

Minutes of the Elie Sports Club Committee of Management meeting held in The Pavilion at 5.00 pm on Friday 24th August

Present: Kenny Garland, Chairman (KG), Anne Malcolm (AM), Craig Hobkirk(CH), Angela Russell (AR), Sheriff Bobby Dickson (BD),
In attendance: Gavin Cook (GC)

1. Apologies: Fiona Pratt, Gillian Thomson, Andrew Forgan, Charles Birrell
2. Report from Lachlan McLaren on the Pavilion: A verbal report was provided by Mr McLaren on how the season had gone at the Pavilion as well as a summary of some of the challenges that the pavilion faces. The Chairman thanked Mr McLaren for attending the meeting and for his input
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2018: These were approved and signed by the Chairman
4. Storage Container: The Committee approved the repairs to the storage container at the Pavilion with a 50% contribution from Lachlan McLaren
5. ESC financial update: GC updated the committee that this seasons figures were down in most areas due mainly to reduced footfall. The very bad weather at Easter, contributed mostly to the downturn, however the unseasonably good summer also saw many visitors to Elie spending days at the beach or water sports centre rather than at the ESC. GC stated that cost savings in a number of areas would go somewhat towards helping the end of year total, but still forecast a lower profit figure than in previous years.
6. Investment of Capital from bonds: CH discussed the investment of monies which had recently matured from earlier savings bonds. It was agreed to invest some in a safe guaranteed low interest bond and the remainder to be invested in a higher risk variable bond in an effort to increase returns. CH confirmed that the capital would secure in the higher risk bond, it was simply that there would be no guarantee on the interest returns.
7. Update of meeting with Lachlan McLaren regarding Pavilion costs: GC & CH updated the committee on this meeting. An agreement has now been reached in a number of areas in a view to limit the expenditure that the ESC had towards the Pavilion bills.
8. Junior Golf Open & Elie Tennis Tournament- GC updated that the Junior Golf Open & Elie Tennis Tournament had been successful events this

year with both running smoothly. Participation numbers were down in the Tennis Tournament, in line with lower footfall at the ESC at that point of the year.

9. Tree Removal Request: After due consideration, the committee approved a members request to pay for the removal of a tree on the ESC land to the rear of the 4th Green. Conditions agreed were that the tree be removed at a suitable time for logging and that the resultant logs became the property of the ESC

10. Members Shoe Tab evaluation: It was agreed that there were sufficient benefits from the use of members shoe tabs to continue the trial of them for the 2019 season. GC stated that having them earlier next year would be of major benefit as handing them out retrospectively this year prevented all members from receiving them.

11. AOB:
 - It was highlighted by BD that a prompt decision would be required on affiliate subs for GHC & E&ELGC members as renewals would be issued shortly. The committee agreed to a rate of £49 for the 2019 season.
 - KG will contact swilken Joinery to expedite the replacement of faulty facing boards at the new Pavilion extension.
 - The date of 13th October was agreed for the ESC AGM. It is to be held in the bowling clubhouse at 12pm

12. Next Meeting: TBA

