



## **General Meeting**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Present:**

L Hughes, G Stephens, J Hurley, A Hurley, G Appleton, S Rogers, M Eales, M Maxwell, Cllr J Redsell, Cllr C Baker, Cllr J Baker, Cllr S Liddiard

**Apologies for absence:**

B Norrington, T Rawson, M Lee, E Cox

**Matters arising from previous minutes:**

None

**Secretary:**

1. The Sports Council has its own website and is no longer linked to the CVS.

<http://www.thurrocksportsCouncil.co.uk>

All the forms are on the new site. Clubs can put their own pictures on. Clubs without website can create their own page. Jenny will email instructions to registered clubs.

Clubs are requested to link their websites to the Sports Council site.

2. The 3 year funded programme providing free activities in Tilbury has finished but some activities are still running. Jenny has the timetable for the activities.

3. Next year's meetings:

**8<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**9<sup>th</sup> April AGM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**1<sup>st</sup> October**

**Treasurer:**

Balance at 1st Oct 2017 £4603.61

Grants made since last meeting:

£600 Grays Yamaguchi Goju-Kai British Championships Entry Fees

£180 Charlotte Waters cricket coaching

£500 K Riley-La Borde Athletics coaching

£555 Thurrock Harriers Coaching for 3 people

£250 Junior Ladies Football

£255 Thurrock Harriers coaching

£419 Thurrock Gymnastics Academy coaching

£230 Grays Judo Club entry fees Adler Cup Frankfurt

£55 Thurrock Hockey Club coach first aid course

The pads and pens £118.14 were for the 10 steps to 10K meeting. £400 was for the website set up.

Chadwell Bowls Club wish to raise money to purchase a defibrillator. There was discussion about various funding opportunities and how to manage the defibrillator when purchased.

**Planning Applications:**

Plans have been passed for a sports hall at the South Ockendon Academy.

**AOB:**

Blackshots Senior Citizens Bowls Club has had a successful season although there have been fewer games. Membership of bowls clubs seem to be declining. The club are holding social sessions with various indoor activities this winter on Thursdays. Non- bowlers welcome. It is hoped that these sessions help to combat the "social isolation of seniors".

Drums Bowls Club had a successful season. They staged the quarter finals of the County Championships and other district games. They raised £2200 for the Air Ambulance. The other clubs at Blackshots support various charities during the season.

There was the ongoing discussion about the state of grass pitches in the borough. It was felt that it is better to have qualified groundsmen rather than clubs manage their own grounds. Les has contacted the council about pitches but has not received a reply.

Thurrock Model Flying Club now have a second flight line. The field near the Mardyke can be very muddy so there is now an alternative area to use.

Coalhouse Fort Radio Yacht Club Have had a good year and hosted a national event. A local lad came 2<sup>nd</sup> Thy have good facilities at the fort and membership is well up. They have raised money for the air ambulance.

Thurrock Hockey Club needs more players, especially men. They have dropped their first team and are only playing with 2 men's teams in lower leagues. The ladies are managing 3 teams and the youth section is flourishing.

The Friends of Blackshots group have acquired funding for the fence around the play area, benches, a path across to the play area and to replace the Olympic rings on the road side of the field with a plaque explaining the field.

The meeting closed at 9pm