



**Annual General Meeting
and April Meeting
Monday 3rd April 2017**

Has been

Present:

Cllr Tunde Ojetola, Les Hughes, Glenda Stephens, Barry Norrington, Jenny Hurley, Alec Hurley, Grant Greatrex, Mick Maxwell, Joanne Wintour, Peter Madgewick, Terry Morgan, Cllr Sue Macpherson, Elizabeth Cox, Cllr Joy Redsell

Apologies for absence:

T Rawson, E Appleton, T Hills, M Lee

Matters arising from previous minutes:

None

Chairman's report:

In the past year, nearly £6000 has been granted in coaching and support awards.

The coaching awards will extend the benefit of improved participation to individuals in their hundreds. Support has been given to those who need the extra boost to enable them to improve to reach National level in their chosen sport. Sponsorship has supported clubs and individuals at championship level and events such as Ladies Indoor Cricket and Thurrock Primary Schools Soccer trip to Jersey.

An information evening was held with Active Essex for all local clubs. Another is planned for May this year.

Many thanks to colleagues Jenny, Glenda and Barry and to Cllr Redsell for continued support, and to the Executive Members whose attendance and input at meetings is vital.

Treasurer's report:

It was noted that the accounts in previous years have not been audited as stated in the minutes. Auditing accounts is not required, saving £250 on auditors.

A statement of accounts was presented. The final balance is £1277.75 about the same as last year.

The accounts were accepted by the members. A copy will be sent to the CVS who provide the grant.

Most groups/individuals have thanked the Sports Council for their money.

Constitution:

A number of minor changes were made to the constitution. These were accepted except it was decided not to delete 1j. The revised constitution will be put on the website.

Election of Officers:

The following agreed to continue in post and there were no other nominations.

Chair Les Hughes
Vice-chair Glenda Stephens
Secretary Jenny Hurley
Treasurer Barry Norrington

Cllr Macpherson Cabinet member for neighbourhoods:

Cllr Macpherson stated that since being in post she has been overwhelmed by the amount of volunteering in sport in Thurrock.

She explained the forthcoming "Thurrock Sports Person" Awards which are planned to raise the profile of sport in Thurrock. As the idea expanded she has been helped by the Thurrock Council communications officers. There will now be a variety of awards rather than just one. Coaching awards will be held as part of Thurrock's Education Awards. At the Civic Awards, there will be a sporting category. The Port of Tilbury is sponsoring an award.

Going forward with Thurrock Council, Cllr Macpherson explained that Thurrock Council gives the money to the CVS and they allocate the grants. Our funding has been agreed for one more year but times are tight with the Council and in future they may not be able to fund sport. The Sports Council are advised to look for other funding.

Grant Greatrex advised that the CVS small grants opened today. The Community Environmental Development Fund may be accessed by sports clubs. Sport England have various funding opportunities. Thurrock Council has a good relationship with Sport England and is hoping to receive funding from them.

AOB:

None

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There were no outstanding award requests.

10 points for £10,000

The next club forum with Jason Fergus of Active Essex has been arranged for an afternoon and evening session on May 10th. Jason will bring application forms and, with colleagues, will help clubs apply for funding. Plans for the event will be emailed to sports clubs when finalised.

There was discussion around local groups wanting a petanque court. It was suggested that this need could be included in funding for improving activity in couch potatoes as petanque can be played by everyone.

Elizabeth Cox has agreed to start Facebook and Twitter for the Sports Council so we can promote ourselves through social media.

There was discussion about the complaint of Belhus Cricket Club to the council. The club's questions about maintaining their pitches have not been answered so the club has made a formal complaint. Cllr Macpherson is to investigate the issue.

It was noted that parking is a serious problem when there are events at Blackshots.

It was pointed out that the tennis courts at Corringham Rec are in need of repair and quite dangerous in places. Cllr Macpherson to investigate.

Cllr Redsell informed that, following the recent budget meeting, it looks like Blackshots will receive its new buildings but possibly not until Spring 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm