

MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 23rd November 2021 at the Town Hall

Present:	Cllr M Wallace	G Goddard	D Keeley
M Breathing	D Ainsworth	K Hamilton	L Gaskin
J Sargeant	Cllr V Persaud	Cllr T Ryan	D Wiltshire
K Heilbrunn	P Collier	K Nutt	D Leech
R Cook	J Hickie	D Drew	A Drew
D Braiden			

Cllr M Wallace welcomed everyone back to our first meeting at the Town Hall since the AGM in February 2020.

We then held 1 minutes silence in honour of Sheila Wiltshire who very sadly passed away. Sheila was a longstanding committed stalwart of the Sports Council and will be very sadly missed.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from M Ford, T Benton, P Hickie, G Bailey and D Breathing.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th September 2021 were proposed by D Ainsworth and seconded by K Hamilton.

3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

Our Treasurer M Breathing will raise invoices for the awards night sponsors soon when she receives the correct official headed paper.

4. Correspondence

Neil Taylor of London Sport would like to attend a meeting and communicate what opportunities for funding are available. D Braiden will contact him and arrange this.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

We have 1 new member Champion RFC bringing the total Club membership to 48 and 7 personal members. The last count was before Covid. Everyone paid for 2020 but after Sports were cancelled that year, membership fees rolled over to cover 2021 memberships. Emails will be sent nearer the time inviting members to renew for 2022. It was suggested that payments for membership fees move to electronic credits to our account due to the increasing unwillingness of Banks to deal with cheques and cash, as well as the limited number of Banks available for paying in. D Leech advised of different methods of paying in such as the Post Office as many High Streets have no banking facilities now.

Not all members have online banking facilities and would be unable to pay this way. This item will be put on the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported on the balances of the last statement held which was June 2021. The banking is still in the process of transferring to our new treasurer.

7. Information on forthcoming events and results of past events

Havering Athletics Club

The Cross Country season has started well for club teams. After two rounds of the Essex League our teams top the table for U13 Boys, U15B, Senior Men, Veteran Men, U17/20 women & senior women. At the Essex Cross Country Relays there were team golds for the senior men, U17 Women, U15 Boys and U13 boys. Silver for our senior women and bronze for the U17 men and U15 girls. At last weekend's London Youth Games our young athletes won one gold and two bronze individual medals. At Sunday's Essex 10k Championship at Chelmsford our senior men won team silver and the women bronze and our athletes won both individual U20 titles.

Our life member Verona Elder MBE, who competed for the club in the early 1980s, was inducted to the England Athletics Hall of Fame for her international 400m successes (thanks to Dave Ainsworth for her nomination). At our Track & Field Awards evening last Friday we also made a presentation to one of our all-time great athletes Lesley

Foley (nee Kiernan) who has been a member since 1969 and in recognition of her outstanding career achievements in the 1970s, which included winning a European U20 silver 800m medal in 1973 and she still holds club records at the 800m event at U15 Girls, U17, U20 and senior women over 40 years later.

Campion RFC

We currently have 2 senior teams and 2 youth teams. We would like to start a girls Rugby team as well.

Havering 90 Joggers/Parkrun

22 members - Essex Seniors Cross Country at Weald. 14 members - Virgin London Marathon and our club member provided an unofficial feed station to the runners at mile 19. 19 members – Tiptree 10 mile race.

3 members – Liverpool Marathon 33 – members – Billericay 10K.

15 – Essex County Champs – Stebbings 10K – Sue Spong won 1st in Age V60/ Jo Reeves 1st V40 and Kate Pettie 3rd V40

9- Essex County Champs – Sue Spong 1st V60

There is to be a new Parkrun in Hornchurch Country Park. This can commence once the funding for the defibrillator has been received and the device is purchased.

A concern was raised about there being enough volunteers to Marshall another Parkrun and Cllr V Persaud suggested putting a notice for help in the volunteer centre in Romford.

Upminster Hockey Club

The Hockey leagues with 6 ladies and 5 men's teams continue with great enthusiasm this season and the junior training is exceeding expectations. Upminster this year has 180 under 16 members with 2 hours training offered each week across U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's, and U16's Girls and Boys.

We have entered Junior teams into the Essex Leagues and also a 2nd team in the U14's and U16's Girls England Leagues. The U12's/U10's tournament has been a great success and we look forward to hosting in December.

Social events at the Club have full capacity attendance and have recently included a German October Fest, a Halloween Party for the children and a Quiz night for the adults.

Coming events are a children's Christmas party and an adults Christmas party.

Boxing Day morning sees the traditional mixed club game on grass outside the Club House.

All these are in aid of equipment required for the training sessions and refurbishment of the Club House kitchen, toilet, shower and changing facilities.

Upminster Bowls Club

The season closed with a Club Dinner and Awards Presentation evening. The AGM was held in the following week.

Winter Social activities and walks will take place throughout the winter until we reopen the Green next April.

At a recent Essex AGM one of the Upminster Bowling Ladies, Jennifer Spearman-Adkins, was inducted as President of the Essex County Women's Bowling Association (ECWBA), to serve for the forthcoming year.

SYM Sailing Club

Following our eviction from Stubbers Adventure Centre we have now relocated our boats to Thurrock Yacht Club and sail on the Thames. Some of our members have joined Thurrock Yacht Club and we are now their Dinghy section. SYM Sailing Club will officially be dissolved over the winter. Thank you to the Sports Council and Councilor's for helping us with our appeal and the mediation process.

LBH Sports development

Over 950,000 visits to the centres from 12 April to end of September 2021. The New Sports centre in Rainham will start on site in January 2022 and expect to be open mid 2023

Sports Development sessions since summer have been face to face and gone really well with good numbers returning across all our programs.

Events in November saw 3 Panathlon events for children with special educational needs and disabilities. Both the

Primary events and the Secondary event were well attended and the young people had great fun.

London Youth Games Cross Country was held at Parliament Hill on Saturday 20th November. Havering were 5th overall in the girl's event and 7th overall in the boy's event. Some great individual medallists combined with good team performances from the day meant another successful event.

Everyone Active

There is a GP referred weight loss programme running for those with a BMI over 25 incorporating nutrition advice as well as exercise, a long Covid Rehabilitation scheme and chair based exercise for those with dementia. Over 18000 free swim sessions were taken this year as well as all the usual activities available.

HDSA/Broxhill Archers

3 Major Archery Clubs in Essex have closed down.

We have 3 competitions running over the winter and there is a very promising 8 year old girl in the children's archery Club.

Havering Tri

HTC had a reasonably active 2021 – especially when compared with 2020. We have even seen a return to some of our members being able to travel and race abroad. We are looking forward to an even more 'normal' 2022.

'Official' training sessions have ceased for the year now and will recommence in January.

Several members have used their time to gain coaching qualifications which is great and allows us to offer more sessions to members. Current membership sits at 142 – less than prior years, but still a good number.

HTC ladies have had an exceptional year with several trophies won.

We have a social evening arranged for members in December to celebrate the year and get members all back together for the first time since 2018.

Cllr M Wallace - The Queens Theatre is to organise a Half Marathon. More details to follow.

Cllr V Persaud - Thanked everyone for all that is being done to provide Sports activities for residents in the Borough.

8. Publicity

The Sports Awards have had very good publicity on Cllr D Whites Press Release to residents, the Romford Recorder and TIME 107.5FM.

L Gaskin would like Clubs to send reports and news of any sports in the Borough for the Facebook page.

All members are usually contacted by email with some exceptions such as those with no internet access. They will be identified and a mailing list will be created.

9. Sports Awards

The Sports Awards Night will be held at Upminster Golf Club on 7th February 2022. The Mayor and Local M.P.'s have been invited. Our usual M.C. John Whitby is available and attending. We have a new sponsor for the night B.A.T.S Ilford.

Award sponsors are being contacted and Trophies will be collected from 2020 winners.

D Drew suggested that with the family's permission we rename the Doug Riden Lifetime Achievement Award the Peter Bruce Lifetime Achievement Award.

10. A.G.M

Our A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022. A guest speaker is to be confirmed.

11. A.O.B.

Our new Sports Council leaflets are now printed and can be given to members to be placed where the public can access them. These are instead of the Hand Book which once printed was unable to be updated.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th January 2022.