

**MINUTES OF THE HAVERING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
24 OCTOBER 2023**

Present:	M Wallace	D Ainsworth	D Keeley
J Hickie	K Heilbrunn	D Braiden	A Dron
D Shewring			

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from J West M.B.E., R Cook, D and A Drew, J Robson, K Nutt, S Deane, K Hamilton- Goddard and G Goddard.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record and were proposed by D Ainsworth and seconded by D Shewring.
3. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
There were no matters arising.
4. **Correspondence**
No correspondence has been received.
5. **Membership Secretary's Report**
There has been no change in current membership numbers.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
The Treasurer reported on current balances.
7. **Information on forthcoming events and results of past events**

Havering Athletic Club
Ruby Tillson has had a very successful season. She won a silver medal in the U17 high jump competition at the England Athletics Championships. She followed this with a 5th place at the English Schools Heptathlon in a new club record and this year has improved the U17, U20 and Senior ladies club HJ record.
Havering's young athletes finished in third place in the Eastern Young Athletes League Top 6 final at Chelmsford After finishing second place in the league.
At the Essex Cross Country relays Havering got off to a flying start to their winter season winning five medals. Gold medals were won by the Under 15 boys and Men Vet 50 teams and silvers won by the senior women, senior men and Men Vet 60 teams.
Stephanie OKORO continued her huge success competing in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad. She won the 400m hurdles GOLD medal improving her own club record and second best all time by a UK under 18. Finally last weekend our track season came to an end with a successful Club Championship and Open meeting held at Hornchurch Stadium.

Everyone Active
Refurbishments at Sapphire and Central Park have all been completed.
The Adult weight measurement programme has been renewed for another 3 years.

Hornchurch Cricket Club
This season was again very successful, possibly the best in our 240 years existence.
Winners Hambro Foundation Essex League Premier Division.
Finalist League Cup.
Winners Conference Bertie Joel Cup.
Finalist T10/10 Cup.
Winners 2X1 Hambro Foundation Essex League Division One.
Semi-Finalist U16 Essex Match Play.
U13 Havering League Winners.
U13 Winners Essex Central League Cup.
U13 Runners Up Essex Central League.
The Clubs Presentation evening is on Friday 10th November at Cranham Golf Club. The Club has been invited again to play in the T10 European and are in Group B to be played 29.2.24 to 2.3.24 at Malaga, Spain between

Wimbledon T20/20 2023 English winners, Mechelen CC (Belgium), Hoddinge CC (Sweden) and Prague CC (Czech).

It is hoped all games will be televised.

Upminster Bowls Club

I am pleased to report that this 2023 season Havering bowls clubs were represented in the County Senior Finals held in July & thus represented our county in the National Finals at Leamington in August and also in the minor county finals held earlier this month Havering clubs again were represented. Members from Havering clubs were included in Essex teams which were successful in winning a national county competition, the Balcombe Trophy for the 2nd year running.

Upminster took part in the local association, Romford & District Bowling Association & were successful in winning the Officers Cup beating a fellow Upminster bowler & I was the losing player well done to T Allen get you next year!!!

In the Essex County Bowling Association Group 4 competitions held on 24/09/2023, an Upminster team of T Allen X& N Cole won the unbadged pairs in the morning but in the afternoon T Allen lost the unbadged singles to a player from Kings Chase Vincenzo Facchini. This means that as Tony Allen was awarded his county badge earlier in September, he will no longer be eligible to enter this competition in 2024 as it is restricted to unbadged players.

Upminster Bowling Green finally closed on 30th September with a final drive with over 40 bowlers attending. During the outdoor season the ladies claimed success in the Gidea Park League coming first by only one point but the gentlemen were unsuccessful in their leagues.

The clubs nominated charity decided by the club captains was the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the club raised the sum of £1375.00 with a cheque being presented to a representative of the charity on Friday 20th October 2023 at the Annual Dinner and Presentation of Trophies and Prizes.

The Upminster club have now finished their various league games but without success in being top. In addition their finals were played on a very hot week end & various players were successful in winning their finals including the delegate who won 3 out of 5 finals, the two that he lost were played in the afternoon!!!

We now look forward to a few friendlies until 30/09/2023 when the club will close until April 2024.

LBH Sports development

Over 100 people signed up to the Latin & Ballroom Dance 30-week program which began in September at 2 different venues across Havering.

Tea Dance and Walks continue with over 50 people at each event. Walks are 5 days a week and Tea Dance once a week.

Half term activities this week for Para and Youth Sport. Athletics, tennis, para sport all with good booking numbers.

London Youth Games preparation is underway for Cross County in November. Around 60 young athletes will compete against all other London Boroughs.

Colleague Virtual Exercise Program continues with good success. (April – 274 participants. May – 290 participants. June – 254 participants)

Pilot Henry healthy weight program up and running. 8-week courses to engage families at risk of obesity.

Havering came 3rd overall in the LYG and was 7th overall the year before.

M Wallace enquired about a basketball coach for sessions in Dagnam Park. This was requested by Jan Sargeant and details will be supplied directly.

Enquiries were made about the Councils budget for the usual Sports Council funding and assurances were given that Sports and Leisure are high on the priority for helping with local resident's health and wellbeing so funding is ok at this time. It was agreed though that we should prepare for a reduction in our income from the council in the future.

Some of the tennis facilities across the borough have been upgraded and are being put out to tender.

8. Newsletter/Website/Publicity

The awards press release is currently being prepared.

9. A.O.B

Ways to increase our membership base were discussed. Free membership, increasing the bursary and prize Money. Offering courses to clubs on safe guarding, child protection, disability inclusion and First Aid.

Cllr Gillian Ford is our new Sports and Leisure representative.

10. Sports Awards

M Wallace is checking on the Sponsors. The trophies are to be collected.

Derek Drew has kindly offered to do our programme again and invites have been sent to the usual VIP's.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th November 2023.

