

Draft Minutes Of Wellow Recreation Trustee Meeting, 21st August 2023

ITEM 1: Attendees/Apologies For Absence

Attendees

Peter Gaines (Chair)

Tara Gold (Treasurer and secretary for the 21st August meeting)

Tim Hunt

Rob Greig, Village Show Chair (part-time)

Apologies For Absence

Sophie Hart (Secretary)

Giles Pearman

ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Wellow Recreation trustee meeting dated 12th June 2023 were approved.

ITEM 3: Chairman's introduction

The Chairman outlined the key objectives of the meeting as follows:-

- Update by Rob Greig of progress, sensitivities and risks associated with the forthcoming Village Show scheduled for 2nd September. In particular, the trustees needed to know whether Rob and the Show Team required additional assistance from Wellow Recreation in the approach to, and immediate aftermath of this event.
- Implications for the recent resignation of two Wellow Rec trustees (Sue Chivers and Liv Elliot) and a priority programme to recruit their replacements, with due consideration of Wellow Rec's expanding remit in 2024 and beyond. All agreed that continuation of strong ties between Wellow Rec and St Julian's school is crucial.
- Actions arising from Emma Rose's generous donation to Wellow community causes, of which £5000 has been donated to Wellow Recreation. Professional legal and accountancy advice enables Wellow Recreation to receive the full donation, then to distribute to the community causes earmarked by Emma.

ITEM 4: Village Show Update Rob Greig)

- Rob reported that the Show Team and additional publicity volunteers had worked effectively, aided by valuable experience gained by team members in previous years. No major operational problems have been identified, with the exception that volunteers are still required for setting up stalls and equipment on the afternoon of 1st September. Both Tim and Peter offered to assist, and to seek help from others, if needed.

- Attendance estimated to match previous years at around 800. As with previous years, the principal risk is weather – a downside risk of £700 (offset somewhat by a rise in indoor sales of tea and cakes). However, a small surplus is anticipated under most circumstances as an absence of live music during the day will save £400, and publicity costs are expected to come in £100 below budget. There is a potential downside of £300 in lost revenue in the event that live music planned by Hortsoc in the marquee for the evening fails to materialize.
In summary, we are on course for a successful event, operationally and financially.
- Rob will provide detail of all personnel involved in the village show event in order to ease the full transfer of responsibilities after the 2023 event. For reference, the Show Team is made up of the following:-

Rob Greig (Chair)
Sophie Hart
Lucy Pearman (merchandise stalls)
Liz Hunt
Rebecca Reynolds (entertainment)
Annabelle Chapman (volunteers)
Praktiti Karthaus (operations on the day)
Fiona Schubert (Hortsoc/show treasurer)
- Rob confirmed that the Show Team will hold an operational debrief of the event, and that Sophie should provide a summary of key points and actions to the Wellow Rec trustees. Subsequent to the 2023 event, Wellow Rec needs to arrange introductions with all current players. Tara will need to meet with Fiona to gain an understanding of processes and procedures of the Treasury function as it relates to Wellow Rec's current and future responsibilities for the show.

ITEM 5: Sports Report

- The "taster" kids cricket sessions have been a success, with three events attracting around 15 children aged between 5 and 11 years old. We intend to establish an 8 week ECB All Stars programme in 2024, facilitated by this year's coaches. Typically, the All Stars programmes are charged at around £5 per child per session (£40 per programme), and focus mainly on 5-8 year olds. (Older children require a different level of coaching which may involve hard ball exercises). An additional fee will be charged for facilitation, which we may be able to offset by renting out the Wellow cricket nets. Otherwise, Wellow Rec may wish to subsidise the programme in the children's interest. Peter will follow up with the coaching team later this year.
- The trustees briefly reviewed an option to upgrade, rather than replace adult gym equipment. Andy Smith (WVT) has recommended equipment commonly used in Sweden, the design of which is ideal for a rural play park, and is suitably versatile. Giles has also been impressed by similar equipment installed in Switzerland. Andy has reported that substantial grants may be available for such equipment in the U.K. However, the trustees agreed that our assessment should be based primarily on the

likelihood of sustainable demand within the community. In the absence of a clear view at this stage, the group elected to present to a wider base of trustees and residents for considered feedback.

- Peter drew attention to the potential of a Football Foundation grant for the upgrade and maintenance of the football field, either for its existing dimensions or as a high quality 5-a-side pitch. We know that at least one local club has received £30,000 contracted via Green Sward, who may be a useful source of further information. The Football Foundation received heavy financial backing from the Premier League.
- Briefly discussed was the potential for a Paddle Tennis facility at the playing field. Paddle tennis is reported to be the fastest growing sport in the world, and is very popular in the U.K. Our interest might perhaps be enhanced by investment interest from Wellow Valley Tennis – to be explored – and may offer a popular and visible application of Emma Rose’s donation. Peter will follow up with WVT, and will assess grant opportunities.
- Good news came from Tim inasmuch as Lisa has volunteered to take a leading role in promoting the Wellow 10K for 2024. With additional help from volunteers, the trustees are confident that experience from 2023 will lessen the workload and ensure another success.

ITEM 6: PAVILION PROGRAMME

- The trustees reviewed and approved Tim’s latest draft flyer. Tim and Lisa will now work on a networking list to support a launch in early September. Peter will liaise with Debbie Clarkson to ensure that all parties are co-ordinated on charging options. Peter will also ensure access to a timetable of WVT reservations so that we can make a judgment on pavilion availability.
- Substantial discussion around pavilion finances was deferred but it was agreed that attention to revenue generation and cost reduction should proceed in tandem in order to lessen our exposure to pavilion debt.

ITEM 7: OUTDOOR THEATRE/FILM SHOW OPPORTUNITIES

- It now appears that a return to outdoor theatre productions on the playing field may be some way off. The Miracle Theatre Group stopped touring during the pandemic and, for the moment, cannot justify a production so far from their home base in Cornwall. We should continue to seek alternative options but Dave Workman no longer has the time to manage this effort, and has suggested that we may wish to re-assign the reserve held for this purpose. A brief survey of a film show option – essentially a blow-up screen with non-LED screen – indicated potential viability, especially in view of synergies with the Village Show in 2024. Costs are currently

estimated at £500-600 including site and film licences, with substantial refund if a wash-out is encountered (subject to commitment to a deferred date). In recognition of potential sensitivities of residents adjacent to the site, the trustees agreed to table an outline proposal to the Parish Council before proceeding further.

ITEM 8: AOB

- Tara suggested the use of a shared drive for Wellow Recreation documents, if not currently in place.
- Related to the above, the latest Mission and Strategic Objectives should be placed on the Wellow Recreation site for public view, and should replace the previous version.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS (0-6 MONTHS)

PLACE AD FOR NEW TRUSTEES IN WELLOW PARISH POST (PG)

IDENTIFY POTENTIAL TRUSTEES VIA NETWORKING (ALL)

ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH ST. JULIAN'S SCHOOL (TG)

FACILITATE VILLAGE SHOW TRANSITION BY MEETING WITH KEY PLAYERS (TG/PG)

PROVIDE VOLUNTEER HELP FOR SHOW SET-UP ON 1st SEPTEMBER (PG/TH)

ESTABLISH KIDS CRICKET PROGRAMME FOR 2024 (PG)

ASSESS FOOTBALL FOUNDATION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES (PG)

ASSESS PADDLE TENNIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (PG)

ESTABLISH 10K TEAM FOR 2024 (TG/LH)

LAUNCH PAVILION PROMOTION PROGRAMME, SEPTEMBER 2023 (TH/ALL)

FILM SHOWS: SEEK OUTLINE APPROVAL FROM PARISH COUNCIL (PG)

REVIEW SHARED DRIVE OPTIONS (TG/SH)

UPDATE MISSION/STRATEGIC SECTION OF WELLOW REC WEBSITE (SH)