

Garvald Village Hall Trust - Minutes of meeting 30th April 2025 – Hall, 7.30pm

Present: Gary McGregor **GM** Chair, Shirley Evatt **SE** Secretary, Sarah Ramsay **SR** Trustee, Phillip White **PW** Chair of Garvald & Morham Community Council (GMCC), Anne Raitt **AR**, Richard Brand **RB**, Donald Sutherland **DS**, Tom Edmonds **TE** Treasurer

Apologies: Lee Robertson **LR**

Minutes of the last committee meeting on 25th February 2025 were approved as a true and accurate account.

Hall Repair Works:

- **SE** advised that discussions with Malcom Paterson had fallen through re. fitting the replacement window frames.
- **SE** obtained quotation from R S Slight. Total cost of £47,914.00 + vat for all ornate window replacements (not including new glazing).
- **SE** advised that it was proving very difficult getting interest from other firms.
- **GM** advised that he would speak to the planning department to get some advice on a way forward.
- **DS** to contact Built Heritage Dept to seek advice.
- **SR** queried whether we should be looking at the wider picture and considering more extensive works that might reap more benefit in terms of running costs and flexibility in the use of space.
- **SE** to speak to Architect re. the a potential feasibility appraisal for hall usage/enhancements.
- **PW** suggested approaching the planning department to discuss options for introduction of Solar PV.

Financial Report:

- **TE** provided finance update:
 - Community A/C balance - £728.84
 - Contingency A/C balance - £2,207.85
 - Wind Farm Deposit A/C balance - £66,333.92
- The WF deposit A/C is gaining 1% interest. Discussed the option of moving to a 32 day notice A/C.
- Gas costs are around £2500 per year.
- Electricity costs are around £121 per month.
- Consensus is that we are not covering our costs therefore we need to increase hire rates.
- Agreed to increase to £2500 for weekend rate for non-residents and £1250 for Garvald residents.
- Users to be given 30 day notice for rate change.
- **RB** to update rates in hire pack and send to LE. **SE** to upload.
- **TE** queried whether we should consider changing Gas & Elec suppliers.

Booking Secretary Report:

- **LE** provided a Bookings Report
 - Regular users are still,
 - Table Tennis on Monday mornings
 - Yoga classes on Tuesday and Thursdays
 - Playgroup on Thursdays
 - Private event booked for end of May – Jazz evening.
 - A wedding is planned for 7th June 2025.
 - A second wedding has confirmed and paid their deposit – to be held on 30th August.
 - There is a private wellness retreat hire in June.
 - Zoe, the cleaner has left. LE meeting a potential new cleaner on 1st May.
 - LE reminded everyone to leave the hall in a clean and tidy state after use, in the meantime.

Any Other Business:

- **PW** suggested adding future meeting dates to the website.
- **AR** confirmed Christmas Fayre will go ahead. Date TBC.
- **SR/LR** noted that they are still looking to arrange a deep clean and reorganisation of the hall kitchen. Date to be proposed in due course. Volunteers will be requested.
- **DS** raised the issue of mice in the hall. GM advised that pest control had been to the hall and implemented measures to keep them at bay. All users have responsibility to keep the hall clean and tidy.
- **DS** asked is some storage tubs could be purchased for the playgroup. TE suggested a storage shed may be better. Discussion to be continued.

Date of next Committee meeting – Monday 23rd June 2025 at 7.30pm in hall