 |
| Expenditure to 31 st October 2023 | 21,691.18 |
| Balance as at 31 st October 2023 | 21,691.18 |

It was discussed

It was **PROPOSED**, **SECONDED** and **AGREED** to **NOTE** the financial report.

- c. It was **PROPOSED**, **SECONDED** and **AGREED** to **APPROVE** budget for 2023/24

9) Minutes of the Management Committee

It was **PROPOSED**, **SECONDED** and **AGREED** that the following minutes of the Management Committee be **NOTED** and **ADOPTED**:

- 17th January 2023
- 7th March 2023
- 27th July 2023

The Trustees acknowledged the work of the Management Committee and expressed their thanks.

10) Management Committee – Marcus Themans reported

Marcus firstly thanked Mike Humphries who clearly has a passion in his work for the ground which goes beyond his tasked work. Marcus described how this years early dry spell followed by a wet late Summer has meant it has been a tricky year to maintain. He expressed his delight in having the Mens football team Wenlock OSA using the field as its home pitch as described how they have been working well with the Warriors to juggle matches and the management committee to ensure the pitch is at its best at all times. He reported that Linden Lodge was now registered to the Town Council. The tree forum had been in contact to request the fallen tree be replaced with a new planting but it was suggested that a low growing shrub may be a more suitable option. Next year would see another sand dressing application but this time to include the cricket pitch. Projects for next year are to extend the path and make a plan for the rejuvenation of the play area. Marcus thanked everyone for their hard work.

11) Appointment of Management Committee

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following members be appointed to the Management Committee:

- Tim Motley) representing Wenlock Estates
- Chris Bowden)
- Susan Crooke-Williams) representing Much Wenlock Town Council
- Marcus Themans)
- Duncan White)
- David Fenwick)

Thanks were expressed to the Management Committee for their work.

12) Terms of Reference of Management Committee

Trustees reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Management Committee.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to approve the Terms of Reference for the Management Committee

14) Date of next meeting

It was **AGREED** that future meetings would take place on Thursday 20th June 2023 and on Thursday, 12th December 2024 (AGM)

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Trustees

Date.....