

Committee Meeting to discuss Macclesfield Half Marathon options

September 29th – 7.30pm at Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Attendees - Keith Mulholland [KM via telephone], Mark Wheelton [MW], Mark Godden [MG], Jo Thompson [JT], Ray O'Keefe [RO], Barbara Murray [BM], Fran Swallow [FS], Kim Eastham [KE]

Apologies - Mandy Calvert [MC], Bob Lynch [BL]

1. MW welcomed all attendees and thanked JT for her involvement and production of the options paper. Thanks also to MC for her knowledge sharing, enabling the paper to be pulled together.

2. After much discussion and consideration, it was decided that Macclesfield Harriers would no longer organise & hold the 'Macclesfield Harriers Half Marathon'. This was largely due to:-

- Traffic Management Costs. Previously, circa £8k and expectations that there would be an increase to this figure for 2023 and onwards.
- Sponsorship, especially in the current climate could prove a significant challenge.
- No reasonable alternative Half Marathon routes with a start/finish at the track, that would mean no traffic management plan required, are available.

3. A commercial company has approach the club with an interest to take over the event. Meetings will be arranged with prospective local companies to discuss further – **Action KE**

4. Alternative routes for a shorter event [10 mile /10k], to be explored. The Cheshire Grand Prix series is being revived for 2023 and a Macclesfield Harriers race could be included in this

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5. Moving forward, should a viable route alternative be found, JT expressed an interest in working with the committee on a new race event.

6. Date of the next committee meeting – Thursday, October 13th at 8.15pm