

Lisvane Tennis Club
Minutes
6 March 2023

Present

Tony Nash, Clive Bolton, Victoria Morgan, Cath Lynn, Alex Welch, Jules Thomas, Jim Allan

Apologies

Emma Reid Jones

Minutes of last meeting

Approved

Finance

£6273.02 in the accounts.

We've had a reimbursement from CAC.

Honours board costs (from levy).

£18000 in levy.

Need to do a draw for the 100 club – we need to try and recruit people but we still have low numbers.

House and grounds – Clive Bolton

Amey – 16 Feb. Met Project Manager & deputy dep PM on site. Explained damage to bank and cracked pot hole repairs and further pot holes. Peter (the PM) apologised for the damage to grass bank and the car park area. He indicated that Amey's work on this contract is a two-year programme and that vehicle/goods access is likely to take place throughout this period. Therefore, we should consider both a short-term solution and a longer term (post end 2024) solution.

The short term, temporary solution, to the damage of existing filled pot holes and the creation of new ones is to repair/fill these in once we are out of the winter period. To that end I will contact Amey late April/early May to arrange another on-site visit to decide how/who will address the necessary work.

Over the next year or so, we can monitor the wear and tear on the car park, and make a decision on either scarifying or the half way solution Peter suggested (between Tarmacadam and scarifying).

In addition, Peter offered to widen the car park into the grass bank and along the side of the bank if we wanted. I said that I needed to put this suggestion to our Club Committee, and come back to him on this.

The PM also made some suggestions, and offered advice, on pot hole filling and creating a water channel along the side of the court no 4.

The next set of deliveries will be between 26 Mar – 10 Apr.

Woods Inspection – 14 Feb. The Woodland Management Plan approved by Cardiff Council as part of our planning permission for the two new courts requires us to have the woods inspected by an arborist on a yearly basis. In 2019 I asked Jonathan Singleton (Secretary of the Friends of Coed-y-

Felin) as he is a qualified Forester working for Natural Resources Wales to carry out an inspection and provide a short report. We agreed in 2019 at Committee that we would make a contribution of £25 to the Friends for Jonathan’s time, and Jonathan is happy with this rather than reimbursing him personally for his time. Jonathan inspected the woods on 14 Feb, was happy with the progress and work we are doing there, and produced a short report which I hold. Tony N has paid £25 to the Friends of Coed y Felin.

SMART Meter – 20 Feb. SSE installed a SMART electricity meter in the concrete bunker. This will now remove the need for much co-ordination between SSE, Abbie and the club to take meter readings.

Clubhouse Shutter Key. For some time a number of people, including myself, have found that the shutter key is difficult to engage particularly for lowering the shutter. After much research I identified the key switch type and supplier. I obtained a new key switch but it would require approx. 50 new keys being cut. It is possible to re-key the new key cylinder and after identifying two locksmiths who could do this, I took the new key cylinder to Cardiff Lock & Safe (the company we use for new keys for the club). They were able to re-key to the 3 keys I took in but as the 50 keys over the last 20 years have been copies of copies they indicated that probably all keys would not work. I have tested this with a number of key holders and discovered that this is the case. Those holding the original Geba keys (3) will need new keys. The locksmith suggested why not get a key cylinder “cut” to the key that we use for the main door (this could cost about £50). The advantage is that then one key would be needed to gain access to the club (these keys cannot be copied whereas the shutter keys can be copied). **Suggestion and Recommendation requiring a decision** – leave existing key cylinder in (we have a back up if it gets much worse), and then get a new key cylinder as per the main door. Committee agreed.

Grounds. Kath continues to do a sterling job. She is re-cycling a lot of sand, and keeping the edges clear of weeds. She is also working on the practice area. The garden areas are beginning to bloom with spring flowers etc. The flooding of courts 4&5 in the heavy rain periods in January has been dealt with and hopefully will not happen again. Basically the stream running parallel to the bridle path runs into a large pipe that goes into the motorway embankment. This was nearly totally blocked and so the raging stream had nowhere to go apart from developing into a lake which overflowed as we know. Kath and I have cleared the area around the pipe and the stream. Recently we have put up a number of bird boxes in the woods supplied by Kath.

We still have a fair few logs which we can now put up for sale to the general public. I suggest £10 a car boot load. Any suggestions for advertising same? VM put notices in the Lisvane Link in April and May.

Membership

No new members – 277 in total.

We’ve had 6 potentials expressing interest for when we start up in April.

Jules will do the membership packages and make them public on the 17 March.

Overall Membership 2022 Rate	Proposed <u>CAC</u> <u>Membership</u> <u>2023 Rate</u>	<u>Levy</u> <u>(frozen</u> <u>at</u>	Overall Total Membership 2023
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			2019 rate)	
Adult	£170	£ 140.00	£35.00	£ 175.00
Junior	£70	£ 35.00	£35.00	£ 70.00
Over 65	£130	£ 100.00	£35.00	£ 135.00
Yr 6	£35	£ 25.00	£10.00	£ 35.00
Students	£105	£ 75.00	£35.00	£ 110.00
Weekday	£115	£ 85.00	£35.00	£ 120.00
Family	£390	£ 310.00	£90.00	£ 400.00

Committee agreed to the prices.

VM to send JT the email inviting people to rejoin for her to amend.

Jules outlined the recent survey findings from the membership survey.

179 sent out to adult members. 57 respondents (32%)

Over half who responded used the club every week or more often

VM to send Jules the 'welcome to membership group' email

WhatsApp groups (find out a good way to do get people to join to the WhatsApp group – let's play tennis'

Next meeting we'll come up with some responses to the individual points/overall comments.

Safeguarding

Still need a volunteer for safeguarding officer.

Teams

Ladies 1sts (which are the seconds) – have gone down a league but that's no bad thing. A squad of 13 ladies.

Ladies vets are doing really well.

Mixed – currently lying second with some results in. A squad of 20.

Men – currently lying first, but waiting on some results. A squad of 16.

Junior teams have done well – hard leagues though. Special mention to our 14B team boys Sam and Conor who won their league.

VM will sort balls for the summer team tennis.

This summer we've put in a ladies 1 and 2 teams, one mens team andnd three junior teams.

Social + courts

Fun run - Cath will sort out a sub group for this.

BBQ – Cath to look into it buying one.

Also with the weather better we'll be doing more social events.

Club champs notification repeat out after April.

14-20 August – Doubles

Singles – 21-27 August

Finals 3rd September

AOB

- CCTV policy – VM will circulate
- Jules is going to organise a table tennis evening – and will buy 4 new bats
- Golf day details – organised now for 28 July. Held at St Mellons Golf Club.
- A golf day has been arranged for Friday 28 July and will be held at St Mellon's Golf Club. Registration will start at 11.30am with bacon rolls and tea/coffee. Shotgun start then a meal early evening with presentations. A raffle will also take place during the event. Cost is £280 for a team of four. The event is being held to raise funds for the RFC.