

## **Garvald Village Hall Trust- Minutes of meeting 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Hall, 7.30pm**

**Present:** Gary McGregor **GM** Chair, Shirley Evatt **SE** Secretary, Richard Brand **RB**, Lee Robertson **LR**, James Mowat **JM**, Sarah Ramsay **SR** Trustee, Phillip White **PW** Chair of Garvald and Morham Community Council.

**Apologies:** Brian Hills **BH** Treasurer, Tom Edmonds **TE**, Donald Sutherland **DS**

Minutes of the last committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May were approved as a true and accurate account.

### **Committee Changes:**

- **JM** advised he will be standing down from the committee after this meeting as he is moving from the village.

### **Financial Report:**

- **BH** provided a Finance Report:
  - Treasurers Account Balance: £778.65
  - Contingency Account: £3909.41
  - Hall Deposit Account £1001.87 – to be used as drawdown

The financial year ended 31 July, figures at the point:

- Total cash assets – £8,707.53 – This was £9,435.67 at end of last accounting period (31 July 22)
- Treasurers Account £2600.71
- Contingency Account £5105.69
- Hall Deposit Account £1001.13
- Annual Trustee's Insurance premium has been paid

### **Booking Secretary Report:**

- Full update provided by Elaine Macmillan – see below:
- The new Playgroup started yesterday, 29<sup>th</sup> August and will run weekly.
- Mary Beth will re-start drama classes in September – same times as previously.
- Yoga continues on a Monday evening.
- Lammermuir Festival have a booking on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- Local party hire bookings confirmed for 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October.
- Two weddings are planned for next year with deposits paid and bookings secured.
- Two other weddings have confirmed intention to book and agreed dates but deposits still to be paid.

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- Maintenance:
  - Thanks to **LR** for dealing with the repairs after the wedding.
  - The spotlight above the entrance is now on permanently – Needs to be addressed.
  - **EM** had a fall after slipping on the manhole cover to the side of the hall. It is really worn and as a result very slippery. – Needs attention.
  - Roz has reported issue with the pipe at the back of hall. Needs attention.

#### **Matters Arising:**

- **SE** advised that quotations received from the Architect and Structural Engineer to undertake hall fabric surveys.
- **SE** preparing Wind Farm funding application for submission to the Community Council – £7500 to be requested to cover the above noted surveys, plaster surveys and the costs of any emergency/essential repairs.
- **SE** advised that her daughter Isla Evatt is planning a combined coffee afternoon with a table top sale on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October.
- **PW** advised that ELC have confirmed approval to prune the trees on the Village Green. Tree Surgeon Stevie Ness will undertake the work sometime in November. It should take 3-4 days to complete. Chippings will be available for residents to collect. **PW** will provide update and note of dates on the Website.
- **GM** to check whether the security camera is in operation and whether an upgrade to the system is required.
- **BH** to get App which monitors Smart Meter data and analyses usage. **LR** to discuss with **BH**.
- **BH** to check next Electric Bill to assess usage and change.
- **PW** attended meeting in Morham organised by Roger Harris to discuss Broadband issues in the community. Morham experiencing very poor service.
- **PW** has written to MP Kenny MacAskill to enquire about bringing SuperFast Broadband into the village. He has provided an interim response to advise he is looking at it. **PW** will provide an update in due course.
- **PW** advised that there is a scheme called the R100 scheme which subsidises the costs of bringing SuperFast Broadband to your home if your speeds are less than the threshold speed but is subject to having a minimum no. of applications and requires the village to apply collectively.
- **PW** advised that Satellite Broadband may also be another option to consider but monthly costs are expensive.

#### **Any Other Business:**

(left on from previous minutes)

- Committee to consider renewable options such as Solar panels/batteries, ground source heat pumps, and solar meadows as a means to reducing energy costs.
- **Date of AGM – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 7:30pm.**
- **Date of next Committee meeting – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 7.30pm.**