

**BATH STREET MARINE TABLE TENNIS CLUB**  
**Minutes of Special General Meeting Held 12 January 2018 at 7:30pm**

Present: Ian McElwee (Chair), Liz Adams, Barbara Alcock, Paul Allison, Andrew Armstrong, Fred Bainbridge, Thomas Bell, Lesley Blanchard, Ian Brownrigg, Billy Clayton, Bernard Cooney, Betty Corbin, Elaine Core, Mary Delamere, Keith Dudley, Billy Dunleavy, Don Gibson, Herve Gillet, Mary Harahap, Keith Hardman, Barrie Hodgson, Ken Jackson, Martin James, Mary James, Des Logan, Steve McCormick, Margaret Morris, Billy O'Hara, Ray O'Leary, Mary Sefton, Angela Simkin, Doreen Smith, John Wheeler, Margaret Wheeler, Graham Turner and Susan Young.

Special Guest: Heather Redhead (Sports Development Officer, Sefton Borough Council)

**1. Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed all present to this Special General Meeting which had been called by the Management Committee for two main purposes; to seek changes to the Club Constitution, and to provide full details of the proposals for a new club room.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Had been received from, or were given at the meeting for, Dave Roberts, Dermot Tierney, Barry Davis, Brian Crolley, Mal Kent, Dave Noden, Stuart Reid, Tony Bramham, Jenny Givens, Ann Fletcher, and Albert Parker.

**3. Motion 1 – Change to the Club Constitution**

*“This SGM agrees the changes to the Club Constitution proposed by the Club Management Committee, which changes are to come into immediate effect.”*

The Chairman introduced this resolution. Details of the proposed changes had been circulated to members in advance. Chairman explained that the purposes of the changes were; to make the official name of the club consistent with what we actually call ourselves, to ensure that all members of the club had equal status, and to make consequential changes as a result of the new single membership status enabling the club to have different fee structures to suit different needs. The latter is what already happens in practice so the change is entirely consistent with current practice.

The Chairman invited members to raise questions, and several were raised and answered. It was clarified that the change would have immediate effect as far as voting participation was concerned, but would not impact on fees for the current year as fees are set at the AGM. It was emphasised that with the club membership now being approximately equal between full league playing members and ‘associate’ or social members it was felt that it was no longer appropriate to differentiate between ‘members’, all should be treated the same.

After discussion and questions from the floor, the Chairman asked whether members wished to have a secret ballot or were content with a show of hands. Further, only current full members could vote on this first motion. Such members had been issued with a green voting card on arrival. It was agreed the vote should be by show of hands. 18 members present were eligible to vote and voted unanimously in support of the resolution approving change.

The Chairman declared that the changes to the Club constitution were therefore carried.

#### 4. Motion 2 – Club Property Project

*“This SGM approves the plans for redevelopment of a new club room put forward by the Club Management Committee and is committed to supporting the Club by all means possible to deliver the new facilities.”*

Using slides, a copy of which form part of these Minutes, Secretary outlined details of the proposals for a new club room for the table tennis club. The need for a new room being brought about because of the plans by Marine AFC to demolish the existing structure which was no longer fit for purpose. Secretary introduced Heather Redhead of Sefton Borough Council who has been working with the club and Marine AFC in relation to property matters. The proposal is for a new enlarged club room, but staying on the Marine site. The new room would belong to the club and the club would take on full responsibility for its maintenance and running. The presentation included broad details of the likely costs, and the Secretary was asked to also cover how it was planned to fund the costs, a matter which it had been planned to cover in the third resolution.

There was considerable discussion and a number of questions raised by members present. Heather was invited to speak from the Council perspective and also said more about the funding bids made to Sefton Borough Council and Sport England. SBC were supporting the project because of the community impact of the club and the opportunity the new room would give to expand that community impact, allowing the club the chance, for the first time, to make its premises available for other community uses which may be complimentary to the clubs main aim of social, recreational and competitive table tennis.

Members emphasised the need to ensure that the new room would be fit for purpose, and that it would meet criteria of the L&DTTL for competitive league match play. It was agreed that a small group of members should be taken to see the new unit, and the Treasurer will arrange this.

It was explained to members the level of commitment that the club and its members would take on if the decision was to go forward with the project, and that as a members club the ultimate responsibility for costs fell upon all members of the club.

After extensive questions and discussion it was agreed that a vote be taken by show of hands. The Secretary confirming that in the light of the outcome of the first resolution all members present were eligible to vote on this motion. All 36 members present voted unanimously in favour of the motion.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and thus that the Club Man Com would take forward plans for a new club room on the Marine site.

#### 5. Motion 3 – Funding of Property Project

*“This SGM invites all members to consider making a voluntary one-off donation to the Club, according to their ability, to enable the Club to have the funds available to deliver a new club room fully funded and free of debt.”*

Details of the proposed funding for the new project and the part that members had to play in this matter had already been explained in relation to Motion 2. Secretary said the Man Com had decided not to ask for a vote on this motion as it did not in effect commit members or the club to anything further. It was therefore withdrawn as the material had already been covered.

#### 6. Conclusion

In concluding the meeting at 9:20pm the Chairman said that he, the Secretary, Treasurer and Heather would continue to be available after the meeting to answer any further questions from members.

Signed: ..... (I McElwee – Chairman)

**Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club**  
A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*



Special General Meeting  
12 January 2018

**Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club**  
A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

Special General Meeting  
12 January 2018

Resolution 1

"This SGM agrees the changes to the Club Constitution proposed by the Club Management Committee, which changes are to come into immediate effect."

**Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club**  
A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

Resolution 1

"This SGM agrees the changes to the Club Constitution proposed by the Club Management Committee, which changes are to come into immediate effect."

**Rule 1**

**Change** - The name of the Club is to be the **Bath Street Table Tennis Club**

**To** - The name of the Club is to be the **Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club**

# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

## Resolution 1

"This SGM agrees the changes to the Club Constitution proposed by the Club Management Committee, which changes are to come into immediate effect."

### Rule 3 – Ordinary Membership

#### Current Rule

Any person wishing to pursue those activities as detailed in paragraph 2 shall be eligible for membership on the conditions outlined in Paragraph 5A (a) and (b).

#### Proposed Rule

*Any person wishing to participate in any of the activities detailed in paragraph 2 shall be eligible for membership on the conditions outlined in Paragraph 4.*

# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

## Rule 4 – Associate Membership/New – Conditions of Membership

#### Current Rule

Associate Members

- (i) The Committee appointed under Rule 7(ii) may admit associate members subject to such terms and conditions as the Management Committee may decide.
- (ii) Associate Members shall enjoy the privileges of Ordinary Members except that they shall not be entitled to vote or to take part in the management of the club.
- (iii) The Committee may make such regulations as to the payment of subscriptions or contributions by Associate Members as they consider necessary.

#### Proposed Rule

Conditions of Membership

- (i) Any person wishing to become a member of the club must agree to abide by its terms and conditions; must provide the personal information requested by the club in its membership application form; and pay the relevant membership fee determined under Rule 6.*
- (ii) All applications for membership shall be considered by the Committee appointed under rule 7(ii), whose decision on membership shall be final.*
- (iii) All members of the club shall be entitled to vote in accordance with Rule 11.*
- (iv) Membership must be renewed annually by payment of the relevant fee. Failure to pay the fee on time shall automatically terminate membership.*

# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

## Resolution 1

"This SGM agrees the changes to the Club Constitution proposed by the Club Management Committee, which changes are to come into immediate effect."

### Rule 5A Cessation of Membership

**Change** – "are of the opinion that"

**To** – "**believes**"

# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

## Rule 6 – Subscriptions

### Current Rule

(i) The annual and or weekly subscriptions shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

(ii) The Committee shall be empowered:-

- (a) to levy such additional subscriptions as may be considered necessary; and
- (b) to fix special subscriptions payable by members taking advantage of particular facilities specially provided.

### Proposed Rule

#### Fees

(i) *Yearly membership subscriptions, both the amount and time of payment, shall be determined by members at the Annual General Meeting.*

(ii) *Members shall also determine at the Annual General Meeting any fees to be paid by 'guests' to the Club (which will not include members and supporters of teams visiting the club to play in league matches); any additional fee to be paid by members wishing to play table tennis for the club in the Liverpool & District Table Tennis League; and any match fee payable by an individual who acts as a 'reserve' for a Club team in the L&DTTL without becoming a full member.*

(iii) The Committee shall be empowered:-

- (a) to levy such additional fees and subscriptions as may be considered necessary; and
- (b) to fix special subscriptions payable by members taking advantage of particular facilities specially provided.

# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

## Special General Meeting

12 January 2018

### Resolution 1

"This SGM agrees the changes to the Club Constitution proposed by the Club Management Committee, which changes are to come into immediate effect."

**VOTE!**

# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

## Special General Meeting

12 January 2018

### Resolution 2

"This SGM approves the plans for redevelopment of a new club room put forward by the Club Management Committee and is committed to supporting the Club by all means possible to deliver the new facilities."

**The New Property Project**

# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*



# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*



Property to be  
demolished

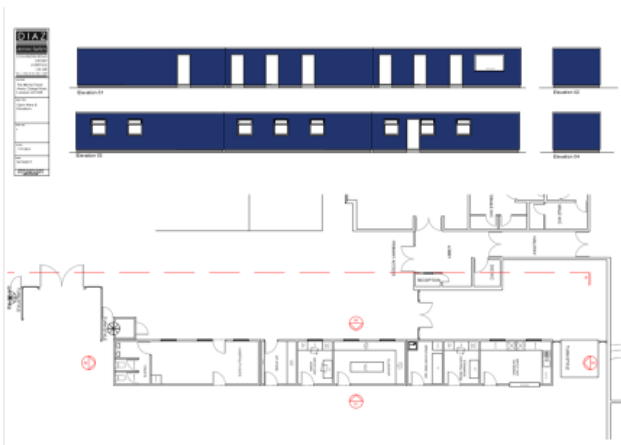
May 2018

May 2019?



# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*



What  
Marine AFC  
are doing on  
the existing  
footprint?



## Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

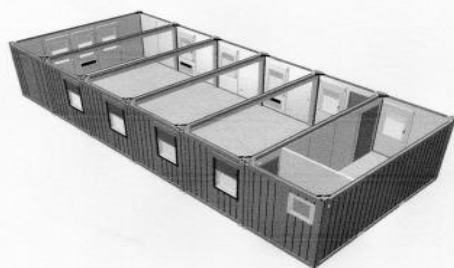


Site offered by  
Marine AFC  
To place new  
Table Tennis Room



## Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*



New Room

48ft x 20ft

Including  
Toilets & Kitchen



## Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*



What it looks like now!



# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*



What it looks like now!



# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

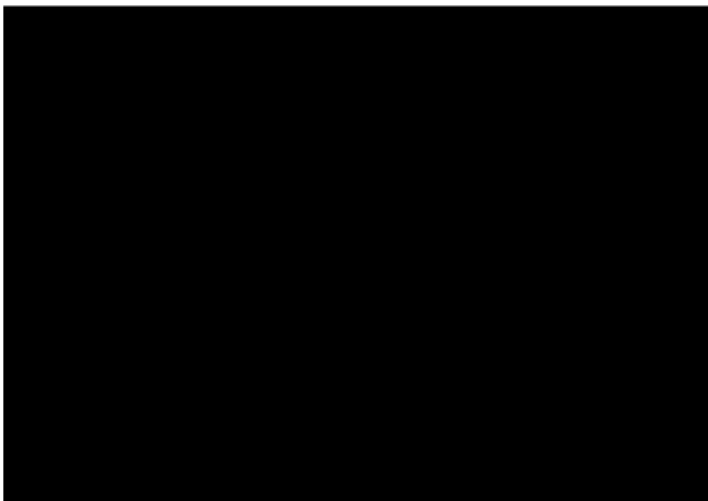


What it can become



# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*





## Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

What it can become

- Single table match play venue
- Table tennis flooring and lighting
- New kitchen and toilets – accessible toilet
- Secure
- Mains water and drainage
- Electricity; including heating
- Up to 4 tables for social play and coaching
- Will come fully fitted and ready for use.



## Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

What it may cost



- BSMTTC lease site from Marine AFC – initial rent £4,000 pa
- BSMTTC buy new building – purchased, fitted and installed £40,000 - £45,000 including VAT & professional costs.
- BSMTTC take responsibility for all operating costs:
  - Maintenance
  - Council Tax
  - Water & sewage
  - Electricity
  - Insurance
  - Amount not known – estimate @ £4,000 pa



## Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *PremierClub*

### Special General Meeting

12 January 2018

Resolution 2

“This SGM approves the plans for redevelopment of a new club room put forward by the Club Management Committee and is committed to supporting the Club by all means possible to deliver the new facilities.

**VOTE!**

# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *Premier Club*

## Special General Meeting

12 January 2018

### Resolution 3

"This SGM invites all members to consider making a voluntary one-off donation to the Club, according to their ability, to enable the Club to have the funds available to deliver a new club room fully funded and free of debt."

## Funding The Property

# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *Premier Club*

### Funding the Project



- Sefton Borough Council
- Integral UK
- Club Funds (aim)
- Sport England
- Duchy of Lancaster
- Crowd Funding
- Other corporate donors
- L&DTTL
- Members
- £10,000 – confirmed grant
- £3,000 – confirmed pledge
- £5,000 – currently £4,500
- £25,000 – grant applied for
- £5,000 – applied for – uncertain
- On hold
- Being explored
- Repayable advance to fill gap
- Voluntary Support Requested

# Bath Street Marine Table Tennis Club

A Table Tennis England *Premier Club*

## Special General Meeting

12 January 2018



Thank you for attending and supporting our Club