

Minutes: Garvald Village Hall Committee (GVHC)

Wednesday 13th March 2013

Attendees: Chair - Barrie Ash (BA); Treasurer - Hazel Clark (HC); Secretary - Katy Mowat (KM); Davey Hood (DH); Ian Anderson (IA); Caroline McGregor (CM); and Jean Casey (JC.)

Apologies: Lana Bambridge (LB); and Vickie Short (VS.)

Absent: Ian Marr (IM.)

February Minutes:

- Proposed by BA and seconded by DH

Matters Arising From Action Points

Fire Safety Notices

- Some laminated fire safety notices have now been put up at the exits
- Davie Murray, who conducted our fire safety training, will be asked to check them when he is next in the Hall and ensure that they are compliant
- **ACTION: BA**

Old Lights

- The remaining six lights are currently being advertised on line at www.gumtree.com/p/for-sale/lobay-lights/1009769048
- No interest in them has been recorded over the last month, but it was decided that we should give it a bit more time
- **ACTION: CM**

Thanks to Toilet Block Donors

- The notice of thanks has now been put up by DH – many thanks to him
- KM has also written and sent a formal thank-you to Sheila Calder

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**

Notice Board

- The Hall notice board, that at the foot of the drive, was damaged in some wild mid December weather
- Dick Short kindly volunteered to mend it, has now affixed new doors and bolts and will paint once the weather warms up
- All agreed that he is doing a good job, and it was decided that he should be paid £40 to cover materials and labour
- **ACTION: HC**

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**

Crystal Rig Community Development Fund

- GMCC have now invited applications for the next tranche of the Crystal Rig Community Development Fund
- As such, it was decided that we should garner quotes and apply for funds for the following projects:
 - a plumbed in tea urn for the kitchen
 - secondary glazing membranes for the windows
 - repairs to the boiler room (see Building Work)
 - resurfacing of the floor
 - a patch for the trapdoor in the West End exit
- **ACTION: BA and HC**

Contact Details

- KM informed the committee that she is in the process of updating members' contact details, and will forward a new list soon
- **ACTION: KM**

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
- In the meanwhile, repairs to the internal damp patch are in train – and have shown up other problems with some plasterwork on the ceiling
- Both the original damp patch and the new ceiling hole have now been patched up, and will be re-painted when dry

West End Door

- Barry Rollo has been instructed to proceed with work on the West End Door, and he has promised to start as soon as he can
- Moreover, he has already provided an invoice so that we can approach GMCC for Local Priorities Fund funding before the closing date at the end of the month
- **ACTION: HC**

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

- HC and KM have now cleared out the Boiler Room, and done some remedial plastering
- They reported that there are serious problems with the old fireplace however, namely rotten wood and "stuff" coming down the chimney, which need professional attention
- As such, it was decided that Barry Rollo should be asked to have a look when he next attends the West Exit Door and be asked to quote for a cowl and boarding up the hearth
- **ACTION: BA, HC and KM**

Events

Wine tasting evening

- CM has been in touch with Ian MacPhail, who organised Gifford Hall's recent successful wine tasting, and arranged for him to come to Garvald on Saturday 20th April
- It was decided to convene a meeting of the events sub-committee, so to begin the planning and preparation
- **ACTION: CM, JC, HC, KM and VS**

Jumble sale

- KM reported that she has now updated the website to reflect the change in Jumble Sale date from Sunday 23rd to Sunday 16th June

Hall Hires

Zumba

- BA reported that Zumba classes have now stopped as low attendance meant it was no longer financially viable for the instructor

Treasurer's Report

Balances

- Current account: £14,666.96 – this includes grant money received from GMCC for the external paint work
- 100 Club: £2,342.89 – it was noted that both last month's cheques have not been cashed

100 Club

March Draw

- 52, Ian Marr; and
- 22, Anne White

AOB

Snow Plough

- HC reported that she has received a letter from GMCC re the proposal to buy the village a mini snow plough
- The concept was discussed again, and committee reiterated their view that it was an issue for GMCC to debate rather than GVHT

Garvald Card

- JC reported that 126 have now sold, leaving c70 for the upcoming Plant and Jumble Sales
- All agreed that this has been a successful project, and we should look to do something similar in time for the Christmas Fayre

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th April at 7pm.