

North Berwick Tennis Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 6th May 2021 – 8pm

Present (Zoom): Stuart Rye (Chair), Colin Anderson, Anne Hume, Karen Price, Gavin Henderson and Keith Barbour

1. Minutes for January 2021 and AGM

The minutes for January 2021 and the AGM were signed off in terms of committee review

2. Court redevelopment and grant update

CA, AH and SR met with Sports Scotland with Tennis Scotland and ELC representatives in attendance. Sports Scotland grant decision still not finalised, pre-panel meeting the end of May and panel meeting mid- June.

This precludes the works commencing prior to any possible ELO as timeframe would be too tight to guarantee no disruption.

Given any reduced ELO would be the end of July (no dates on LTA site at present), any works start date now likely to be after this and the last summer camp (w/c 9th August), so w/c 16th August onwards.

Letters of support may be useful from attending bodies, as would any progress on proposed policies (such as active schools) and fleshing out other pipeline initiatives such as all ability tennis integration into mainstream junior tennis, open days, access for financially disadvantaged, coaching outreach to schools.

ELC grant (£50,000) requires lease extension or letter of comfort and demonstrate that all other funding is in place.

Actions:

All - further work to expand on club initiatives and share with Tennis Scotland for consideration.

CA - Potential contractors to be contacted to discuss possible August date of works

SR, AH and GH to formally ask for a letter of comfort from the council to present to grant parties

3. Lease renewal update

SR, GH and AH have continued discussions with Steve Wands and have produced a proposal of lease changes which has been sent to SW. Proposal is to just extend current lease, with changes to certain sections to clarify responsibilities and any constraints.

Actions:

SR, AH and GH to continue lease discussions

4. Membership renewals

It was agreed to hold a separate meeting on Wednesday 19th May to discuss Membership renewals, including any new membership, Public access rates, bursary's etc

5. Social Sessions

Social sessions to run from 1pm-3:30pm initially with 5 courts and will be monitored and reviewed

Monday and Thursday mid-week sessions will run when current team matches allow and will be fully re-instated when those matches are finished

It was agreed to include an open session where non-members are welcome to join the club session on the first Saturday of each month. Sessions to start from June, with first being on Saturday 5th June. Members will be asked to donate any spare rackets so that attendees do not require to bring their own

Actions:

All – monitor club session court usage

SR – Announce open club session to members and ask for old racket donations

GH – Update website to publicise new open club sessions on first Saturday of month

6. Clubhouse

SR met with Steve Wands and George Cunningham from the council to review possible issues with the clubhouse roof, as remedial works may be required to a small section where some signs of damp are seen inside.

GC has concerns over the general condition of the tiles and is going to make enquiries about roof replacement

There was discussion over the roles of Landlord vs Tenant (over and above the clauses in the lease), including general compliance requirements (eg. electrical checks etc).

SW to follow up with view to whether these need to be formalised and whether they should form part of the lease renewal

The potential for a floor upgrade was discussed and GC pointed out that the asbestos tiles may need to be removed by the council, as overlaying them may cause problems in the future if someone then disturbed the new floor without realising the tiles were underneath

The Café was discussed by the committee and SR to re-contact potential café runner

Actions:

SR to follow up with SW

SR to follow up on cafe

7. Gate access

Gate upgrade are on hold pending court upgrade finance updates

8. Coaching update

The Coaching programme is running smoothly, with new potential coach in the form of Sarah Coverdale.

A further additional junior team may be a possibility next year