

Garvald Village Hall Trust - Minutes of meeting 23rd June 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 30th April 2025 were approved as a true and accurate account.

Hall Repair Works:

- The RP Slight window refurbishment costs were discussed and agreed that a potential way forward would be to prioritise the front and rear elevation windows and leave the large arched windows on the east elevation until a later date.
- **DS** noted that he was still hoping to get some advice/interest through a contact in Duns. **DS** to follow up and try to get quote for comparison.
- **SE** noted that she is awaiting a response from East Lothian Council Planning Department regarding permissions.
- It was agreed that assuming one of the quotations is deemed to be acceptable, look to progress window works in Autumn.

Booking Secretary Report:

- **LE** provided a Bookings Report
 - Regular users are still
 - Table Tennis
 - Yoga on Tuesdays and Thursdays and
 - Playgroup on Thursday mornings
 - We have had the following events:
 - The Jazz night at end of May with over 40 people attending
 - A wedding first weekend of June
 - Private party
 - Wellness Retreat on 21st June which appeared to work well.
 - Upcoming events
 - Pilates for 3 Thursdays in July
 - A wedding in August
 - Horticultural show on 23rd August
- The fire safety inspection was carried out on Thursday the 19th June. Awaiting report.
- Neil has taken over the helm of cleaning the hall and is doing a fantastic job, big thank you to him.
- Wedding booking for Easter 2026 has been cancelled due to a change in the couple's circumstances.

Financial Report:

- **TE** provided finance update:
 - Community A/C balance - £95.00
 - Contingency A/C balance - £2,200.00
 - Wind Farm Deposit A/C balance - £21,500.00
- £30k of windfarm funding has been transferred into a 90-day notice account (just over 3% interest).
- £15k of windfarm funding has been transferred into a 30 day notice account (just under 3% interest).
- The Jazz night takings were: £86.00 to the hall and £350.00 to the band (20/80% split).
- Wedding deposit refund of £500.00 was made.
- Insurance policy for Trustees & Committee to be renewed at end of July – approx. £400.00 to be paid to broker. Insurance premium likely to be in the order of £3,000.00.
- **RB** noted that the wedding pack has been updated to include the new hire rates and should be on the website imminently.
- It was agreed that a small deposit would be returned for the cancelled wedding booking on the basis that booking secretary costs have been incurred.

Any Other Business:

- **All** to consider potential fundraising events and bring ideas to next meeting. Some suggestions aired during the meeting:
 - Film Club
 - Fancy dress party
 - Cheese & wine night
 - Kids talent show
 - Greek night
 - Gin tasting/Buck n Birch
 - Clothes/make-up colours evening
 - Charity music gig
 - Craft classes
 - Quiz
- **RB** to look into Instagram advertising.
- **SR** suggested asking if the East Lothian Courier might do a piece on the hall.
- **SR** suggested a new “Friends of the Village Hall” scheme where local residents could donate a small amount per month to bolster hall funds. **SR** to prepare a note for the website, to gauge interest.

Date of next Committee meeting – Tuesday 19th August 2025 at 7.30pm in hall