



ALTON & DISTRICT SPORTS COUNCIL

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Minutes for Committee Meeting of the Alton & District Sports Council

7:30pm Wednesday 28th September 2016

at Chawton Park Indoor Bowling Club

Present (see attached contact list)

	Item	Action
1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies: Joe Walters (Alton Squash Academy) kindly stood in as chair for the meeting and reported that Brian Scowcroft sends his apologies as he is unwell. Apologies also received from Councillor Alex Hunt Alton Town Council (ATC). Dean Phillips (Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Alton) in attendance to represent ATC and East Hants District Council (EHDC).</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting 3rd June 2016 agreed with corrections</p>	
3	<p>Outstanding matters and actions arising from previous minutes: Deferred to AOB.</p>	
4	<p>Chair's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local clubs were contacted to audit the current sports facilities available in the Alton and District; 20 clubs responded There has been a press campaign to raise the profile of the A&DSC There is a need to move the Sports Council's role from reactive to proactive It was suggested that following Brian's request to stand down from A&DSC from September (see previous minutes) he is asked to stay on the committee in an advisory capacity 	
5	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £4100 in the bank with no liabilities except for £63 for the website Full report will be available at the AGM £500 of grants have been awarded this year Due to work commitments, Jimmy notified the club of his intention to step down as the Treasurer w.e.f the next AGM 	
6	<p>Future of A&DSC: Essential at this time for the Sports Council to find volunteers for the committee, and communicate with EHDC/ATC</p>	
7	<p>New Sports Centre: Various members made comments regarding the new sports centre as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the footprint has been fixed how can there be negotiation with users? As the 2008 survey and the subsequent survey phone call by the private consultant were thrown out, how will users be consulted? Requests for increased gym space had been rejected Requests from the swimming club for 8 lanes, additional car parking, spectator gallery, deep water had all been rejected If the current provision of 4 courts for squash was reduced to 2, as intimated in the plan, the squash club would have to seek alternative venues Good examples of sports centre design were Surrey University and the Army at Aldershot <p>Dean Phillips made the following points in his reply:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alton is an expanding town and a strategy has been developed to consider all aspects of its growth including economic factors, health and wellbeing and leisure EHDC/ATC are committed to a sports centre that equals current provision; visits had been made to various sports centres to inform the brief The stated footprint in the Design and Access statement was required for planning and is not set in stone Dean is confident that developments in technology and the expertise of the Leisure Consultants will ensure the needs of the community are met. The design of the new centre will be more efficient in terms of use of space/ circulation/ architecture/ energy etc The contract is currently out to tender and therefore not in the public domain. As soon as the partner has been decided then Dean will meet with A&DSC and give us further information regarding the process (possibly week beginning December 19th?) The current land owners are EHDC and ATC. The new sports centre will be built on the current 'astro turf' area to ensure continuous sports provision during the process. The old building would then be knocked down and a new astro turf would be in its place with underground parking in addition to the current parking Dean then offered the time of 2 officers from EHDC to help the sports council resource themselves ready for the consultation process from December 	
8	Courses and Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Aid course was held at Alton Social Bowls Club Safeguarding Course will be held 12th October 2016 from 6:15 to 9:30 at Alton Social Bowls Club for a cost of £20 to affiliated members, including materials There were no grant applications 	KH to e-mail all clubs with details
9	Club Reports: - deferred	
10	Future Dates AGM 17/11/16 7:30 at Chawton Park Indoor Bowls Club (not 17/10/16 as previously stated)	All
11	Any Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Council agreed to continue the annual sports awards – item to be added to the next agenda Joe Walters will be meeting with Peter Dilloway regarding updating the website Joanna Foley offered to help 	JW

Original Signed
JH Walters
Member