

Garvald Village Hall Trust - Minutes of meeting 27th May 2026 – Hall, 7.30pm

Present: Gary McGregor (**GM**), Philip White (**PW**), Kirsty Malcom (**KM**), Sarah Ramsay (**SR**), Tom Edmonds (**TE**), Lee Robertson (**LR**) and Richard Brand (**RB**)

Apologies: Shirley Evatt (**SE**), Anne Raitt (**AR**) and Donald Sutherland (**DS**)

Matters arising:

1. Gift Aid - **DS** has queries and will chat to **GM**
2. **SR** and **KM** to talk re ladders – **LR** subsequently suggested he would consider location for storage of ladders.
3. Summer ceilidh had been mooted – unlikely to go ahead this year due to other things happening.
4. Last years accounts sent to trustees for approval and no comments made on these. However, both Ian Marr and Hugo Straker wish to stand down as Trustees
5. Plant sale was very successful and GVHT are indebted to Garvald Horticultural Society for funds raised - £528 in total across both plants and teas – ACTION **GM** to send formal thanks to Malcolm and Matthew.

Works Update:

SE had issued a report stating that ELC were being very fastidious in the detail they required with regards window replacement and as such proposed engaging services of architect to progress this using their experience and knowledge. It was pointed out that funds for professional fees had been secured originally from GMCC for such an occurrence.

The committee were unanimous in support of this proposal - **GM** to advise **SE** to proceed

Finance Update:

TE provided finance update:

Cash £181

Standard Account £12K

Interest account £66,500

Friends of the hall raising approx. £160 per month which is really good

Trustee Insurance:

Renewal of this was discussed and **GM** suggested it was perhaps not necessary. **KM** to do some further research on the legalities and report back. **TE** suggested also speaking to Edinburgh broker to ask for their view.

Bookings Report:

Laura Edmonds provided a bookings update:

- Table tennis, yoga and playgroup continue although no payment from Playgroup this year. ACTION – **GM** will speak to **DS** to check and confirm if playgroup will be continuing.
- Weddings booked for 6th June, 29th August and 3rd October.
- Bike Event booked and possible Health and Wellbeing session
- 22nd August – Village Show

Events/Fundraising:

Plant sale successful but would be better to consider leafleting in future to draw wider crowd

20th June – Bike event held as community event with input from Church, aim to target families and will cover basic bike maintenance and offer assistance to carry out repairs. Ice-cream and juice will be available arranged by **KM** and Caroline McGregor

26th September - Possible health and wellbeing day again in conjunction with Church and will include;

- Prayer and meditation
- Yoga
- Other related clubs offered tables to promote services

SR suggested defib training could be incorporated into this day however **KM** thinks this should be done as separate event and will speak to Chris re possible contact from Fireservice.

Christmas market likely to go ahead, **TE** suggested asking all stall holders for a prize so we could run a raffle and boost funds.

Piping Concert:

Roger from Morham has instigated a Piping concert which will be held at Papple due to numbers and space required and GVH will receive a share of the profits. The idea of having a Garvald element had been suggested but it was felt this would not be successful given various restraints, unpredictability of weather etc. ACTION – **GM** will speak with Roger.

Any Other Business:

Lammermuir Business Community - **KM** reported she had been to first meeting of this collective to represent the hall which includes Carfrae farm shop, Beech and Birch, Raven Botanicals, Garvald Inn and Lanterne Rouge amongst others with a view to driving more traffic to this side of the A1.

Trustee Nominations – Philip White and Allan Nicolson

Date of next Committee meeting – Tuesday 18th August 2026 at 7.30pm