

WELLOW ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS 2022

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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Minutes of the meeting held in Wellow Village Hall at 18.30pm

On Monday 9 April 2022

Present: The Chairman, 4 residents, 5 Councillors and Clerk

1.5.22 The Chairman welcomed everyone

2.5.22 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors 2021 were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

3.5.22 Wellow Recreation CIO

A trustee of Wellow Recreation CIO reported a summary of activities over the past year including completion of the Childrens Play Park renewal project – 2,5% of retention is still to be paid at the end of the 12 month guarantee period. The Annual Safety Report was received from RoSPA (Royal Society of Prevention of Accidents) and a number of repair works were carried out to the legacy play equipment. Additional drainage works have also been implemented on the playing field to prevent flooding into the nearby homes.

Wellow Recreation reported that their accounts remained sustainable despite of loss of income due to pandemic and the lack of community fund raising events. The bank account has a healthy balance of £8,170 – approx. £2,200 of which is the earmarked playpark funds and approx.. £2,000 of which are earmarked funds for sports and arts groups. WR is working well with the Parish Council and other village groups. WR continues to supervise maintenance work on the playing field and play park on behalf of the Parish Council.

Going forward the main objective of WR is to increase participation in sports and fitness activities on the playing field. St Julian's School are being encouraged to use the sports facilities. Various fun

events are to be organised this year. Further maintenance works are to be carried out such as Verti-draining and top-dressing of the football pitch and re-turfing of goal mouths. The future of the outdoor gym is to be reconsidered as it should only be used by people aged 14 years and over for health and safety reasons. The feasibility of an outdoor tennis table is being considered.

WR is very happy to welcome new Trustees – Olivia Elliot and Lisa Hunt. Residents feedback is welcomed by the Trustees.

4.5.22 Wellow Community Bus Group

The Chairman of the Community Bus Group reported that the group have been running now for 11 years. The Covid-19 pandemic had a significant effect on the bus services last year. The service frequency was reduced due to local school closures and the main driver was furloughed. Strict health and safety measures were put in place such as organising a safe seating plan for passengers, sourcing of hand sanitisers and masks, a safety perspex screen was also installed on the bus. During the lockdown the bus also had a major deep clean and the regular 10 week statutory safety checks were carried out. The Community Bus is not only serving school children, it also being used by commuters, shoppers, local groups and for special trips. Free services continued to be provided for older parishioners who are holding a Diamond Bus Pass.

The current bank balance of the Group stands at £10,677. It is important to maintain a cash reserve for future replacement of the current bus, which is 6 years old and was received for free from HM Government's Community Transport Scheme in 2016.

The Community Bus Group thanked its volunteer drivers, who are providing cover for the professional drivers and their loyal customers. Two new volunteers were welcomed to the team this year. A survey of parishioners is to be carried out to gather feedback on the quality of our services and to ascertain what services might be required by the residents in the future.

5.5.22 Wellow Horticultural Society

A Member of the Horticultural Society reported that activities were curtailed by the Covid-19

pandemic. Last year's plant sale was carried out remotely, the Flower Show in September 2021 was a success despite it not being widely publicised and number of stalls and activities were noticeably reduced. The Marquee was full of entries.

A number of gardening talks were cancelled.

Going forward the Horticultural Society is planning to actively support St Julian's Schools gardening club by offering some gardening equipment and expertise. A Garden Party and the Flower Show is to be organised this year.

6.5.22 OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised by residents.