



**Annual General Meeting
and April Meeting
Tuesday 2nd April 2019**

Present:

Les Hughes, Glenda Stephens, Barry Norrington, Jenny Hurley, Alec Hurley, Geoff Appleton, Terry Hills, Mark Adams, John France, Pat Pohl, Pauline Chesworth, Cliff Cansdale, Geraldine Heapy

Apologies for absence:

Trevor Rawson, Cllr Deborah Huelin, Jahur Ali, Cllr Joy Redsell

Matters arising from previous minutes:

None

Chairman's report:

The past year has been difficult due to reduced grant support and negotiation with the CVS over the agreement form. (now resolved)

With the reduction in grant the support given to sport will be lessened and it will need a different approach to providing the required help.

A small percentage of "given" against "asked for" monies and increased advise on self help for applicants come to mind.

The officers will continue to involve themselves in issues affecting local sports.

Any further ideas welcome.

My thanks to colleagues Jenny, Glenda and Barry, and to Cllr. Redsell for the continued support.

Not the least to the Executive members whose attendance and input at meetings is vital.

Treasurer's report:

The accounts for the year were presented - see end of these minutes.

The money lasted 3 months and the amount we receive won't change for the next 2 years. We already have almost enough applications in to take next year's money. The CVS agreement form was eventually signed after disagreements with the wording.

Changes to Constitution

2a Change ...

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held *on the first Monday* of the months of January, April, July, October

To...

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held in the months of January, April, July and October with the day *at the discretion of* the Executive Committee.

Election of Officers:

The following agreed to continue in post and there were no other nominations.

Chair Les Hughes

Vice-chair Glenda Stephens

Secretary Jenny Hurley

Treasurer Barry Norrington

AOB and APRIL MEETING:

1. There was discussion on the fact that Active Thurrock had little money to award and a large number of applicants. Also, that the application form was difficult to complete.
2. A presentation is to be made to the Council in June in the hope more councillors will take an interest in supporting sport. We continue to collect signatures to

present the petition at the meeting. Deadline for signatures is June 1st. Only 2 minutes are allowed for the presentation.

3. There are not enough cricket pitches in Thurrock for the growing number of participants – particularly at Orsett and Belhus Cricket Clubs. Youth, girls and indoor cricket are all thriving.
4. There was discussion on the availability of petanque courts in Thurrock.
5. Karate at the Yamaguchi-Gojo Kai club is going strong. Mark Adams explained the development of his club. Karate is a good sport to encourage discipline and competition. It is open to adults and children who all train together. His hall is used by various groups in the community.
6. The Fobbing and district bowls Club are still unhappy with their green and say there is lack of expertise at the council.
It is understood outside contractors have been brought in at Blackshots. One green is in a poor state and this causes concern, as Grays Town have the Essex President there this season, so prestige games need to be played there.
7. Uk Athletics are not happy with clubs' hammer cages. Thurrock Harriers can adapt their cage at a cost of £10000 + VAT. The track is being cleaned at present and the Harriers are pleased to find that only patches need repairing and not a complete replacement of the track. The athletes are doing well and they have some national and international athletes.

The Harriers have an agreement with the new school for the school to hire the track when it is not being used.

8. Coalhouse Fort Radio Controlled Yacht Club has increasing membership. Some members travel to competitions around the country and abroad. They have held National competitions at the Fort.
9. The Flying Club field is within the red line boundary of the new motorway so future is uncertain. Also, they have had a problem with the field flooding.
10. Thurrock Hockey Club have had a good season with the Men and Ladies 1st team being promoted. The Ladies 2nd team just missed promotion and there were no relegations. The youth section is thriving. Events are being planned in memory of Grace Millane, who was one of the members.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm. Next meeting July.

THURROCK SPORTS COUNCIL
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Thurrock Sports Council

Year ending 31st March 2019

Summary of Activities Supported

Overview

As would be predicted the reduced annual grant of £5,387 (down from £6,888) meant that we were unable to support as many sports/applicants, indeed by the end of November our grant had been allocated.

We were able to assist with seven sports mainly with coaching courses which we firmly believe will assist in the progression of sports for youngsters.

In addition we sponsored:-

Khaj Riley-LaBorde (£500) who is one of the top 100 metre hurdlers in the UK. Khaj is attempting to improve his times so that he can compete at international level. He is improving and should be competitive at European levels, however the the top competition comes from the the U.S.A..

Emily and Daniel Knight (£200 each) , two young athletes (sprinting and hurdling) who train outside the borough.

Olivia Busby (£500) a young weight lifter attempting to achieve Olympic standard.

Elissa Stonebrook (£200) Fee for Charlton Athletic Girls Regional Talent Club Membership

Coaching Courses :-

We funded various courses, namely,

Gymnastics,	Nicole Mitchell and Mia Donovan – Level One Gymnastics Course	
	Georgina Harvey	- Level Two Gymnastics Course
Athletics :	Thurrock Harriers Level one Assistants Course for five Club members	
Cricket:	Orsett & Thurrock Cricket Club	- Level Two Coaching Course (Ladies)
Football:	Corringham Cosmos	- FA Level Two Coaching Course for Two
Hockey:	Thurrock Hockey Club	- Umpire Course
	Thurrock Hockey Club	- Safeguarding Course for three

Others:-

Grays Yamaguchi Goju-Kai Entry fees for 12 students at the British
Championships
Entry fees for 10 students at the English Championships

Conclusion

We would estimate that the various coaching courses will encourage hundreds of new youngsters into sport, and it is refreshing to observe how many both young and older people are seeking assistance with coaching courses, as ultimately this will determine the success or failure of the sport development.

Due to lack of funds we have already had to decline funding for youth football and scale back the grant already given for entry fees.

This is too say at least disappointing with the clear need to encourage more people in all age brackets to participate in some form of physical activity.

Future

Unless more funding is put into sports (not just the The Sports Council although this is an excellent conduit) it is difficult to comprehend how more people are going to be actively encouraged to participate in sporting activities.

Barry Norrington

Barclays Bank Balance		£	£	
As at 1 st April 2018			115.41	
Income				
08/08/18		5,387.00		CVS Grant
			5,387.00	
Less				
Expenditure	Chq No			
Operational Costs				
09/04/18	2191	5.16		Printing Paper (LH)
30/10/18	2204	138.87		Thomas Lambert – Web Services (18-19)
30/10/18	2205	109.70		Thomas Lambert – Web Services (17-18)
19/11/18	2208	16.31		Treasurers (BN) Expenses
07/01/19	2211	50.00		Honorarium Chairman (LH)
07/01/19	2212	50.00		Honorarium Secretary (JH)
07/01/19	2213	50.00		Honorarium Minutes Sec (GS)
07/01/19	2214	50.00		Honorarium Treasurer (BN)
07/01/19	2215	50.00		Honorarium Web Master (TL)
Sub Total Op. Costs		520.04		
Grants				
09/04/18	2192	10.00		Bob Weeks Hockey Umpire Course
10/08/18	2193	200.00		Elissa Stonebrook Charlton Ath Ladies
10/08/18	2194	600.00		Grays Yamaguchi Goju-Kai Brit Champs Entry
10/08/18	2195	210.00		Corringham Cosmos YFC Coaching
20/08/18	2196	319.00		Courses
20/08/18	2197	400.00		Nicole Marie Mitchell Level One Gymnastics Course
30/09/18	2198	105.00		Emily & Daniel Knight Athletics
05/10/18	2199	925.00		Sponsorship
09/10/18	2201	150.00		Thurrock Hockey Club Safeguarding Course x 3
18/10/18	2202	319.00		Thurrock Harriers Level 1 Assistants Course x 5
23/10/18	2203	0.00		Orsett & Thurrock CC Level 1 Coaching Course
22/11/18	2210	500.00		(Ladies)
06/11/18	2206	500.00		Mia Donovan Level One Gymnastics
19/11/18	2207	499.00		Course
20/11/18	2209	200.00		Cheque Canc & Resissued (Busby)
				Olivia Busby – Sponsorship Weightlifting
				Khaj Riley-La Borde 110m Hurdler Sponsorship
				Georgina Harvey Level 2 Gymnastics
				Course
				Grays Yamaguchi Goju-Kai English Champs Entry
Sub Total				
Grants		4,937.00		
Total Expenditure as at 31 st March 2019			5,457.04	

Balance Available at at 1st April 2019 45.37

Barry Norrington
Hon Treasurer
April 2nd 2019