

**Menai Bridge Town Council Working Group – meeting with Menai Bridge Bowling Club, via Zoom, 27 August 2020.**

Meeting opened by Councillor Williams Love

Town Council (MBTC) Members present: William Love  
Ella Fisk  
Hillary Hunt  
Robin Williams  
Sonia Williams  
Denise Owen  
Kevin Moran

Various Members of the bowling club (BC) were in attendance.

Councillor Love sought to assure the members of the BC that there was no hidden agenda on behalf of MBTC. He noted that there clearly needed to be some compromise on both sides.

Councillor Love reminded those present that the MBTC Clerk had written to the BC on 24 June 2020 requesting clarification on 6 points. The BC responded on 30 June 2020 and Councillor Love wanted the meeting to focus on those 6 points to see what progress could be made.

- 1) BC pointed out the need for access to the green and pavilion from mid-March to September annually. MBTC suggested that the Licence to Occupy (LO) be amended to be valid from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- 2) It was pointed out by the BC that they intended to play in leagues on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday weekly, but that they also require access at other times e.g. rearranged fixtures, cup matches etc. BC would require access from 12pm on the days that matches are played. MBTC suggested that the LO be amended to 12pm until close of play. BC pointed out that they may require access on Saturdays in the future. Also stated that they would be delighted to share the pavilion with the wider community. BC requested a letter confirming why MBTC want them to vacate the premises at the end of 2020. MBTC pointed out that the intention was to have a booking system in place that would enable BC to book times in addition to those specified in the LO for holding rearranged fixtures, cup matches etc..
- 3) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday weekly, 12pm to Close of Play.
- 4) BC suggested that BC/MBTC could arrange a “lockable solution” to make sure their possessions are out of the way and not left out at times when they do not have occupation of the pavilion.
- 5) Every BC member has option to have a key to the pavilion. A solution would be required, possibly a key safe. Councillor Love currently has the keys to the store room.
- 6) There was some uncertainty about the ownership of various items and the BC and MBTC would need to draw up an inventory.

The BC then went on to question the term of the LO and whether it could be extended, possibly to reflect the former lease that the BC had. Councillor Robin Williams suggested that as there had been a breakdown in the relationship between MBTC and the BC over the last year or so, that a 1 year LO would be prudent at this stage for 2021, but that a longer LO could be looked at for the future.

The BC also questioned the relinquishment of the lease. Councillor Fisk advised them that there was documentary evidence of this dating back to 2015.