

MINUTES OF GWVHA MEETING HELD ON 20th APRIL AT 7.30 IN THE HALL

1. ATTENDANCE. M. Bassendine, L.Gillam, B. Hinchcliffe, P. Hinchcliffe, M. McKenzie, J. Wilkes, E. young. Apologies from A. Lawson.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. We're agreed as correct.

3. PH started the meeting by expressing sorrow that IJ, MP and CR had resigned as they disagreed with actions taken by the chair. MB stated that after their resignation PH had offered his resignation instead but the committee had unanimously rejected his offer. PH to contact Simon Gregory re representatives.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Storm Arwen. EY reported that £140 compensation had been received. PH reported that he had contacted the Community Hub Infrastructure Fund as a possible source of funding to make the hall an emergency hub but had been informed that this was not the aim of this fund but we would be advised if other funds became available.

Electricity. A new contract has been agreed at 28.2ppkwh. To date no credit had been received for the double charging of standing charge on the last contract. PH to chase this. EY reported that there had been no increase in direct debit yet.

BT Pole. The new pole is in situ, the phone line is live but broadband is not as it is not yet available. A new router will arrive to JW by 29th April. PH to connect. BT apologetic and have given broadband contract for two years at phone line cost and three months free. EY stated we have not yet received bill and PH said he had tried to set up an account but had failed as their system did not accept their order number. Would pursue it.

Bluebell Rise. PH reported Anvil Homes still had not completed purchase of land.

Little Free Library. MP to be contacted about this.

5. FUNCTIONAL REPORTS.

Social.

Jubilee Tea Party. MM reported she had hand paints and white bunting hand painting is to be done by children at the May Coffee Morning. MB and JW to provide bunting. JW to put it on Facebook. No coffee morning to be held on Saturday 4th June but a tea party to be held on Sunday 5th between 3pm and 6pm. Attendees to bring their own picnics and volunteers would produce cakes. People can bring their own drinks and the bar will be open. MP to be contacted about bouncy castle availability and PC to be contacted about putting it on triangle outside the garden. Insurance to be arranged. Possibly background music to be available and live streaming the National event on the big screen. Grant to be accepted and possible pay back of money for entertainer. MB to produce flyer.

FA Cup Final 14th May. MM suggested this with bar and nibbles provided streaming could be provided. Agreed.

Highlights. EY reported 25 tickets already sold for 19th May. Music event with Rob Heron and Tom Cronin Bar and nibbles. She had put a flyer round the village.

She also said there would be a promoter event on 10th May at Shilbottle and on the internet. Xmas Fair. JW suggested an Xmas Fair on the December coffee morning. She would make enquiries from previous stall holders.

Fish and Chip Van. On some previous occasions the van ran out of fish especially on the late session. JW to put suggestion for preordering on Facebook

Educational.

Gardening talk from cottage gardener at Bingfield on 17th May. Bar and Nibbles. JW to put on Facebook.

MB has emailed archeologist re metal detecting in area but as yet no reply.

Hall Hire.

LG reported that there had been private bookings and another one booked for 21st May.

Also possible booking for 1st May.

End of life doulas care are coming on 28th April to look at hall re suitability as a training venue. They were inspecting several halls.

WI rental. MM reported that they would increase their rental payment to £20 to be in line with Matfen.

Pilates will start with a taster session on 25th April and continue on a weekly basis. LG to contact Jill re hiring agreement and EY re billing. Charge to be £15 for one session and £22.50 if it goes to two consecutive sessions. PH to provide LG with key to give to instructor. Thanks to Jeanette McMahon for organising this.

Events Notice. EY agreed to put events schedule notice in notice board.

Finance. EY gave a financial report for the year. She is to provide the spreadsheet to PH and together they will arrange with Henry Brown to do an independent inspection.

Health and Safety. JW reported that the files ready for the grant meeting. She had done a policy on Covid. MB raised the risk re porch step JW obtain a notice and a yellow strip to be put on the step.

IT and Facebook. PH reported that he was going to become responsible for the website and the email list. JW will take over Facebook. MP to be contacted re handover of responsibilities. MB suggested that now might be the time to agree mutual publicity on websites and Facebook with the friends. JW would contact Bob Duncan about this.

AV System. PH to contact Duncan Cave re instruction manual for system. If MP unable to provide instruction in its use another possibility was Matfen Village Hall who had the same system.

Gardening,

Tree disposal. MM said council would not do this. Two possibilities of contractor, MB and MM to liaise and arrange with one of them.

Tree for Jubilee. MB proposed to raise the possibility of this at the gardening talk.

Thanks to C and J Pearson for cutting the grass.

Maintenance

PH said nothing to report.

6. Grant Proposal

Planning. We have been informed that planning is required. JW has arranged for a planning consultant to come on Friday 22nd April at 2pm.

Grant Position. Simon Gregory had asked PH for an update which he had given and read out to the meeting. He will forward it to all committee members. Since then we have been informed that we have been turned down by The Sir James Knott Trust due to lack of funds and covid priority. He has obtained the application form for The community Hub Infrastructure Fund and will apply for the same amount.

The sub committee will now be MB, PH, JW and EY.

Meeting with Louise Currie and Stephanie Ellis will be on 16th May at 6pm in the committee room.

PH read out the checklist they had provided which we had covered except for a few minor items.

7. POLICIES.

The following policies have been produced or updated and were approved at the meeting

Health and Safety.

Safeguarding.

Equal opportunities.

Finance.

Hall Hire guidelines. Require further input from BH

Covid Risk Assessment and Guidelines were also reviewed.

8. HERITAGE.

MB, BH and PH attended a meeting with Tracy Morgan this morning about heritage. She passed on the recorder for oral histories and went through the tool kit. MB wants to concentrate on republishing Whittington in Wartime and Gardening Book plus photographs and other information

from the archive. Oral histories could be obtained from six relevant people. A grant of £300 is available. She suggested a wine and cheese party in June as a means of raising funds for a publication.

9. FILM CLUB.

This was to be included in the chairs report at the AGM detailing that the facility was available and licences obtained but it was felt that a separate group could run it.

10. AOB.

MB raised the possibility of £350 grant for up to 75% of the cost of an EV charging point. JW and PH said that a point with the facility to charge money for the service would cost a lot more than £468. PH said he would contact CAN to suggest they arrange one authorised installer for halls at a reduced rate.

Quiz night. MM reported on the quiz night she had attended at Matfen Village Hall. Rachael, the person organising it, agreed to run one for us. MM to obtain further information and report back. It was agreed that this would be a good idea for the autumn.

Handover from MP. It was agreed that BH would draft a letter concerning the handover of responsibilities. This would be sent for approval to committee members prior to her being contacted.

11.NEXT MEETING

May 25th at 7.30 in the hall