

## COUNCIL REPORT FOR TMWA APRIL 2018

*We are now in the third year of the recently created Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC), Trinity Sanderstead Sports and Social Club (TSSSC Ltd), and the 5-year licence granted to this Company by the Association, to manage and be responsible for the use of the Clubhouse and playing facilities at Lime Meadow Avenue.*

*This arrangement has produced the savings envisaged through the various tax savings available to a CASC, but the struggle to remain financially viable has not abated.*

*The Association is still responsible for a number of costs involved in providing the facilities at Sanderstead, and ensuring improvements are made where necessary. In addition, it makes a contribution to the Sports club each year.*

*For the 2016-17 year, the Accounts show that the Association had an increased deficit of £9,615 – following one of £6.5k for the previous year. This is after providing for depreciation of £12k, but before claiming a tax refund of £581 on the net interest received from the Subscription Provision Fund (SPF).*

*Bar sales and purchase costs remained constant, producing a gross profit margin of just over 50%.*

*However, with staff costs £2.5k higher – mainly from the greater use of casual staff – our net bar surplus is down by a similar amount.*

*This bar surplus was transferred to TSSSC Ltd less the cost of the main spring ground maintenance of £12k, which TMWA again covered, thus making a net donation of £11.5k. and assisting the cash flow of the sports club in 2016-17.*

*In view of the further deficit incurred by TMWA – whilst the sports club on its own achieved a small profit – Council have decided that TMWA's donation in the current year will be restricted to a total just sufficient to keep TSSSC in surplus by the end of the accounts year.*

*Subscription income, though bolstered by a further £17k from the SPF, again fell, but it is hoped to reverse this trend by our having increased the annual membership fee to £30 with effect from last October. This will also result in a higher contribution from the SPF.*

*It is disappointing to note that only half of our membership have increased their subscription payments to date.*

*With regard to our overheads, electricity costs were down by £750 thanks to a full year of income generated from the solar panels. There was a £1.5k increase in building repairs and refurbishment, but the cost of minor maintenance work is now being paid by the Sports club. Other expenditure remained on a similar level and will continue to be closely monitored. The Mitre players kindly covered the cost of the new chairs in the snug bar, and also half the cost of the new heating and air conditioning installation. The balance paid by TMWA will appear in this year's accounts as Capital expenditure*

*Another serious concern for the Association is finding volunteers to fill vacant positions on Council, and additional administrative positions. The Council, which meets approximately every other month has been seeking a secretary since the last A.G.M., and in addition now requires a Chairman for the General Committee. We also require an editor for the e-letters sent to members, and a membership secretary.*

*Council has been forced to discuss the possibility of employing an administrator to cover these positions but with the current financial position we cannot see this being a likely solution*

***We would urge any members able to give a small amount of their time to the Association, to contact our Chairman Andy Thompson (01892 870767).***

*On a positive note Simon Harrington stepped forward to fill the position of Magazine editor and his first edition should be issued in the very near future.*

*Further good news was the notification that Tony Meech had left a legacy in his will to the Association.*

*Council are looking at a number of improvements/additions, that would provide a suitable reminder of this generous act. Tony played both cricket and rugby for the Club over a number of years.*