



## **GENERAL MEETING**

**October 3rd 2016**

**HELD AT THE CIVIC OFFICES GRAYS**

### **Present**

Chair Les Hughes, Vice Chair Glenda Stephens, Barry Norrington treasurer, Jenny Hurley, Alec Hurley, Geoff Appleton, Mick Maxwell, Cllr Joy Redsell

### **Apologies for absence**

Chris Jessener, Mike Lee, Trevor Rawson, Cllr Liddiard, Peter Madgewick, Cliff Cansdale.

### **Matters arising** (from Secretary, emails, last minutes)

There was continued discussion about the state of the grass pitches and sports facilities in the borough. Sports teams are not receiving value for money as the pitches are poor quality and many buildings are not fit for purpose.

It was agreed that the Sports Council organise a petition to send to all sports clubs and interested parties about the facilities. We want the Council to bring ALL the pitches, courts, greens etc. that they own up to standard so that good sports games can be played. This will mean that they have to do more than just cut the grass occasionally. If we get 1500 signatures it can go to full Council.

### **Treasurer's Report and Grant Aid**

A statement of accounts was presented at the meeting. Four grants have been made between meetings to:

Belhus Cricket Club £150, Grays Yamaguchi £542, Charlotte O'Shea football £250 and Thurrock Harriers for coaching.

The available balance at 1<sup>st</sup> October was £5261.71

It was agreed that the accounts do not need to go to Rowland Hall each year as they only present them and not audit them, so there is no point paying out £246 each year.

Clubs need to be encouraged to apply for grants.

## **Planning Applications** (if any)

There was no further information about Arena Essex.

There was some discussion about proposed housing at Lakeside.

## **AOB**

Mike Lee of Mencap informed us that they held a super sports day at the Harriers ground with a lot of support from the athletic club.

They are looking into involvement with Benfleet Lions as they also hold a sports day for people with disabilities.

## **2017 meetings:**

**January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Meeting closed at 8.55pm