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Subject: Menheniot Tennis Club 24 Hour Tennisathon

Good morning John,

Please can I ask if the following can be added to the agenda for next Thursday's meeting.

Menheniot Tennis Club (MTC) would like to seek permission from Menheniot Parish Council to use the MUGA outside of their normal permitted hours of 8am - 9.30pm please.

We would like to hold a Tennisathon as we did last year, but extend it to the full 24 hour period from **8pm on Friday 28th June 2024** through until **8pm on Saturday 29th June 2024**.

St Lukes Hospice has been chosen as our nominated charity for 2024 and we are looking to raise more than £2,000 through a charity quiz in May, charity draw ticket sales and sales from our BBQ and Cream Teas on the day of the event. We always have great support from the village, and have already had a £200 cash prize put up as the main prize in the draw!

We were granted permission last year to hold it from 5am - 10pm (Dawn to Dusk) and it was a huge success, raising £1,250 for the Cornwall Air Ambulance. We were not noisy and didn't disturb any residents last year when we started at 5am and only minimal people played during the unsociable hours anyway.

Last year I personally knocked on all the houses surrounding the MUGA to seek their support for a 24 Hour Tennisathon and was only met with one objection from [REDACTED]. MTC decided as this was our first attempt at such an event we would cut it back to 17 hours.

With over 180 members ranging in age from 5 - 87 years, this is a great opportunity to get as many of them on court at varying points over the 24 hour period. Dave Clue and his son played out the final hour against a couple of other club members which was a fantastic moment for both him and the club to end a fantastic event. The club feel that any objections to holding such an event for charity would be detrimental to all involved. The publicity not only for MTC, but for St Lukes Hospice and the village of Menheniot far out ways an objection from one resident.

So in simple terms please could we be granted permission for the following:

- Permission to play from 9.30pm - 8am (current permission 8am - 9.30pm)
- Permission to use the floodlights during darkness roughly from 9.30pm - 6am latest (current permission 3pm - 9.30pm)

The reason for seeking permission early is to be able to advertise the event and plan accordingly for the day. These events take an awful lot of planning as you can imagine.

I am unable to attend the meeting on Thursday 22nd February as I will be at St Agnes to see if MTC are successful in winning the County Club of the Year.

If you do have any questions beforehand, or you need anything else from me, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Zoe Harris
Chair
Menheniot Tennis Club