

ISLE ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 3 February 2016 at the Village Hall

Present: Jo Pavey-Morris, Maureen Boyman, David Sutcliffe and Tim Westworth

1. Apologies Mandy Hughes, Tracy Lanfear, Steve Morris and Emily Watts

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting 18 November 2015 Read and approved

3. Matters arising from minutes of meeting 18 November 2015

a) Property & furniture checks/chairs

*** Outside lights etc**

The electrician was asked to adjust the corner sensory light so that it comes on sooner when leaving the back of the kitchen but this proved impossible. We will wait to see if it is necessary to install another.

*** Repairs to outside walls/damp course**

KB Construction has agreed to use lime mortar and this would not cost any more. They are coming to review the condition of the wall and may amend their quote. They will also refix tiles on the roof and refix guttering. Jo will contact the Committee for approval of any new quote.

*** Shed**

KB Construction is to be asked to look at the leaks in the shed.

b) Renewals

The annual Property Check and Risk Assessment will take place before Easter. The annual fire extinguishers' certification will take place in April/May.

The quote for insurance and employers' liability has increased from £947.78 to £1007.08. This is due to an increase in the rate of government tax and index linking. Jo will get 2 other quotes but if no better we will stay with AON.

It was agreed to renew our CCS subscription and to apply for renewal of Hallmark 1 & 2.

As agreed Jo has negotiated a 3 year fixed rate for electricity with SSE.

c) Questionnaire to Village

Jo distributed the draft Village questionnaire and asked for comments by 10 February. We plan to deliver the questionnaire to all residents by 17 February and ask for them to be returned by 29 February in a box either in the Village Hall or Church porch.

d) Wellbeing Fund

Steve Morris has received an apology on behalf of the Committee from the Parish Council re the comments they made on the Committee's handling of this fund.

The Playgroup with advice from Jo has applied to this year's Wellbeing Fund.

4. Playgroup report

Tim reported the CD player and the tap in the store were not working and the sink was leaking. With our agreement Tim said he would cut the overhanging hedge on Cuffs Orchard side. Playgroup have applied for a grant from SCC for a climbing frame but the council want it to be fixed in the ground. The Committee are happy in principle but the frame needs to be moveable as the garden is small and would limit our activities in it. Tim will look into the possibilities and report back with dimensions etc. Playgroup wish to hire the hall over lunchtime on March 19 for Easter activities.

5. Choir Report

David told us the choir had 31 members who are from Isle Abbots and the surrounding villages. They meet every Monday evening in the Village Hall and are often invited to sing at different venues throughout the year. They are next singing at a fund raiser in Isle Abbots Church on 29 April.

6. Bookings Report

Maureen reported the following bookings -

1 st Wednesday of every month	Coffee & Chat
Last Saturday in the month	Village Quiz
13 February confirmed	PCC Valentine Dinner
5 May	Police & Crime Commissioners Polling Day
15 May	Cottell Family Christening

7. Social Committee Report

Maureen gave details of the Social Committee's plans for 2016 as follows

24 February	Driftwood workshop
12 March	Greek Evening
11 May	Somerset Day
11,12 June	Royal 90 th Birthday Celebrations & Revue
13 July	Flower Arranging workshop
4 November	Talk on Carols by David Sutcliffe
Tba November	Pig Racing

Maureen asked if the AGM could be moved to 18 May as 11 May was Somerset Day and the committee agreed.

Coffee & Chat have submitted their accounts. They have paid the hall hire for the next 3 months, made donations to charity and still have £84 surplus with which they intend to buy equipment for the use of all in the hall.

8. Treasurer's Report

Jo reported that SCC are looking into which halls they can continue to give discretionary rates and has been asked to submit details of the hall hire. Maureen to provide.

Jo handed out copies of the accounts.

The main accounts stand as follows –

General Account	£3564.87
Trust Reserve Account	£5427.68
Marquee Account	£3647.61
Repair Account	£ 847.21
Wellbeing/Grant Account	£ 231.12
Petty Cash	£ 36.12

8. Secretary's Report

Maureen reported that Jenny Byrom had given the Hall a framed jigsaw map of Somerset which has been mounted on the wall left of the fireplace. Maureen has written to thank Jenny.

9. Items for next agenda

None other than those arising from these minutes

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 3 May 2016 (time to be confirmed) in the Village Hall to approve the accounts and Wednesday 18 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall AGM

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Chairperson's Signature _____ **Date** _____