

Malahide Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
Motions for AGM on 28 February, 2022
Submitted by Members

Motion 1 (a):

(Note: At the date of submission of this motion (7 February, 2022) to our knowledge, the planning application for Covered Courts on the Club grounds has not been submitted to Fingal County Council).

In circumstances where, as of the date of the AGM, 28 February 2022, an application for planning permission has been submitted to Fingal County Council this AGM resolves that:

The incoming Management Committee for 2022/23 shall withdraw forthwith the planning application submitted to Fingal County Council in respect of the proposed development of an Indoor Court facility on the Club grounds and shall, with immediate effect, cease all work and expenditure on the development of the project.

Motion 1 (b)

In circumstances where, as of the date of the AGM, 28 February, 2022, an application for planning permission has **not** been submitted to Fingal County Council this AGM resolves that:

The incoming Management Committee for 2022/23 shall only proceed with the submission of a planning application for the development of an indoor Courts facility on the Club grounds if approval to make such an application has been obtained from the Club members, by way of a resolution passed at an AGM or EGM as appropriate. In the meantime all work and expenditure on the project shall cease.

Proposed by: Finian Matthews

Seconded by: Pauline Murray

Motion 2:

The approval of the Club membership shall be sought, either at an AGM or EGM as appropriate, before any further substantive decisions are taken in relation to the proposal to develop an Indoor Court facility on the Club grounds. For the avoidance of doubt this applies in particular to any decision on whether to appeal the decision of Fingal County Council in relation to the planning application for the project to an Bord Pleanala.

Proposed by: Finian Matthews

Seconded by: Pauline Murray

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Background note (Submitted by F Matthews and Pauline Murray)

An EGM in relation to the Indoor Courts project took place on 13 October, 2021. This was the first opportunity that members had to vote on indoor courts at a general meeting. The meeting was attended by 403 members of the Club. At that meeting 62% of the voting members in attendance voted in favour of the following motion:

The Management Committee shall not proceed with the provision of an Indoor Court facility on the Club grounds and shall in particular not proceed with the submission of a planning application to Fingal County Council for such facility.

By way of their vote on this motion a substantial majority of the members attending the EGM expressed their democratic view that the Management Committee of the Club should not proceed any further with the Indoor Courts project.

Under the provisions of its Constitution the Club members exercise overall and final authority over the Club.

In that regard, based on the vote at the EGM, and bearing in mind the absence of any previous general meeting vote, the Management Committee do not have a mandate from the Club's members to submit a planning application for Indoor Courts on Courts 6 to 9. On the contrary, based on the outcome of the vote on the above motion, only 37% of the voting members in attendance at the EGM were in favour of proceeding with the planning application.

In proceeding with the planning application, the Management Committee have, therefore, done so against the express wishes of 62% of the voting Club members who participated in the EGM to consider and make a decision on the proposal.

Motion 1 seeks to reverse the decision of the outgoing Management Committee to proceed with the planning application, contrary to the wishes of a substantial majority of Club members as expressed at the EGM held on 13 October, 2021.

At the last Club AGM held on 22nd March 2021 the members in attendance were give specific assurances that the covered courts project was still in its earliest phase, that members would be constantly updated on how it was progressing and that no decisions would be taken without first consulting with members.

It is considered that a decision on whether to appeal the decision of Fingal County Council in relation to the planning application to an Bord Pleanala is sufficiently substantive to require that it be put to members for a decision on whether or not to proceed with such an appeal.

It should be noted that the sponsors of Motion 2 will withdraw the motion at the AGM in the event of Motion 1 being passed by members at the meeting.

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Research Processes for the collection of data or information from MLTTC members, the data analysis and reporting of this data or information.

Motion 3:

This AGM resolves that:

- To ensure clarity and full transparency, an explanation of the purpose or aim of data or information gathering shall be specified prior to the commencement of the data or information gathering stage i.e. any survey, questionnaire or other method used.
- The full results and statistics from any MLTCC data or information gathering from the MLTCC members shall be made available to the MLTCC Members within a reasonable timeframe after the conclusion of the research phase.
 - No partial or incomplete results or statistics from any MLTCC data or information gathering from the MLTCC members will be valid for reference until the full results are published.

Proposed by: Allison Devally
Seconded by: Marie Whitty

Strategic Plans or Plans of 2 years or more duration

Motion 4:

This AGM resolves that:

- Any Strategic Plans or Plan of 2 or more years duration shall be referred to as a Draft or Proposed Strategic Plan or Draft or Proposed [number of year] Plan until voted on and approved by members at an AGM or EGM as appropriate
- Upon reaching the required voting majority
 - A Proposed Strategic or Proposed [number of year] Plan will be referred to as the Strategic Plan or [number of year] Plan
 - The full outcome of any vote on a Proposed Strategic or Proposed [number of year] Plan will be recorded and published to members

Proposed by: Allison Devally
Seconded by: Orlaith McHugh