

# NSRC - Members Update / Notice for Members Meeting 1st July 2022

**Members Update-23rd June 2022**

**And**

**Notice calling a live Members Meeting at NSRC**

**6pm Friday 1st July 2022 in the club lounge**

The committee would like to bring members up to date with its proposed actions to tackle the considerable financial challenges the club faces at the moment, and in the medium-term future.

As members will know, we have recently faced the problem of significant energy increases and after consultation with members and their very generous offer of additional financial support, we are able with more confidence, to look forward to the next membership year. We have been able to avoid the more drastic action that may have been necessary. We are very grateful for this support.

We continue to carefully monitor the condition of the club fabric, and the ongoing need for repairs and maintenance. The backlog is considerable with new roofing needed to Courts 5 and 6, extensive repair work to the glazing to the bar and lounge area and ongoing repairs to the courts. We have upgraded the lighting to Courts 7, 8, 9 and 10 which was fundamental to attracting events for the club. There is always regular work needed - completion of the men's steam room, general area redecoration etc. This work is ongoing with the generous support of volunteers. The complete financial picture is consolidated within a detailed Asset Management Plan which is updated regularly.

We have formed a Marketing Sub Group which will actively develop ways in which new members can be attracted. We would welcome any suggestions and support from those who may have contacts in the Nottingham area which could help us.

On the positive side, we are actively researching ways in which our offer can be made more attractive and still at the early stages of testing a number of ideas but we do need to explore ways in which the considerable costs can be met.

The need for substantial additional capital to keep the fabric of the club in good condition is fundamental to our future. Such an amount will be far in excess of the modest funds we currently hold on account though which, hopefully, will see us through these current challenging times.

We have been in discussion with the local planning authority about the possible development of the site alongside courts 9 and 10. They have been supportive in principle to our proposal to develop this part of the site for housing and, if successful, our proposed scheme will generate capital to not only fund our ideas for improving our offer to current and potential members but to begin the long process of repairs and upgrading.

To that end we have just received a positive response from the planners to our revised scheme. They state that it is now of a form and configuration where it would be of merit (to the locality).

As we are at a pre application planning stage the planners propose that consultation with our

Park Estate neighbours and Park Estate bodies should now be undertaken as soon as possible to try and gain support for our scheme; and that consultation will commence very shortly.

We hope they will understand the challenging financial situation the club is in and appreciate a scheme that has been sympathetically developed to best suit the plot and the Conservation environment it is located in.

Accordingly, we would like to call a Club Members Meeting, live, to make the scheme presentation to you, with our architect, and to fully discuss the proposal and all its ramifications. That meeting will take place in the club bar/lounge commencing 6pm on Friday 1st July next. We hope that as many members as possible can attend this important meeting.

We have been working with our architect and consultant planner on this opportunity for over 18 months but, due to the great sensitivity of the matter have been unable to disclose our pre-application submissions to club members until now.

It has been a very difficult couple of years for all of us, but the committee feels very positive that our initiatives, with members' support, will lead to a brighter future.

The Committee