

Poole Town CC

AGM

Secretarys Report

I am indebted to Poole Town CC committee colleagues, past and present, for continued contributions to the huge team effort required to offer cricket as the club does.

Website and digital presence

Delighted to see that digital engagement continued strongly through efforts of Matt Keech and the captains embracing the Teamo app for all things match related.

WhatsApp obviously continues to grow and is proving an excellent group communication tool where needs to focus on narrower agendas are paramount. This is something we want to further exploit to manage the social calendar and develop our commercial side.

Committee

Committees this year have been a bit more haphazard I retired from working at Council so lost my access to online meetings. The activities of the club are so varied that it has proven difficult to get a regular calendar or indeed irregular attendance. This is a driving force behind me proposing tweaks to our governance set up which hopefully you have seen form the AGM invite and agenda.

By having a central committee focussed on the governance and medium / long term targets supported by focus groups using meetings, WhatsApp etc... to drive through their agendas we hope to create a more robust and regular culture. I am keen to try and remove some of the burden that the two Nicks shoulder, and growing their confidence in the support network is key to that.

Compliance

We continue to monitor the changing compliance needs and are ever thankful for the attention and dedication of our Welfare Officers John and Teresa for being available.

Relationships

Progress with BCP Council on the Community Asset Transfer process has been regrettably slower than hoped, though given the issues Council is facing, not surprising. There is a process in place and the onus is on us PTCC to step up and engage with it fully. There will be issues to overcome and potentially a leap of faith to be made, but that should not stop us entering into the process.

We held a number of meetings with Dorset Cricket Board and league as the ECB Premier League took shape, We, like the majority of the clubs in Dorset, do not fulfil the criteria for ECB Premier League status as a start point, but what we lack does give us a set of priorities as we move through the asset transfer process with the Council, more of that Im sure from the Chair and during the meeting.

Our chairman has worked long and hard with Poole Grammar School over this year to help deliver indoor and outdoor practice facilities for which I offer my thanks.

I am happy to offer my services as Secretary for the 2024 season, should they be required

Many thanks, at your service

Andy Milner, secretary