

Chair's Report – A.G.M. 24th January 2024

It's been a quiet year overall. The Trust has continued to pay the utility bills for the pavilion and this has been aided by the grant from the windfarm. A new contract from S.S.E. has been negotiated which will mean a slight increase in the standing daily charge but a substantial decrease in the charges per kw/h. Overall it should mean a slight reduction in charges.

The transfer of assets for the management of the football pitch, pavilion etc. is still an ongoing legal procedure which means management remains with the Community Council. This is a strange position because the C.C. failed to reform at recent elections and is therefore currently in suspension.

Whilst carrying out a regular routine inspection and meter reading (7/12/23) the Trust chair discovered a problem. During a cold spell a pipe had burst in the loft and water was flooding one changing room, the entrance and store room. Part of the ceiling had collapsed in the changing room. Carl Stewart of the C.C. was contacted and he advised where to turn the water off, this was actioned. Stuart Dunbar, representing the football teams, was notified. He was later seen at the pavilion and a discussion took place as to responsibility. He did say that he could possibly patch up the ceiling and other tradesmen from the teams may be able to help. This is ongoing & on the agenda of the general meeting to follow.

The planters in the car park have not progressed further and spring would seem the best time to complete re: top soil & plants.

The Trust received a donation of approx. of £320 from a discontinued toddler group, with the recommendation it should be used for local children. This can be added to the remaining amount of a previous anonymous donation making £500 in total. To be discussed at the general meeting.

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