

Minutes: Garvald Village Hall Committee (GVHC)

Wednesday 20th February 2013

Attendees: Chair - Barrie Ash (BA); Treasurer - Hazel Clark (HC); Secretary - Katy Mowat (KM); Davey Hood (DH); Vickie Short (VS); Lana Bambridge (LB); and Caroline McGregor (CM.)

Apologies: Ian Anderson (IA); and Jean Casey (JC.)

Absent: Ian Marr (IM.)

January Minutes:

- Proposed by HC and seconded by DH

Matters Arising From Action Points

Fire Safety Notices

- Notices of fire safety procedure still need to be laminated and displayed at exits, as per our fire safety briefing with Davie Murray
- HC has spoken to IM, who had agreed to do this, and she reported that he has it in hand
- **ACTION: IM**

Old Lights

- Two of these have now been sold
- The remaining six are being advertised on line at www.gumtree.com/p/for-sale/lobay-lights/1009769048, and we will wait for a month to see if there is any interest
- **ACTION: CM**

Thanks to Toilet Block Donors

- The notice of thanks has now been finalised by CM's friend, Sheila Calder, and all agreed it looks great
- DH agreed to put it up in the toilet entrance as soon as possible
- In the meanwhile, a letter will be sent to Sheila to say a formal thank-you for all her creative efforts
- **ACTION: KM and DH**

Service Agreement with Calor Gas

- To complete this document, various bits of information about our boiler and system are required
- BA has been liaising with the engineer who fitted it, and he will be able to help us when he next comes to carry out the annual service
- Said service is due to happen soon, and afterwards, BA will sit down with DH to finalise the paperwork before posting off to Calor Gas
- **ACTION: BA and DH**

Children's Parties

- KM has now uploaded an "advert" for the Hall as a party venue onto www.garvald.org.uk
- She has also edited the Hall Hires page of said website so that it expressly mentions birthday parties

Notice Board

- The Hall notice board, that at the foot of the drive, was damaged in some wild mid December weather
- Dick Short has kindly volunteered to mend it, if we meet his material costs
- HC reported that he has already made new doors, and will affix them as soon as the weather permits

Gardening at the rear of the Hall

- HC has thus far failed to contact Community Service about maintaining the scrubby area behind the Hall, but will keep on trying
- **ACTION: HC**

Dog Poop at the rear of the Hall

- HC has put up multiple notices reminding dog owners of their legal requirement to poop pick – many thanks to her for this
- **ACTION: HC**

Building Work

External and Internal Paintwork

- The painting of the external windows has been started by Cockburn's, but progress is still being held back by the weather
- When back on site, they will also re-paper and paint the internal damp patch above the West End Door

West End Door

- Barry Rollo has now been instructed to proceed with work on the West End Door, as per his recent updated quote

- HC asked BA to encourage him to complete the work by the end of March, as we could then apply for Local Priorities Fund funding for the portion of the cost not being met by our outstanding grant from the Crystal Rigg Community Development Fund
- **ACTION: BA**

Path Across Orchard

- Community Service have been asked to install a membrane covered with slate chippings so to prevent weed growth on the strip of land between the new path and the building
- We still await to hear from them when it will be done

Boiler Room

- Lothian Broadband have now removed much of their equipment from the Boiler Room, so it is now ready to be tidied out and cleaned up
- KM offered to help HC get the job started on Tuesday 26th February at 1.30pm – other volunteers would, of course, be welcome
- **ACTION: HC and KM**

Events

Wine tasting evening

- CM has been in touch with the gentleman, Ian MacPhail, who organised Gifford Hall's recent successful wine tasting
- She reported that he was conducive to organising something in Garvald along similar lines - £5 per head for a tutored tasting of 6 wines, plus a £1 per bottle donation to Hall coffers for each bottle sold
- The idea was enthusiastically received, and it was decided to try and secure him one Saturday night in April
- **ACTION: CM**

Jumble sale

- So to facilitate a Hall booking request from a village resident, it was agreed to move the date of the annual Jumble Sale from Sunday 23rd to Sunday 16th June
- KM said she would update the website accordingly
- **ACTION: KM**

Hall Hires

Ongoing issues of tidiness and cleanliness

- HC has now produced a laminate for all Hall keys, which reminds borrowers of their responsibility to leave the Hall as clean and tidy found – many thanks to her for this

Inventory of chairs

- BA noted that some of the Hall's chairs are looking a bit grubby and stained
- It was agreed that we should take a closer look when they are all next out, and clean where necessary

Treasurer's Report

Balances

- Current account: £14417.36 – this includes advance payment of the balance for a wedding in April
- 100 Club: £2342.89

Notes

- HC reported that we remain in credit with our electricity supplier
- She also noted that annual PAT testing is due, and that we must shortly renew our licence for live music performances

Crystal Rig Community Development Fund

- GMCC have now invited applications for the next tranche of wind farm money, with the closing date set for late May
- What we could apply for was discussed, with suggestions ranging from a plumbed in urn to an outdoor storage facility by way of secondary glazing
- It was suggested that everyone have a good think ahead of next month's meeting, and then bring fully formed ideas to the table
- **ACTION: ALL**

100 Club

February Draw

- 10, Connel MacGregor; and
- 8, Caroline MacGregor

AOB

Village Snow Plough

- KM reported that Tim Flinn has been in touch, asking for our opinion of his proposal that a small snow plough be bought by GMCC with Crystal Rigg Community Development Fund funds for use on the village's side streets and driveways
- The matter was briefly discussed, and it was decided that it was really a matter for GMCC rather than GVHT

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th March at 7pm.