

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Tuesday 19 October 2021

9. **Dartford Cricket Club Ltd – Annual Report on Community Use of the Pavilion- Update 2020-21** (Pages 1 - 4)

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**DARTFORD CRICKET CLUB LTD - ANNUAL REPORT ON
COMMUNITY USE OF THE PAVILION**

NEWTOWN WARD

1. Summary

1.1 To update the Committee on progress with the community use of the Dartford Cricket Club Ltd.'s Pavilion at Hesketh Park for the year ending October 2021.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee note the report.

3. Background and Discussion

3.1. The Dartford Cricket Club Ltd's Pavilion was opened in March 2015, under a 25 year lease with the Council, as landlord.

3.2. The Club's first year's activity in the new facility was reported to Scrutiny in September 2016. Following the Committee's request for more detailed monitoring information Cabinet agreed (Min. No. 59 refers), that operators of all those facilities that have benefited from Council investment be invited to submit a short annual review for publication, which would summarise their activities and links with the community.

3.3. Dartford Cricket Club Ltd has prepared an annual report on community use of its Pavilion as set out at Appendix A to this report. This annual report includes details of the Club's programme of community activities, which will help achieve health benefits for participating Borough residents, in line with the Council's Health and Well Being Corporate Plan objective.

4. Relationship to the Corporate Plan

Corporate Plan objectives relating to Health and Well Being.

5. Financial, legal, staffing and other implications and risk assessments*

Financial Implications	None
Legal Implications	None
Staffing Implications	None
Administrative Implications	None
Risk Assessment	No uncertainties and/or constraints

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6. Details of Exempt Information Category

N/A

7. Appendices

Appendix A – Dartford Cricket Club Ltd - Annual Report on Community Use of the Pavilion for the year ending October 2021

BACKGROUND PAPERS

<u>Documents consulted</u>	<u>Date / File Ref</u>	<u>Report Author</u>	<u>Section and Directorate</u>	<u>Exempt Information Category</u>
		Stephen Jefferson (01322) 343524	Community Services, Growth & Community	N/A

Community Use Information – October 2021**QUANTATIVE METRICS****Membership numbers**

- Junior Players - 119
- Senior Players - 47
- Social Members – 30
- Presidents/Vice Presidents – 28
- Life Members – 19

Pavilion Usage

- Provided facilities for St John Ambulance training (40 hours per week). Hesketh Park continues to be the most popular venue for their training in this part of the country.
- Acted as home base for a local amateur running club on Tuesday evenings and hosted their annual Funday in August.
- Used as polling station for May 2021 local elections.
- Acted as home base again for the SEEDs cycling club.
- Hosted an Indian pre wedding party, and an annual Charity fundraiser for Bexley & Sidcup Lions.
- Hosted a pamper party to raise funds for a trip for Fun Friends with Orchard Garage.
- Used for various private courses : Fire Warden training, Mental Health course and First Aid training refresher.

Pavilion usage outlook for 2022:

- Uptake for bookings for 2022 is already excellent with only a couple of dates still remaining available in March 2022. The uptake in hirings continue to demonstrate awareness of our availability as a venue that embraces ethnic inclusion and diversity across all areas of the community.
- Will resume hosting Newtown Councillors monthly surgeries.
- Will host local schools Kwik Cricket tournaments through June.
- Will host a SafeHands course booked for Child welfare officers (postponed from 2021).

Pavilion upkeep:

- Half-year lift inspection done
- Remedial work taking place October 2021 (following the extensive flood)

QUALITATIVE COMMENTARY**Cricket in schools/community**

In 2022 following Government/ECB guidelines at all times the Club aims to:

- Reconnect with all primary schools to offer DCC cricket development coaching as part of the schools sports programme.
- Host two ECB Kwik Cricket tournaments for Dartford primary schools.
- Continue to host the ECB All Stars (5-8 year olds) and ECB Dynamos (8-11 year olds) 8 week introduction to cricket programme : open to all boys and girls in the local area : these initiatives sponsored by the ECB have proved already to be a national success and DCC are delighted to continue to be involved.

Community Activity

- The Club was successful once again in gaining ECB Clubmark accreditation (valid for another year). This confirms that DCC is a safe, family-friendly and well-organised Club that ensures that the safety of all children who play at Hesketh Park is paramount.
- Continue our collaboration with Stone Cricket Club whereby they use Oakfield Park to playmatches and also use the cricket nets at Hesketh Park on Weds evenings.
- Restart Club monthly quiz nights with money raised split between various local charities will recommence once safe to do so
- Continue hosting the All Stars Cricket programme – with pre-advertising widely in local community early 2022.

Support offered to local community during Covid-19 pandemic

The Club were keen to help the local community during the Covid-19 pandemic and to that end our Club Chairman reached out to DBC to offer any local support/help we could to those in need: this included offering the use of DCC facilities as a Covid vaccination hub.

The Club donated all stock with a short shelf life (water, soft drinks, crisps and chocolate) to the Dartford Food Bank in collaboration with DBC.