

Bishopton Village Hall Association

Minutes from the meeting on 10th December 2019

Members present: Mrs M Wood, Mr P Wood (Chair), Mrs Susan Melaney, Mr Norman Melaney, Mrs K Fabi, Mrs P Gowan, Mrs C Robson, Mrs L Bowes, Mr R Bowes, Ms S Elliott, Miss J Kears

Matters Arising:

1. Welcome to potentially new members: Rob & Laura Bowes, Sandra Elliott. The hall is in good repair but the committee has a need for new members. Current members will stay on as long as needed. New potential members (those here tonight and others, Jo Frost and Catherine Fabi, Adam and Katherine Leake) are most welcomed. The running of coffee mornings on Tuesdays continues to strengthen the community spirit. Thank you, Kath and Pat.
2. All are happy with minutes from last meeting and Peter has signed them.
3. Parish Council Clerk Les Foggatt to upload Parish minutes to Bishopton website. Jill to contact him.
4. Yearly electricity bill: 2017 - £397; 2018 - £689. We used to use only an oil programmer for the hall which needed to be switched on. This was not practical. Therefore, electric heaters with coin machines were installed. Two years ago we got electric blow heaters. Pat said it was cold a few nights ago. The committee agreed to look at other energy-saving alternatives.
5. Laura is a trustee for National Insulation - based in Darlington- and can provide cost estimate. Discussed an internal double door, other new doors and windows. Peter said that with new members, we should look to improve the building. Claire pointed out that we need to improve the building (compare it to the hall at Sadberge). We need to make it more vibrant to attract people in. Pat said we should have wi-fi to appeal to the younger generation. The Parish Council is looking at putting it in hall anyway.
6. Norman said the heaters may need to be lowered in the hall to make them more effective. Norman and Peter would together check the power supply in the hall.
7. Bookings information has been updated in the magazine.
8. Bookings - Dogs Trust has just cancelled. We will lose them at the end of January. We have lost a few parties. Jamie and dog-training only did 4 weeks and has stopped. The invoice numbering system was changed as planned. Sandra knows someone interested in teaching aerial yoga. The beams would need inspection before this class could commence. Sandra also said line dancing is popular elsewhere. Laura suggested we ask people what they want. Peter suggested new committee members could investigate this. Pat said the coffee morning took off partly due to a re-decoration of the hall, and that is part of the problem- the hall needs to be more attractive to appeal to people. We need to push for more users and functions.
9. The treasurer gave an up-to-date financial report which was satisfactory.

10. Mandates/signatories to be done by Sue and Jill.
11. Charity Committee updated by Jill.
12. Replacement water heater installed by Peter and Geoff.

Any Other Business

- We need to set date for AGM for the first Wednesday in April.
- We need to consider a Bishopton LinkedIn.
- We would like to get the website up and running. Susan to do this.
- The new regular date for the committee meetings to be the first Wednesday in the month. Thus our next meeting will be: Wednesday, 5th February 2020 (7pm).
- Mary and Peter will put together a pack for all new members, e.g. renewal reminders, Health and Safety, financial statements, Charity Committee trustees, etc. Updated contacts will be typed up by Jill.
- Peter to check smoke alarm in the hall.
- It was clarified that members of the committee are also charity trustees. trustees.

Meeting ended 8.40 pm.