

Husthwaite Village Hall

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday March 10th 2014

Present; Will Mowatt, Gila Richardson, John Ovenston, Carol Fenwick, Jeremy Walker, Philip Hewitson, Debbie Lewis-Green, Stephen Barker.

Also in attendance; Robin Walton, Chloe Hampson.

Apologies; Malcolm French, Zoe Lodge, Vikki Nixon.

Chloe Hampson from Rural Arts based in Thirsk gave a presentation about the organisation which was established to enable High quality arts and professional dance and theatre groups and individuals to visit rural communities which otherwise would not benefit because of their isolated locations.

Robin Walton came along to explain to the committee about the forthcoming production of Drovers Road which she is directing. The production takes place in Husthwaite from the 23rd to the 26th July. It is agreed that the village hall should grant £300 towards production costs. RW requested that any profits from the production should be ring fenced for future drama productions in Husthwaite.

Matters arising;

Items covered to be followed up: 1/ New notice board for the foyer area of the hall. 2/ Cycle rack, WM to follow up with Barny Smith, Barny offered to obtain a rack to be sited at the village hall. 3/ Landscaping. 4/ Bier house storage, CF to check with the Parish Council to see if we can still have use free of charge of the building.

Treasurers report; (To be attached.) Also the committee decided to hire 'Simply Good' cleaning from Easingwold to clean the hall at a rate of £10 per hour. (4 hours per month)

Snagging report; (ie relating to teething problems connected to the new hall build) JO gave a comprehensive report (To be attached)

Hall requirements outstanding;

We have to decide where to locate two cupboards currently in storage at the Bier house belonging to the History society and the Gardening club. They were previously located in the billiard room at the old hall and members of the two clubs would like them located now in the new hall.

SB to ask his brothers to repair the roof of the Bier house. We agreed this was part of the arrangement with the PC when we took on the building last year for storage purposes.

Frequent cleaning of hall; We discussed setting up a rota of volunteers to keep the hall clean and tidy especially before we hire the hall out on a private hire basis. JO, PH, WM to look into this.

Fund raising; DLG informed members that the market to be held on Sunday 16th March will have a record of at least 21 stallholders. This is a fantastic response and the village hall committee greatly appreciates the time and effort put in by Debbie and her team.

Revue of events and proposed events;

Long mat bowls: 22 people showed interest in participating at the recent weekend taster event organised by Malcolm French. Possibly a winter league could be joined if demand dictates.

Table Tennis: An average of 15 people are attending the once a month Sunday morning gatherings organised by Jeremy Walker.

Monthly Quiz Evenings: These are proving very popular with more people attending than when they were held at the Orchard Inn. It was decided to skip July and August due to the summer holidays.

Outdoor sports: Throughout the summer months instead of Table tennis indoors it was suggested we use the excellent facilities at the games area for sports such as Volleyball, Tennis and 5 a side football.

Film Club; Calum Mowatt organises the Film club which now takes place in the new hall. It is very successful bringing many of the latest and most popular films to Hushwaite and very well attended.

Other matters:

A user development meeting takes place on Monday 17th March at 7.30pm.

Sarah Aspinall is looking after feedback to the lottery.

PH is monitoring running costs at the hall and we are hoping that booking fees etc will well cover this. It is still too early to say.

GR and WM are looking at music events which could be held in the hall and also a Children's workshop over Easter and 10th May which GR is overseeing.

WM and GR went to Weaverthorpe village hall to a community hub meeting.

A meeting is being held at Coxwold VH on 15th March re liaison between village halls.

Recycling;

SB reported that both MF and SB have spoken to Hambleton District Council about emptying of recycling bins at the hall which have been overlooked despite requests to empty them. If the problem persists SB will contact Caroline Patmore our District and County councillor about the matter.

Debbie has lost a table belonging to her. It was at Beacon Banks before we emptied her cellar to relocate items to the new village hall. Does anyone know where it may be?

WM has attended a meeting of the YO61ers, (a local business and networking group)he has invited them in the near future to hold one of there meetings at the new village hall.

PH reported that the hall Insurance has been renewed after quite a bit of hassle at a sum of £300 on a three year deal.

The meeting then concluded.

SB