

Item 4 - Bowling Green Review

In 2016 the Council agreed to continue to support Shevington Village Bowling Green's plans for raising the profile of Forest Fold Bowling Green. The Council also agreed to review the situation once again this Autumn. At the time the leadership of the SVBC advised that it would continue to be a gradual process covering more than one year.

2017 INCOME

SOURCE OF INCOME	NUMBER	TOTAL	COMMENT
Team Green subscriptions	4	£400 (£300 in 2016)	The number of teams rose from 3 to 4. Team subscriptions were not increased for the new season. % increase in income since 2016 = 25% % increase in teams = 25%
Individual membership subscriptions	39 (2 were under 20 years of age and were FOC)	£740 (£820 in 2016)	Net individual membership numbers decreased from 46 (5 of whom were U20 and FOC) in 2016 to 39 in 2017. Individual subscriptions were not increased in 2017. % decrease in income = 9.75% % decrease in membership = 15.21% % decrease in U20s = 60%
Occasional hire subscriptions	3 events (Shevington Methodist Church did not hire this year and there were no County events.)	£90 (£180 in 2016)	The hire subscription remained at £30. % decrease in bookings = 50% % decrease in takings = 50%
TOTAL		£1230	Income in 2016 was £1300 % decrease in income = 5.38%

2017 EXPENDITURE

ITEM	2016 TOTAL	BG	ALLOTS	OTHER	2017 TOTAL	BG	ALLOTS	OTHER
BG Maint	£3336	£3336			£3440	£3440		
BG materials	£207	£207			£210	£210		
Peripheral maint of BG	£1088	£363	£363	£363	£1326	£442	£442	£442
Water	£191	£64	£64	£63	£194	£65	£65	£64
Power	£182	£121	£61		£173	£115	£58	
Cleaning	£420	£210	£210		£104	£52	£52	
Gate	£655	£328	£327		£666	£333	£333	
TOTAL	£6079	£4629			£6113	£4657		

- a) 2017 expenditure has been compared to 2016 expenditure.
- b) The peripheral areas maintenance contract includes the allotments, entrance areas to the site and the car park in Gathurst Lane. Consequently, the total figure has been divided into three. Since June 2017 the new contract has included 'cut and collect' for grass cutting and, consequently, has cost more.
- c) Water is used by the bowling green users, the allotmenters and the 'in Bloom' groups, so this has also been divided into three. We pay water rates and the charge has increased slightly since 2016.
- d) Electricity is also used by the allotmenters (but to a lesser extent), so this has been divided in a ratio of 2:1. The cost of cleaning and gatekeeping have been divided equally, as access to the toilets is available to all from April to September (inclusive).
- e) There has been a net increase in green costs of 0.6% in the past year (actual = £28).

OVERALL COMPARISON

ITEM	2016	2017	COMMENT
Income from bowling activities	£1300	£1230	This represents a 5.38% decrease
Expenditure attributable to bowling activities	£4629	£4657	This represents a 0.6% increase
NET expenditure covered by parish council	£3329	£3427	This represents a 3% increase

Members are invited to note the following:

- (a) The cost of the peripheral areas maintenance contract increased because 'cut and collect' was included at the request of the Parish Council in order to remove unsightly grass cuttings and improve the appearance of the entrance to the site.
- (b) The cost of cleaning reduced because we no longer use a contract cleaner.
- (c) The cost of gatekeeping increased slightly because of increases in staff pay.
- (d) The SVBC have this year installed solar energy based external lighting at their own cost.

Members are invited to review the report and consider agreeing to continue supporting the SVBC.