

Gwehelog Parish Hall

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at 8.00pm Monday 6th November 2017

Present

Windsor Howells - Chairman & Trustee
Brian Paul -Treasurer
Annis Paul –Secretary & Trustee
Roger Leaver – Marketing & IT - Member
Kay Davies - Member
Rob Baker – Member
John Davies – Member
Val Smith – Guest
Simon Carbury – Guest
John Kershaw – Guest
Charlie Kirby - Guest

Apologies

Sue Baker. - Member

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting dated 16th October 2017 was agreed, and signed off by the Chairman.

Presentation of the Defibrillator

Simon Carbury from the Community Council handed over the Defibrillator to Rob Baker of the Gwehelog Parish Hall. Photos were taken and Lottery funded stickers were placed on the temperature controlled Cabinet. Roger to include the presentation in the Newsletter.

Matters Arising

The Decorator—Daniel Yandle has completed the painting, and paid in full for all his work.

Kaye mentioned that Ricky has sent a report to Robert Wigginton about the cutting down of the tree. Annis is to contact Robert to obtain a copy of his comments. Ricky felt that the tree should have any deadwood taken out and the crown reduced but not felled. Windsor commented on the blocking of the guttering following falling leaves, as well as any root disturbance to the road or premises. The Committee discussed the cost and time involved and agreed to have the tree cut down, leaving enough trunk for Rob to do the sculpture.

Rob is in the process of organizing the book shelves and an explanatory notice on how the book share works.

The Abba Concert was a great success, and with a full house, raised a profit of £721.00. Truedy was thanked for all her hard work in baking and sourcing the food, with the help of Sue and Chris.

The Committee decided on buying Truedy a shrub for the garden as a token of appreciation, which Rob will source, and pass on to her.

The Defibrillator training took place on Wednesday 1st November 2017 which was very informative and enjoyed by all.

Donations plus Teas & Coffees was £50.46

The Red Cross would not accept any donation, so a cheque will be raised for £100 to go to Wales Air Ambulance Charity, which Brian will organise.

Discussions took place on the purchase of 30 chairs, to save borrowing from the Raglan Baptist Church.

Brian produced a catalogue from Advanced Furniture. The cost would be £36.05 per chair plus VAT. It was agreed to buy a stackable chair in a dark blue (Cobalt /Cranberry) to match the previous chairs purchased from them in August 2006.

Brian is to apply for a grant from the Monmouthshire Charitable Foundation as soon as possible, before the order can be placed.

John Kershaw informed the Committee that 18 households have applied for Welsh Government Grants, in order to obtain a faster broadband and so far 17 have been accepted.

He requested approval for a second line to be installed in the Village Hall.

Approval was given, after further discussions.

John felt it would be useful to have a meeting in January to receive feedback from the 18 households and to invite any other locals that would be interested in getting connected. A survey on broadband would hopefully be collated to facilitate any future service.

Roger agreed to insert in the next newsletter.

The Oil /Bottled Gas Buying club details to be looked at, on receipt of further information from Maggie.

Posters have been put up for the Christmas Market/Fayre on Sunday 26th November at 11.00am to 2.00pm. Tables will cost £3.50 each and the sellers are to arrive from 10.00am.

Sue will organise the teas, coffees and cakes. Roger to include the details in the Newsletter

Any Other Business

Roger confirmed that the Parish Hall has now 75 Subscribers to the Newsletter, but requested that more content was needed from other sources.

Kay suggested Jonathan Stephens, who dealt with the winding up of Lord Raglan’s estate, and Anne Benson on gardening or local history.

Roger mentioned that a Coffee morning would help some of the elderly to talk and communicate with other locals.

Val informed the Committee that Grassroots can help with pickups, if required.

Tuesday 5th December 11.00am to 12.30pm. was then agreed as a good date to have a Community Christmas Coffee morning.

If a success then this could be followed up on the first Tuesday of every month.

Roger to include in the Newsletter.

The Committee agreed to put on two evening shows in 2018.

The first show would be Elvis, on a Friday in May 2018. Roger to book.

Roger mentioned Bob Drury’s “Viva Neil Diamond” that was on the Riverfront in October.

This would cost £800 and a booking fee of £50 would be required.

It was agreed to go ahead for a Friday in October 2018.

Windsor mentioned that some of the Christmas decorations needed to be replaced.

Rob to find out what was needed, source, purchase and install on Saturday afternoon 18th November and or Sunday 19th November 2017.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 8.00pm.

There was no other business so the meeting concluded at 10.00pm

Approved.

Date