



Cherhill Village Hall

Minutes of Trustees Meeting of the Cherhill Village Hall CIO held at 7.30pm on Monday 17th May 2021 in the Hall

Those present

Nathan Bliss, John Cavanagh, David Cracknell (Treasurer), Bob Deacon, David Grafton, Kerri Lynch, Alan Moore, Simon Tomlinson (Chair), Nick White, Adrian Wright

Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Sharon Simmons, Maggie Moore and Jo Taylor.

Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were accepted and all actions had either been completed or are covered in these minutes. The Trustees particularly thanked Simon for the work completed.

Treasurer's Report

The CIO finances are healthy despite the CoVid shutdown primarily due to some £30k of government grants received during the pandemic, thanks to the Treasurer. Solar panel income for the period was £346. Refilling the heating oil tank, the biggest expenditure, cost £446. We had rejoined the Wiltshire Village Hall Association (£50). Cash at bank totalled £55,600 of which £8400 was currently attributed to the New Village Hall/Park Lane project.

It was agreed to arrange a new 2 year contract with SSE for electricity.

Action: David Cracknell

Year end forecast outturn was -£2.5k worst, -£1.1k central, -£0.8k best. The negative outturns were due to timing of receipts around year end.

Annual General Meeting and Trustee Elections

The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 5th July (note change from previous minutes). Simon has drafted a Chairman's Report and this will be incorporated with the Financial Report from David C.

John will prepare the formal Notices of AGM and Trustee elections and arrange publication on website, Facebook, Noticeboard, "Villages" and Telegraph Poles. Simon to ask David Evans for previous forms.

Action: John Cavanagh, Simon Tomlinson

Simon will contact User Groups and ask each to make short verbal report to the AGM.

Action: Simon Tomlinson

The following Trustees are due to stand down and have offered themselves for re-election: David Cracknell, Alan Moore, Nathan Bliss and Nick White.

Maggie will arrange refreshments, simply wine and crisps.

Action: Maggie Moore

Hall Bookings

Following partial relaxation of CoVid regulations user groups are returning to the Hall, including Monday Toddlers, Scouts/Beavers/Cubs, Yoga, WI, gardening Club, Oldbury Club committee, Theatre group, and Extend. Art classes are not returning. There have been several other enquiries and another election is due in August.

It was agreed that another Auction should be held on 23rd October.

Action: David Grafton

Health and Safety

The hall remains CoVid secure and government/ACRE guidance is being followed. Voting at local elections had been successfully completed following H&S inspections by Wiltshire Council.

Regular hall inspections by trustees have been reinstated.

Action: Trustees

Hall Maintenance

Works in the car park and environs had been completed. The folding chairs and trolleys were still in transit. Thanks to Kerri and Maggie for disposal of old chairs to a charity in Ghana.

New Village Hall/Park Lane project

Andrew Ainslie has agreed in principle to the land sale and gift and the transfer is with solicitors. The covenants regarding the boundary fence and use of the site have been modified, the latter to allow for community use in advance of construction work. The land sale price is £10200 and legal fees are likely to be about £5000.

It was agreed that a new access gate and some hard standing should be installed following acquisition. Provision of electricity and water supplies would be useful. A budget is required for this work. David G would obtain estimates for the gate and hard standing. Alan for electricity. Simon for water.

Action: David Grafton, Alan Moore, Simon Tomlinson

David C will investigate insurance cover for the Park Lane field.

Action: David Cracknell

It has been suggested that the Memorial Copse could be situated in a part of the Park Lane field.

Alan has applied for a £440k grant from the UK Community Renewal Fund; the chances of success are low but finite.

Any Other Business

Nathan to use FaceBook to alert villagers to use of the car park by groups.

Action: Nathan Bliss

In view of the healthy bank balance Trustees were asked to suggest possible use of funds for improvements.

Action: Trustees

Next Meeting

The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 5th July.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.