



## **General Meeting**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**

**Present:**

L Hughes, G Stephens, B Norrington, J Hurley, A Hurley, J France, P Pohl,  
P Chesworth, G Heapy, Cllr J Redsell, J Payne (CVS)

**Apologies for absence:**

T Rawson, M Lee, T Hills, Cllr S Liddiard

Unfortunately only Cllr Redsell attended from our allocated councillors.

**Matters arising from previous minutes:**

None

**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:**

The focus of this meeting was the allocation of this year's grant from the CVS.

The treasurer presented his report which showed a balance of £100.25. Only one grant of £10 had been made since the last meeting.

No grant has been received from the CVS to date due to....

The CVS have the responsibility of allocating Thurrock Council's funds to groups in the area. The amount is set for the next three years and as expected has been cut for all groups. For each of the next three years our grant will be £5387 – down from £6888 each of the last three years.

However, the Sports Council representatives are not prepared to sign the acceptance form as they feel the form(s) provided by the CVS are unfit for purpose as it requires

information that we cannot or are not prepared to give such as ethnicity and information about our sponsored sports people. We are not a fund-raising group as has been suggested we should be. The funding questionnaire requires us to request sports clubs to provide information that we do not feel is relevant.

In fact, it is hard to see how they are relevant to any Club in the Borough. One gets the impression that someone has been given the task of designing a form without any comprehension of their purpose.

Fully detailed lists of grants allocated over the years 2016/7 and 2017/8 were provided giving a list of individual grants and also a breakdown by Sport. We understand that these were not made available to the committee allocating grants for the period 2018/2020. Since these were the only relevant information that was required it is hard to understand why this information was withheld.

The Sports Council was set up in late 1960s to support and encourage the participation by any person or Club wishing to pursue sporting activities. This remains the objective. We have been allocated funds to support local sports people for the last fifty odd years with Thurrock Borough Council nominees overseeing our procedures.

The derisory allocation of funds for the next three years suggests little support for Sport in the Borough from the C.V.S. (and ultimately the Thurrock Council).

Considering the current problems with obesity, welfare etc, and the importance of trying to encourage the population to engage in sporting activities (whether in a Club or individually) it is hard to understand why the Sports Council is not being encouraged.

It is time for the CVS (ultimately the Thurrock Council) to decide whether they intend to support Sport in the Borough, or as seems the current case have little or no interest in the welfare of the Residents of Thurrock.

There was some heated discussion on these points. Jacqui Payne representing the CVS has agreed to take the points made back to the CVS.

Until the situation is resolved there will be no money to support local sports people.

## **Planning**

There was some discussion about proposed building on the Pegasus and Shell Club site but the facts were not clear. There was concern that there may be sports facilities lost.

## **AOB**

**Active Essex** have a new representative for Thurrock. - Juliette Raison, Relationship Manager South West Essex

An initial meeting has been held with Thurrock Council with a view to developing Active Thurrock. Unfortunately, the Sports Council was not invited but hope to be involved in future meetings.

£28k has been made available to support activities and interventions that help to increase activity with Thurrock residents; data currently shows we are the least active area in Essex. It is hoped to attract more funding into Thurrock.

**Bowls** It was felt by the representative from Corringham and Chadwell Bowls Clubs that the Council were not interested in supporting their sport as they are having lots of issues with their ground. They were advised to keep pushing for what they want and work as a group as the Blackshots Group do.

Next meeting October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

Meeting closed at 8.55pm