

# **Paulton Community Pool Charity**

**(Charity no. 292672)**

Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 6.30pm held in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall, Farrington Road, Paulton.

Trustees present – T Bridgeman (6.55pm), S Deacon-Church (7.00pm), G Dix (6.50pm), E Griffiths, L Hardman, H Howson, J Humphries, S Long, A Lyons and H Warren.

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

## **1. CHAIRMAN FOR 2018**

The information in the agenda was noted.

**Resolved** – that Councillor A Lyons will serve as Chairman of the Trustees for the Paulton Community Pool charity.

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

Apologies were received from Councillors H Brady, P Hartley, P McSherry, C Mitchard and M Stevens.

## **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 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. There were no questions.

Report from the Chairman:

*Having read the 2016 report of my predecessor I have to say his comments reflect the situation during 2017 with a few updates.*

*The pool continues to go from strength to strength with increased activity in many areas, including school lessons, one to one lessons and birthday parties where the decision to purchase the new inflatable and to buy animal floats for the younger swimmers has proved to be highly successful with increased turnover and improved advanced bookings, whilst reducing costs as we no longer pay rental for the inflatable*

*With over 100,000 visits per year the Pool must be the pre-eminent asset of Paulton, it is recognised outside the local area as exceptional in so far as it is run at a profit, making it a beacon to other local pools showing that a well managed Pool can be financially successful.*

*Profitability almost doubled in the last financial year to over £20k despite having to contend with cost increases in most areas. The budget for 2018 to 2019 is challenging but I am confident that Nick and her team will, once again, respond in a positive manner, making it another successful year.*

*Looking forward we have some major projects to implement over the next period, they are: Repairs to the outer walls of the main Pool building caused by the movement of the wall on the damp proof course, this is as a result of the extremes of heat and cold causing the movement.*

*We await quotes being arranged by M Bissex based upon the reports done in 2012.*

*This work is considered to be essential during the coming months if more serious issues are to be avoided, each year of delay increasing the risk with wall collapse becoming a possibility  
The second item in need of resolution is the modification of the air conditioning system to reduce gas usage.*

*Currently we have an issue with maximum gas usage which is theoretically in excess of our gas supply although in practice we have never had an issue. To overcome this we are obliged to have a new gas supply including both pipe work and the meter upgraded at a cost of over £ 10,000 which will provide no discernible benefit. The option to this is to upgrade the air conditioning system to reduce the maximum gas usage avoiding the need for the above expenditure*

*To achieve this we need to look at the alternative ways of extracting and recirculating the energy from the exhaust air from the Pool Room and reintroduce it back into the air conditioning, this will allow us to reduce the gas burner size which in turn will eliminate the need for increased pipe work and the new meter.*

*Finally the major project of providing Disabled Facilities, I would expect approval to be granted now we have modified the disabled parking. Now the job starts, raising the funds will be the major task.*

*We will need a significant input from person or persons, yet to be coerced into accepting the task of fund raising by way of grants, donations and local sponsorship.*

*Finally on behalf of all the Trustees, residents of Paulton and users of the Pool may I express our thanks to Nick and her team for another year of excellent results, without their efforts the pool would not be the success it is.*

## **5. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31.03.17**

The correct name – Paulton Community Pool Charity to be changed throughout the document.

**Resolved** – that with the above change the accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 are approved for submission to the Charity Commission.

## **6. BUDGET 2018**

Some questions were asked:

Phone bill – This figure is for Broadband and the rental for 2 lines, card machine rental and card machine transactions.

Admin - This is for the accounts and payroll to be done.

Bank costs – the charges have been looked into and the charges are in line with other High Street banks. The charges are due to the amount of transactions. Internet banking is used as much as possible to minimise the charges.

Electricity – the solar panels only work during the summer and the electricity is on constantly.

Gas – heats the pool, electricity is for everything else

**Resolved** – that the budget for 2018 was approved.

## 7. QUESTIONS

It was mentioned that the quizzes held at the Red Lion were very successful and £645 has been raised for the pool.

The name of the pool was queried as it does not reflect that on the website or the signage at the pool. It was agreed that there would be no change to the name but that the old name would be changed in all the necessary places over time.

A query was raised about a lone worker doing the early shift. The Pool Manager explained the situation and felt that all the policies and procedures in place were adequate and are being followed.

## 9. PAY INCREASES – CONFIDENTIAL

**Resolved** – that the increase as detailed in the report and recommended by the committee was approved.

Thanks were given to Nic and her team for all their hard work and efforts in running such a successful community asset.

Signed as a true record:

Chair:

Date: