

# **Paulton Community Pool Charity**

Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 6.30pm held in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall, Farrington Road, Paulton.

**Trustees present** – T Bridgeman, G Dix, L Hardman, J Humphries, A Lyons, P McSherry, C Mitchard, L Quinn, B Stevens and H Warren.

**Also present** - Clerk to the Trustees, Jo Swift and Pool Manager, Nic Phillips.

## **1. CHAIRMAN FOR 2019**

The information in the agenda was noted.

## **2. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors H Howson and M Stevens.

## **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved by those present as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## **4. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE POOL MANAGER/CHAIR OF THE TRUSTEES**

The report from the Pool Manager previously circulated was noted.

The Pool Manager went through the report. The Parish Councils groundsman is now helping the pool with the car parking issues. This is working well. It is estimated that 20 cars were stopped from parking in the pool car park in a 30-minute period in just one day.

Report from the Chairman:

*I am delighted to report that this wonderful asset for Paulton Residents continues to go from strength to strength and remains very profitable.*

*During 2018, 8 schools brought pupils to the pool for swimming lessons and from January 2019 this has risen to 9 schools meaning that the pupil numbers will increase once again. This impacts on the current facilities that can be offered, hence the need for an extension to the building.*

*It is great to report that the plans for the long awaited extension have been passed by B&NES, and the Management Committee with the assistance of the Parish Council Admin team are currently trying to raise grant funding to pay for the project. The pool staff have been selling tiles around the pool side with quite a few companies advertising their businesses, they also held a colouring competition at Christmas and had over 100 entries which brought in a considerable amount for the extension fund. We are still waiting to hear if the pool has been successful with the Tesco token award where customers place tokens they receive for using their own shopping bags, into various good cause containers, the one with the most tokens at a certain date receives a sum of money. Once built this will provide much needed facilities for the disabled, consisting of changing room and toilets along with a multifunction room that can be used as a viewing gallery to keep non swimmers off pool side and in a safe environment, accommodate swim parties to include refreshments and monthly Life Guard training sessions etc.*

*There is the hope to install power doors to allow easy access and regress to the pool which will be an amazing help for the disabled entering and leaving the facility.*

*During 2018 several pieces of equipment vital for the day to day operation of the pool have been replaced, along with the following;*

- *Pool side seats have been replaced with moveable benches- the seats were sold.*
- *New flooring around poolside.*
- *Redecoration of the pool took place before the flooring was laid.*
- *Redecoration of the changing rooms was carried out by the pool staff while the pool was closed during the installation of the new flooring.*

*The car park continues to be a problem during school term time, which is very frustrating for the pool staff as they have to monitor it so that those arriving to swim can park. Even with signs in the car park advising that they could face a penalty charge, it does not seem to deter these inconsiderate drivers. The pool staff are there to teach the children, they are not traffic wardens, so please can we ask you to consider your actions before parking at the pool.*

*Paulton Parish Council are Trustees of the pool and are liable for the fabric of the building. The pool charity uses the money they receive from running lessons, public sessions and parties etc. to finance the day to day running of the facility including chemicals, insurance, certificates, training sessions, salaries/wages etc.*

*2019 is going to be a very exciting year where it is hoped that the extension can at least be started if not completed. If anyone has any ideas for raising money for this project, Nick or the Pool Management team would love to hear about it.*

*Without the team work headed by the Manager Nick, this facility would not be such a success story for Paulton residents and on behalf of the Trustees I thank them for their dedication and hard work.*

## **5. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31.03.18**

**Resolved** – that the accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 were approved for submission to the Charity Commission.

## **6. BUDGET 2019**

**Resolved** – that the 2019 budget was approved.

## **7. GRANT FOR POOL EXTENSION**

The Clerk gave an update, numerous grant giving organisations have been investigated and some grants have been applied for. This has been a very time-consuming exercise with no positive results. Following a recent Pool Management Committee meeting it was agreed to try and seek a fundraiser that would take a fee from any funding sought. It has already been planned that this will be worked on by the end of this week.

## **8. POOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The information was noted.

## **9. QUESTIONS**

There were none.

## **10. PAY INCREASES – CONFIDENTIAL**

**Resolved** – that the increase from 01.04.18, as detailed in the report, for the Pool Manager recommended by the committee was approved.

**Resolved** – that the increase from 01.04.18, as detailed in the report, for the Assistant Pool Manager recommended by the committee was approved.

Signed as a true record by the Chairman:

Date: