

Notes of meeting held 19th May 2021 @ 7pm between representatives of Stradbroke Sports & Community (SSCC) and Stradbroke Parish Council (SPC)

Present: SSCC: Jane Merritt, Julia Nowell, Nick Stones
 SPC: Russell Ayling, James Hargrave, Odile Wladon

Purpose of meeting

James Hargrave and Jane Merritt met in June 2020; one of the outcomes of that meeting was to arrange for representatives of both organisations to meet and discuss the relationship between SSCC and SPC and to agree a way forward.

A brief outline of suggested topics was circulated by Jane Merritt ahead of the meeting and included:

- Communications - How we communicate with each other.
- Collaboration - How we can work collaboratively for the good of our Village.
- Commitment - How we commit to building respect between our two organisations.

Brief discussion notes

- It was agreed that the relationship can be awkward with a lack of trust on both sides.
- "Politics" can often get in the way of a positive working relationship.
- Misinterpretation of intentions could arise from communication via email. The matter of the ownership of the Tennis Courts was cited as an example of this.
- As guidance has been received from the Charity Commission, the matter of the ownership of the Tennis Courts will be discussed and finalised at the next appropriate SSCC committee meeting.
- SSCC representatives explained why they felt a new constitution was required given the size of the current committee and other matters raised regarding some of the current Trustees.
- A matter regarding the consultation on the proposed constitution for the new CIO was raised and the following points were noted:
 - The proposed conversion to a CIO and new constitution will be an agenda item at SSCC's AGM. The AGM is scheduled for 21st June 2021 as SSCC has had advice that the AGM must take place by 30th June.
 - The draft constitution was not received by SPC until after its last meeting and the Council is unable to meet again until July 2021, therefore the Councillors will not have had an opportunity to review the draft constitution prior to the SSCC AGM. The implications of this were discussed.
- It was noted that any transfer of land to SSCC must take place before the charity is wound up and its assets transferred to the proposed CIO.
- All agreed that the discussions that had taken place at this meeting were a positive way forward.

Agreed outcomes

1. Email correspondence will be kept to a minimum.
2. Face to face meetings between representatives of both organisations was the agreed forum to discuss major matters and relay information; an example of a topic for a future meeting would be the outcome of Trustees' discussions on the land ownership matter.
3. The SSCC and SPC representatives present agreed that the following proposal from the meeting would be put forward by Jane Merritt to SSCC Trustees:

Given the potential difficulties that could arise from the Parish Council's inability to review the draft constitution before the SSCC AGM, it is suggested that the AGM should take place as scheduled but that any discussion on the CIO should be moved to a general meeting to be arranged for a later date so that the PC can respond to the consultation.

Meeting closed at: 8pm