

Report of Bowls Club sub Committee
held 16th November 2015
between representatives of
Llantwit Major Town Council and Llantwit Major Bowls Club

Present; Councillor R Jenkins
Councillor M Marsh
Mrs Ruth Quinn – Town Clerk
Mr Graham Jones – Treasurer, Llantwit Major Bowls Club
Mrs E Grey - Vice Chair, Llantwit Major Bowls Club
Mr G Snowdon – Secretary, Llantwit Major Bowls Club

Apologies;
Councillor J Evans

Councillor Jenkins thanked all for attending and asked Mr Jones if he wished to start the meeting.

Mr Jones informed members that this season had been mixed for the Bowls Club in terms of success. The men had won 2 trophies externally, and the 2nds had been promoted from Division 7 to Division 6. The Ladies meanwhile had no real success to note. The England v Wales Civil Service match had again taken place at the Club, they seem to like coming and using the green and always comment on how good it is. When they come they bring family members with them and it is felt this is good for the town.

There were a few projects to update members on;

- the new kitchen was in and being used. It has taken a lot longer than anticipated but it made a big difference. Following these works the interior of the pavilion had also been painted. A cost for a new water boiler is currently being looked at. Members have discussed installing one under a kitchen counter that produces instant boiling water, thus preventing members having to walk around with cups of hot drinks to pass through the hatch.
- the shed has been installed and is ready for use. It was kindly bought via a donation from the family of a club member who had recently passed away.
- the banks have all been completed and members are really pleased they make the appearance a lot smarter.
- a grant had been applied for to improve the disabled access via the side wooden gate. Unfortunately this had been unsuccessful
- new chairs have been ordered and should be in situ over the next couple of weeks, this again has come via a generous donation.

Mr Snowden asked if there was any news on improving the footpath area outside the bowls pavilion. Mrs Grey added that the whole area was, at this present time, covered in mud and puddles due to the poor weather conditions, and with the early nights there was a lack of lighting. Councillors confirmed this item was still under consideration by the Town Council and budgets were being looked at.

Mr Jones informed members that the cost for the new kitchen and replacing the banking had cost in the region of £25,000, and therefore works to the old wooden pavilion was on hold for the time being.

Mrs Grey stated that a site meeting had recently taken place with an electrician regarding the night storage heaters in the pavilion, these were old and there was an issue with it being too warm during the day and cold in an evening if a social event was on. They would ideally like these replaced.

Mr Snowden raised concerns with regards the windows. Currently there is water coming in under one and one does not open. The glass is not safety glass. It is hoped that as landlords the Town Council could look at replacing the windows with a small wall and have smaller fixed windows above.

Mr Jones added that the Bowls Club would also like to look at placing advertising boards around the rinks during matches. Advertising spaces on these boards would be sold to local businesses and be a source of extra income for the club.

There was also concern over the one toilet area which was used a store room. What appeared to be damp was forming on the area behind the toilet and it is hoped the toilet could be replaced and source of the damp found.

RECOMMENDED: That the Bowls Club write to the Town Council requesting permission to place advertising boards around the rinks on match days.

Further

RECOMMENDED: That the Bowls Club write to the Town Council regarding replacing the windows and toilet with the pavilion.

Councillor Jenkins showed members a picture of the exterior wall to the Bowling Green facing the Recreation Ground. It was clear that bushes and shrubs were coming through the wall and the concern was these could be causing damage to the wall.

RECOMMENDED: That the Bowls Club would look at trimming behind the shrubs and bushes along the wall.

The Town Clerk informed members that the Town Council were due to review the Lease and Management Agreement in the New Year, as it is 4 years since the last review.

The paperwork is still being completed to Fields in Trust the whole of the recreation ground, including the bowling green. Mr Jones has been named as a contact for the Bowls Club regarding this.

The use of the tennis courts had increased this year, this was partly due to the tennis school taking place on a Saturday morning but also the number of casual players was up as well. At the present time there was no decision as to whether the courts will be offered free of charge again next year.

Mrs Grey stated she had received a comment from a family who asked why they could use the courts for free, but if they wanted to use the bowling green they had to pay. She had advised them to contact the Town Council office.