

Community Amateur Sports Club Status

In obtaining verification of this year's accounts, the Treasurer was advised that the Club's tax status was unclear and should be reviewed. Should discrepancies be discovered there are basically two options for the future: pay corporation tax or apply for Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) status, which would avoid the Club needing to pay tax.

The Committee has debated this issue at some length and taken advice from a subject matter expert in the membership. As ever, there are two sides to the argument and the Committee is not of one mind in deciding the best approach, hence we need to discuss the matter at the AGM.

This issue requires further deep thought and it is too important to make a snap decision at this AGM: we are not far enough advanced to proffer the AGM a reasoned argument for one course over the other and we do not yet know for sure that we truly have a problem to solve. Equally, it is important that we resolve this matter quickly and certainly well before the 2021 AGM.

Hence what the Committee hopes to achieve at this AGM comprises:

- Explain in broad terms the benefits to the Club of achieving CASC status.
- Explain the perceived disbenefits inherent in CASC status that are causing the differences of opinion.
- Ask the AGM for the delegated authority for the Committee to make the decision on how to proceed once it has concluded its research and reached a consensus.