

# MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

## TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Present:	M Wallace	D Ainsworth	Cllr V Persaud
K Hamilton	D Shewring	R Cook	J Hickie
K Heilbrunn	S Deane	J Watson	D Wiltshire
K Nutt	D Braiden		

### 1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from M and D Breathing, P Collier, L Gaskin, J West MBE and P Hickie.

### 2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 were proposed by D Ainsworth and seconded by D Shewring.

### 3. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

There have been no further updates available about the progress of the proposal to turn land adjacent to Hornchurch Country Park into a quarry. Cllr V Persaud will look into this and provide an update for next time.

Our AGM will now be held on the **21<sup>st</sup> February** instead of the 28<sup>th</sup> February as the Cricket Pavilion is not available for the meeting. Hornchurch Cricket Club are playing in the final of the T20 that week in Spain. Paul Middleton our local Councilor for Corporate, Culture and Leisure Services will be attending the AGM. Mike Brace CBE, a Paralympian of great note and current Deputy Lieutenant for London will be our guest speaker. He was also part of the committee for the successful bid for the London 2012 games.

At our last meeting in November our President J West MBE proposed that we write to all Clubs in the borough that are not currently affiliated to HSC, letting them know of the benefits of membership and how it will help to unify the voice of Sport in the Borough. This has now been completed.

### 4. **Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

### 5. **Membership Secretary's Report**

We finished the year with 32 members. Forms for this year's renewals were sent out last month and so far we have 14 renewals. D Ainsworth reminded the committee that we are one of the remaining Sports Councils as all the surrounding Sports Councils have folded due to lack of support. K Hamilton – Hon Membership Secretary contacts any new clubs she sees on Facebook or elsewhere and lets them know of the benefits of HSC Membership.

### 6. **Treasurer's Report**

A report has been sent in on the current balances. M Breathing will be standing down as Treasurer as she is now a full time carer for her husband D Breathing who sadly is not very well. M Wallace has thanked M Breathing for all her hard work on the accounts over the last two years and he will be taking over as Treasurer unless a replacement comes forward before the AGM.

### 7. **Information on forthcoming events and results of past events**

#### **Havering Athletic Club**

The third round of the Essex Cross Country League saw another strong showing from club teams with two individual and three team's wins and other good results. The fourth meeting was cancelled due to the weather conditions however.

The Essex veterans cross country championships produced an individual silver and team bronze, while at the main county championships Havering athletes won three individual golds, plus two silvers and three bronze team medals. Club youngsters won a gold, two silvers and a bronze medal at Saturday's Essex Schools Cross

Country Championships. Nine club athletes represented Essex at the South of England Inter Counties Cross Country Championships

The indoor season is now underway and saw club members win seven medals at the recent South of England U15 and U17 championships.

#### **Upminster Hockey Club**

Our annual Boxing Day Club Match took place on grass and some Youth Tournaments have already been played. Men's and Ladies teams are performing well in their respective leagues.

#### **Upminster Bowls Club**

During the closed season both the Men's and the Ladies' Sections have met for Christmas Dinners and social sessions. Short Mat Bowling sessions at Cranham Community Centre have proved very popular and been fully subscribed to date. The changing rooms are in the process of being decorated and upgraded. The Green is looking good for this stage in the winter and had received treatments and attention. A Bowls tour has been booked in to King's Lynn for July with 56 participants. So far so good!

#### **LBH Sports development**

All activities have resumed after Xmas break. Cricket training for LYG ongoing at CP on Friday evenings.

Feb Half Term Activities – currently live. Mini Marathon trials in due course. Rainham Leisure Centre all on track to open on time in June 2023.

M Wallace queried if they ever were short of qualified coaches as the Dagenham and Redbridge Community Trust

can offer grants for this and maybe extra sessions for the community could be available. D Braiden advised that there is a pool of 10/12 on 0 hours contract of which usually there are 3 or 4 available.

D Ainsworth queried if the Borough had let the organisers of the London Marathon know that the new format of running the Junior Mini Marathon on the day before the main event is not satisfactory. Main complaints being that

it is not at all the same prestigious event that it was, with all the excitement of the main race day as well as a lack of basic requirements with no toilet facilities at the start of their race.

We were assured that all the other Boroughs have lodged complaints and Cllr V Persaud was asked if she could speak to someone in the Mayor's office to make a representation on behalf of the Borough.

#### **Everyone Active**

New weight management classes are running between January and March and all other activities are restarted after Christmas and going well.

#### **HDSA/Broxhill Archers**

Monthly Shoots finish in March with a collective score over 6 months. Some new members are starting to join.

#### **Hornchurch Cricket Club**

All 15 members of the squad are available for Spain. The first games this year will be played on the 17<sup>th</sup> April weather permitting.

#### **Havering Tri**

Training is getting started after the Christmas break and unusually for January there are no new joiners.

### **8. Sports Awards Night**

**This is to be held at Upminster Golf Club on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February with guests arriving at 7pm for a prompt 7.30 start.**

A subcommittee of D Ainsworth, J Hickie and D Keeley was formed last year to deal with the nomination process. As D Keeley is away this year M Wallace has taken his place.

Julia Lopez our MP for Media, Data and Digital Infrastructure has invited winners of the individual categories to a tour of the House of Commons.

The Mayor of Havering Cllr Trevor McKeever will be present along with Keith Prince our London Assembly Member and Cllr P Middleton our local Councilor for Corporate, Culture and Leisure Services.

M Wallace has thanked D Ainsworth for all his hard work behind the scenes organizing everything for the night.

### **9. A.O.B**

Cllr V Persaud let us know that Ward Members and Clubs have had their meetings regarding the rise in rents. James Rose from the Parks team has suggested a new way forward of maintaining their own greens pitches etc. and that was well received.

The issue of locking and unlocking our Boroughs Parks is still ongoing with the council still in the process of procuring for a new parks team to be in charge of this task. The parks are currently left unlocked. There have been reports of antisocial behavior in the parks after dark which is expected to increase with the warmer weather.

Andrew Rosindell M.P has offered to present certificates for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and a special Framed Certificate for the HSC. A time will be arranged.

Tony Benton of Havering Athletic Club has raised an issue regarding the ULEZ charge that is due to start on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in all Boroughs inside the M25. Visiting officials to their track at events booked in for the future have started asking if the Club will be willing to pay their ULEZ charges.

**10. Date of next meeting**

**The next meeting is our AGM and will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February starting at the earlier time of 7.30 with a buffet. This will be at our new meeting venue of Hornchurch Cricket Club Pavilion.**