

**Tadcaster Community Sports Trust (TCST) – Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Held in the Club House – Queens Gardens

Started: 7:30pm      Finished: 8:41pm

**Members Present:** Richard Marston, Caroline Marston, Richard Woodcock, Jon Lucas, Fiona Lobley, Jenny Burton, Paul Smith, Bradley Collins, Nick Heaton, Nicholas Round, Matt Wilson, John Wetherhill, Pauline Wetherhill, Matt Clark, Trevor Hardy, Melanie Collins, Clare Challans, Allan Parry, Andrew Deakin, Bobby Collins, Pete McNamara & Graham Collins

**Non-Members Present:** Danny Pitts (Football Chairman) & David Brook (Walter Dawson, Chartered Accountants)

**Minute Taker:** Andrew Deakin

**Apologies:** Neil Howard, Paul Clark, Paul Shooter and Mark Swinden

**1. Confirmation of quorum**

A. Parry confirmed the meeting quorum had been achieved and as such the AGM could proceed.

**2. Minutes of AGM held on 1st November 2021 and Matters Arising**

Previous minutes approved by Jon Lucas and John Wetherhill.

The action to lower the hand dryer in the gents toilet is completed.

**3. Trustee Report – A. Parry (AP)**

All present were welcomed to the AGM of Tadcaster Community Sports Trust.

Members were reminded this AGM covers the period 6 April 2021 to 30 April 2022. A further AGM will be arranged for August 2023 covering the 12 months to April 2023.

Members were advised the Trustees report and accounts are published on the Charity Commission website and available for all to view.

Objectives of the Trust were reiterated and highlights of the key activities progressed over the last 12 months summarised. Recovery of the business post Covid has been challenging but trade is gradually returning to pre-Covid levels.

**Project Ignite (PMc)**- this relates to development of a sports park on the area of land beyond the senior football pitch to the A64. A grant of £192,000 was received from Selby District Council (SDC) to fund detailed designs and business plans in preparation for public consultation in January 2022. The funds were received in 2 instalments- £30k for the detailed planning phase and £162k for the “spades in the ground” phase. Agreement of the local plan was integral to receiving approval to progress the sports park. Unfortunately Samuel Smith’s Old Brewery Tadcaster (SSOBT) withdrew the offer of the land. Status of this land has subsequently changed from previously being classified as Sports and Recreation to an area of ‘Special Policy’. An updated local plan will now be progressed by North Yorkshire Council (NYC) following the demise of SDC from 1/4/23. We believe the status of Project Ignite can be classified as on ‘life support’ given, amongst other things, the 2 new village proposals NYC are progressing.

Q1- Fiona Lobley

Comments were expressed regarding the recent damage to the hockey pitch at Tadcaster Grammar School caused by heavy rainfall. As a result Hockey are having to play their games in Haxby.

A1- This underlines the shortage of appropriate playing surfaces in our area.

**Manor Fields (PMc)**- refurbishment works have been completed. Tadcaster Swimming Pool Trust are leasing the former bar area. As a result the building is now cost neutral to the Trust.

**5 Year Plan (PMc)**- primary focus of the plan is the Queens Gardens building given its age and wooden construction. Work is in progress to improve the insulation in order to reduce heating costs. There is a meeting with the Carbon Trust on 21/3 to explore the possibility of receiving funding for this work.

#### **4. Finance Update – David Brook (DB) of Walter Dawson)**

DB advised the following.

These are interim accounts to bring us to April 2022. The next AGM in August will reflect the April 2023 position for the Trust including Magnet 2020 Ltd.

The Trust is responsible for everything with the exception of the bar operation (aka Magnets 2020 Ltd).

A summary of the financial position was provided.

Q2- Jenny Burton

Club & Ground Improvements under Tangible Fixed Assets has seen a reduction in value of £100k in 12 months. Is this correct?

A2- The depreciation figure of £167k was depreciated over several years and not just the last 12 months.

Q3- John Wetherhill

John brought to the attention of members the donation from Magnet 2020 Ltd to the Trust of £20,000 over the 7 month period.

Q4- Matt Wilson

Does Magnet 2020 Ltd donate a set percentage of its profits?

A4- No it does not. Magnet 2020 retains working capital in order to operate on a daily basis. It pays the brewery invoices, cellar cooling, staff wages etc. Periodically it will transfer any surplus funds to the Trust.

## **Approval of Accounts- AP**

**Proposed by: Jon Wetherhill**

**Seconded: Trevor Hardy**

## **5. Election of Auditors- AP**

It is proposed Walter Dawson are retained as the Trust's auditors for a further 12 months

**Proposed by: Richard Marston**

**Seconded: Jon Lucas**

## **6. Election of Trustees**

AP advised A Deakin, Legal Trustee (although the role has recently been re-labelled as Compliance Trustee) is standing for re-election.

**Proposed by: Brad Collins**

**Seconded: John Wetherhill**

AD re-elected.

AP reminded the membership there remained openings for additional trustees in particular the positions of Marketing & Media and Diversity. Ideally we would like to have some female representation to join the current trustees.

## **7. AOB/Questions from the members**

AP reminded the audience that only Trust or Senior Trust Members are allowed to attend AGMs. However we feel as the Trust hadn't reminded people of this prior to the meeting we agreed to allow Associate Members to attend for this year only.

Q1 – Jenny Burton

Will there be merchandise available bearing the TCST logo?

A1 – AP confirmed this was discussed at last years' AGM. TCST merchandise is available via the account set up by Richard Woodcock. The products are made by Pendle. Football and Cricket already get their products through this account which attracts some discount.

Q2 – Matt Clark

Who is responsible for updating the website?

A2- AP confirmed no one is currently assigned to that role and we're very keen to address that. The web site is hosted by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party but we have admin access to it. We desperately need a person or people to add content to it.

Q3 – Jenny Burton

Have events such as gin tasting or cocktail nights been considered?

A3 – AP advised this was something we are currently looking into. This could result in switching to a different supplier for our spirits which will entail us going through a due diligence process which will take time.

Q4- Matt Wilson

Can Football have a post-match food offering? This will help to keep players and supporters in the club and putting revenue over the bar.

A4- AP confirmed we would need to recruit more staff to deliver a food offering as the current staff are employed to serve customers with drinks. Recruitment of staff into the hospitality sector is also extremely challenging at the moment however we will take this away and consider further.

Q5- Can the Trustees consider erecting a sign near the entrance to the club to reflect the Affiliated clubs that use the facilities at QG?

A5- AP confirmed this will be considered.

Q6- John Wetherhall

Can the Trust advise what capacity there is to display new trophies within the existing trophy cabinets?

A6- AP advised we will review the current contents and re-shuffle the current contents to increase capacity.

Q7- John Wetherhall

Have the Trustees considered notifying the membership and friends and families of members to see if there would be any interest in becoming a trustee or covering some of the existing gaps?

A7- AP advised this wasn't something we had thought about and was certainly worth taking further.

There were no more questions and AP closed the AGM.

**Signed on behalf of TCST:** *A Deakin*

Name: A Deakin

Date: 14 April 2023

Position Held: Compliance Trustee