

Garvald Village Hall Trust - Minutes of meeting 24th March 2026 – 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), Lee Robertson **LR**, Richard Brand **RB**, Donald Sutherland **DS**

Apologies: Kirsty Malcolm **KM**, Tom Edmonds **TE** Treasurer, Anne Raitt **AR**

Minutes of the last committee meeting on 13th January 2026 were approved as a true and accurate account.

Matters Arising:

- Gift Aid – **DS** agreed to take this on to get the hall registered with HMRC. **GM/DS** to chat offline and agree what detail/info. is needed.
- **SR** to speak to **KM** re. storage of ladders.
- Summer ceilidh to be arranged. **AR/KM** to discuss and agree details.
- SE home phone number still comes up in hall google search. **SE** to advise Heidi Ingram.

Hall Repair Works:

- **SE** advised that ARC had now completed the window survey, and the information has been submitted to ELC for review. Awaiting response in terms of consents required.

Financial Report:

- **TE** provided finance update:
- Account Status:
 - Current account £15,602.83
 - Treasures account £113.08
 - Contingency Account £20,344.85
 - 32 Day notice account £15,175.06
 - 90 Day notice account £30,494.03
- The above includes £60k received from the Community Council for hall repair works
- This also includes £10K received from the Community Council to assist with running costs.
- Receiving £150 per month from Friends of Garvald Hall.
- **TE** has sent last years accounts to **GM**. They have been overseen by David Phillips and need to be signed off by the trustees.

Booking Secretary Report:

- **LE** provided a Bookings Report
 - Regular users are still
 - Table Tennis
 - Yoga on Tuesdays and Thursdays and
 - Playgroup on Thursday mornings
 - Upcoming events
 - 3 weddings are booked for this year (1st weekend in June, 29th August and 1st weekend in October)
 - Plant Sale on 25th April
 - Polling on 7th May
 - Church messy play on 10th May

Marketing & Events:

- **KM** had circulated outcome of soup and suggestions afternoon. **KM/AR/RB & GM** to review and decide what to take forward.
- **PW** noted that he would be happy to sit in on this and input from a CC point of view.
- **GM** advised that Caroline McGregor would be keen to be involved in events that have a nature aspect to them.
- **KM** had advised **GM** that she would be happy to help get events manifested.
- **PW** advised that **KM/AR** are organising teas/coffees for the upcoming plant sale in April and are looking for baking donations, and Malcolm MacMillan has spoken to Matthew at Nunraw re. plants.
- **KM** had confirmed in an email to **GM** in advance that the Garvald.org website has now been updated by Heidi Ingram.
- **KM** to put food van posters on village noticeboards.
- **KM** had also suggested that the Village Hall needs a dedicated webpage to attract more weddings/events. **GM** to discuss with KM to understand her more and will speak to a contact at Stenton Hall re. their webpage.
- **RB** noted he has offered previously to set up a dedicated page but would need to understand more about what would be involved first.
- **KM** will speak to **RB** re. the Instagram page.
- **KM** had reported that Trudi Cueto at Carfrae Farm has invited her to join a local business group with a view to working together to support other local businesses. This could also help attract more weddings and events to the hall.
- **GM** noted thanks to **KM** for her work so far.

Any Other Business:

- **DS** raised a point re. re-wilding of the Glebe field. Baro Farm historically cut the grass and took loads for use on the farm.
- **GM** noted that Caroline McGregor has thoughts of creating a wild meadow similar to the one at Papple.
- **PW** noted that Chiara took minutes of the last Community Council meeting using AI. They are going to try again and will share if successful.

Date of next Committee meeting – Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Orchard (weather permitting)