



WATCHET BOWLS CLUB

November 2020 Newsletter

Lockdown

Following the PM's statement on Saturday and whilst his proposal still has to be ratified by Parliament on Wednesday, the introduction of new national restrictions will be effective from Thursday 5th November. All indoor and outdoor leisure facilities, including bars are to close. Therefore Watchet Bowling Club will close from Thursday 5th November for the period of this latest lockdown. (please ensure you collect any items that you have in the club and that you might need by Wednesday). The lockdown is due to last one month but we will be monitoring the situation and will advise of any change. We appreciate this is disappointing and frustrating but ultimately all of our and our loved ones safety is paramount in any case. These awful circumstances will end in the not too distant future and we can look forward to enjoying our club once again in due course. Stay safe.

Spend Procedure

“There seems to have been some confusion about spend for the club. This is a timely opportunity to clarify procedure, given that we need to keep a close eye on the purse strings particularly as we progress the build project. Any proposed spend (before purchase) must be referred to the Treasurer, Marilyn Binding. Marilyn can then directly approve spends of up to £50 if appropriate and for amounts over £50, she will refer to the Committee for consideration.

AGM Saturday 5th December

(time and venue or Zoom to be confirmed).

Due to this latest lockdown, would members please send your nominations for club officers roles to Pam Perkins (Pamela1954@talktalk.net) by 27th November , together with any item that you wish to be considered for the agenda in writing by that same date. And please if you think you can help, spare a little time (normal meetings once a month) and have the opportunity to your say, do step forward.

New Build

Set up preparations for the project are progressing at pace. In addition to an architect we have formally engaged a Quantity Surveyor as well as a Valuer. A letter has gone out to our neighbours to engage with them, to inform them that we are moving forward and to let them know that we will contact them when we have a more detailed timetable. We have identified a storage solution for the green equipment and now just await confirmation of a demolition quote for the garages which will be phase 1 of the programme. We have set up two sub committees, one for building and one for operation and an initial meeting has been held by each. A meeting with the QS, architect and builder is scheduled for Wednesday (luckily just in time to beat lockdown), so, subject to agreement, we should have clearer idea of schedule thereafter.

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