

GASKELL RECREATION GROUND MUCH WENLOCK

Registered Charity no. 1116940

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held remotely by video-conference at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 9th December 2021

PRESENT:

Daniel Thomas – in the chair, Duncan White, Wilf Grainger, Marcus Themans, John O’Dowd, Robert Toft, David Fenwick (representing Much Wenlock Town Council)
Chris Bowden (representing Wenlock Estates)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorna Dexter – Secretary and Treasurer

1) Chairman’s report

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 Chris Bowden that Daniel Thomas be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously AGREED that Daniel Thomas be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Daniel Thomas 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 Marcus Themans and SECONDED by that Dan Thomas be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously AGREED that Duncan White 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 Dan Thomas 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 Dan Thomas and SECONDED by Duncan White 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
Chris Tyler	Family commitments
Mike Grace	Work commitments

David Fenwick	Work commitments
Tim Motley	

These apologies were **ACCEPTED**

7) Minutes

- a. **it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the minutes of a meeting held on 17th June 2021 be APPROVED and ADOPTED as a true record.**
- b. It was noted that it had not been possible to hold the meeting scheduled for 22nd July 2021 due to lack of available attendance.

8) Financial Matters

- a. Trustees reviewed the accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2020. **It was AGREED to APPROVE the accounts for 2020/21:**

	£
Balance b/f at 1 st April 2020	12,748.70
Income to 31 st March 2021	17,000.00
Expenditure to 31 st March 2021	10,488.84
Balance as at 31 st March 2021	19,259.86

b. **Financial Report**

Income and expenditure to the end of October 2020 was presented:

	£
Balance b/f at 1 st April 2021	19,259.86
Income to 31 st October 2021	3050.00
Expenditure to 31 st October 2021	3965.46
Balance as at 31 st October 2021	18,344.40

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

- c. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to APPROVE** budget for 2022/23 with the exception of Robert Toft who abstained having not seen the budget.

9) Minutes of the Management Committee

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

- 16th March 2021
- 5th July 2021
- 7th Sept 2021

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

10) Duncan White reported

A huge amount of good work has been carried out in the last 12 months, so thank you to everyone for all their hard work and efforts.

This includes the maintenance of the overgrown hedge around the childrens play park and we are all agreed that it should not be left so long in between cuts.

There has been good progress on the development of the users agreements with agreement for the Wenlock Warriors, Olympian Society and the Bowling Club with the other two agreements to be agreed in the new year.

We launched the Wild Flower Meadow area behind the bowling green with Just Giving fund raising being used to part fund the project and we all look forward to the spring and the fruits of our efforts.

There are still some minor areas where drainage in wet weather need to be addressed.

Unfortunately recently we had one of our benches completely destroyed by fire, which is being investigated by the police and treated as criminal damage. In the new year we will discuss a replacement.

Discussions have been started within the 10 year plan for the provision of a pavillion on the field which would be a great addition to our facility and we hope to make progress with this over the next 12 months.

11) Appointment of Management Committee

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

- Chris Bowden) representing Wenlock Estates
- Duncan White) representing Much Wenlock Town Council
- Marcus Themans)
- Wilf Grainger)
- David Fenwick)

Thanks were expressed to the Management Committee for their work.

- A discussion commenced as to whether to amend the terms of reference to increase Wenlock Estates representatives to the management committee from two to four on the grounds it was felt there were younger candidates with fresh ideas that could be useful for the progression for the grounds. All were in favour apart from one councillor.
- It was proposed by Robert Toft that there be 3 allowed, no seconders
- It was proposed that a motion be carried by vote for 4 representatives
- Dan Thomas – Yes
- Marcus Themans – Yes
- Chris Bowden – Yes
- Robert Toft – No
- Duncan White – Yes
- Wilfred Grainger – Yes
- John O’Dowd – Yes

Motion carried for the amendment of 4 representatives for Wenlock Estates by majority vote. Names of Wenlock Estates representatives to be put forward at a future date.

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, with the amendment of representatives of the Wenlock Estates to be 4 as voting members.

14) Date of next meeting

It was **AGREED** that future meetings would take place on Thursday 16th June 2021 and on Thursday, 8th December 2021 (AGM)

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Trustees

Date.....