

Item 6a – Bowls Club Request for Grant Aid (Amenities Committee)

Consider the next steps and response to the Uppingham Bowls Club following a request for Grant Aid support earlier this year.

- a) Consider and agree a recommendation to full council in respect of the Grant Aid request for £1,500 from Uppingham Bowls Club submitted on 1st July 2015 (resolution 113/15 1st July 2015).

The Standing Orders permit the following once a debate has taken place on the Options below:

Section 7 of Standing Orders of UTC. Previous Resolutions:

- a) A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least eight councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with Standing Order 9 (Motions that need to be given by a Proper Officer), or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or a sub-committee.

The Options to be considered:

Option	Description	Timescale	Review Period
A	Do nothing and stand by the decision reached under resolution 113/15 in July.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
B	Revisit the motion (7a Standing Orders) and recommend to Full Council – support for the Uppingham Town Bowls Club annually via a Grant Aid application (pre-approved) for [£750/£1,000/£1,250/£1,500]	Next 5 years starting 2015/16	2020/21
C	Revisit the motion (7a Standing Orders) and recommend to Full Council – support for the Uppingham Town Bowls Club annually via a Grant Aid application (pre-approved) for [£750/£1,000/£1,250/£1,500]	Next 10 years starting 2015/16	2025/26
D	Variation of B & C	TBC	TBC

Important Note: The options have been set out this way such that a degree of certainty is given to the Bowls club and Council in turn about the short to medium term – rather than having the issue be raised annually with the outcome being unknown. It allows for the bowls club to plan and budget as well as the Council.

Council may wish to consider some caveats to the ongoing support annually to the Bowls Club (these are just suggestions):

- I. Actively seeks new members through planned activities in Uppingham and surrounding villages to increase awareness of what is on offer.
- II. Offers incentives for others to join in specific age groups
- III. Looks to promote a greater mix of ages playing the sport by using offers to younger generations
- IV. Looks to secure other means of support to keep the club viable for the longer term

Appendix – Supporting Information from the Treasurer of Uppingham Bowls Club.

APPENDIX

UPPINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

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1st October 2015

Dear Mr Wedge

Re Application for Funding

Following the submission of our application for funding on 23rd June last and our subsequent conversations I enclose information to supplement that already provided.

The latest Summary of the Cub Accounts [copy attached] shows the current position.

During the 12 months upto 31st August 2015 over £6000 has been spent on maintaining the premises.

Under the terms of The Lease we are obliged to bear all the costs of keeping the premises in good order.

The funding for this has been met from Reserves which have been built up over very many years.

In the near future there will be more costs for items such as external painting, roofing and the playing carpet.

The premises are wooden and of considerable age. It is essential that these receive regular maintenance and the costs are greater than traditionally built structures

It is now apparent that if we to continue to carry on this policy without introducing crippling increases in subscriptions etc we will no longer be able to maintain a prudent level of reserves for these on going costs..

The Club do hope the Council will be able to make us a grant.

Yours sincerely

Alan Riddle

Encl copy Draft Accounts Summary 2014 / 2015

UPPINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2015

INCOME	2015	2014
Green Fees	7,256.35	7,833.50
Subscriptions & Membership Fees	1,430.00	1,588.00
Presentation Dinner	577.00	570.00
Sundries	15.50	0.00
Bank Interest Received	263.09	387.53
Locker Fees	0.00	80.00
Hut Revenue	0.00	0.00
Grants Received - Ground Rent Contribution	0.00	2,000.00
St Georges Day	0.00	0.00
Raffle	72.60	130.00
Sales	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	9,614.54	12,589.03
EXPENSES		
Light & Heat	4,263.57	3,762.52
Rates & Water	464.29	684.47
Insurance	1,199.66	1,199.66
Presentation Dinner	630.00	613.50
Hut Maintenance & Cleaning	8,000.35	1,954.19
Ground Rent To UDC	1,500.00	1,500.00
Trophies	115.14	80.00
Refreshments & Sundries	440.94	492.30
Refurbishment of facilities	0.00	0.00
Legal & Professional Fees	0.00	0.00
St George's Day	0.00	0.00
Charitable Donations	0.00	200.00
Inspection Testing	18.00	18.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,631.95	10,504.64
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	-7,017.41	2,084.39
Net Assets Brought Forward	24,516.19	22,431.80
NET ASSETS AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2015	17,498.78	24,516.19
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS		
<i>Monetary Assets:</i>		
Barclays/MMBS - Current A/c	5,054.25	3,941.90
Melton Mowbray B.Soc - Capital A/c	12,276.33	17,036.07
- Deposit A/c	0.00	3,355.37
Cash Floats Held	168.20	182.85
NET ASSETS AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2015	17,498.78	24,516.19

Uppingham Town Council

From: ALAN RIDDLE <andriddle@btopenworld.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2015 5:25 PM
To: Uppingham Town Council
Subject: Re: Letter dated 1-10-15

Hello Neil

It is good to know that matters continue to move and hopefully it will not be too long before The Council complete their consideration

Referring to the points you enquire about these are in part explained on the attached spread sheet

1 Membership

Per spreadsheet; in addition there are 2 Life members

The split between Ladies and Gentlemen is on average fairly even

2 Fees

Per spreadsheet

Green fees are payable per playing session

You will see that the Green fees were increased from £1.50 to £2.00 in October 2013

Currently the Committee will be recommending to the Membership an increase in Subscriptions at te AGM later this month

3 Grant

The anomaly of £2000 arose from late payment of the Grant for year ending 31st August 2013. This was received on the 3rd September 2013 --- after the Year end.

The Club has not received any other grants other than that from U T C

The Club is very mindful of the make up of membership which is predominantly of retired people Green fees are the principle income source

The Committee consider it would be harmful if the Green Fees were increased and that this would have a negative effect on attendances

4 New Members

We have endeavored to publicise the Club in order to increase membership, but these efforts have not yielded any great response.

We continue to recruit new members by personal contact.

5 Other Sources

We try to supplement our income with raffles

We hope to meet Mark Croston the Sports Development Officer at RCC in the very near future and discuss recruitment and if any other funding is available.

Hope this helps

Alan

PS I cant find a way of putting attachment to this
I will send same under seperate cover

On Friday, 2 October 2015, 8:17, Uppingham Town Council <townclerk@uppinghamtowncouncil.co.uk> wrote:

Hello Alan

The matter of the previous funding request and the lease are going back through our committees in October along with a look at the other two clubs as I stated in our call a few weeks ago.

Ahead of this being revisited it would be helpful if you could provide a little more information that will help me when the discussions commence – I was about to contact you about this so your letter and updated accounts are very timely.

These are some of the points it would be good to get a view on to understand a little more of the background:

1. Could you give me details of the current membership numbers (male/female) and what has happened to the membership between 2012 and 2015 numbers wise
2. Could you let me have the cost per member and what you charge in terms of green fees and for both these items possibly what levels they have been set at for 2012 through to 2015
3. I see that you had grants of £2,000 – I assume that £1,500 was from UTC, whereas have you obtained grants from before and are these sources still available?
4. Can you articulate what the club have been doing to attract new members (looking at the accounts I'm assuming numbers may be dropping due to the lower levels of green fees and subs)?
5. Have any other sources of funding been sought or applied for and what was the outcome?

Apologies that there are more questions – what I'm endeavouring to do is be able to present this information so that councillors have more supporting info to consider what they do. Your letter will help and this will be shared on 7th Oct at Full Council under correspondence.

If you have any Qs – just give me a call. Look forward to hearing from you.

Neil

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