

BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date: 11th April 2022 – 7pm
Clifford Suite

Management Committee Agenda

1. Present

David Prince (Chairman), David Norman (Treasurer), Sara Coffield (Secretary), Mike Collins (Vice Chair), Stan Wilson

2. Apologies

None

Also in attendance

Barry Davies, Secretary of Royal British Legion, Beckington Branch, Floor Holmes, Roz Serle, Stan Wilson, Jeanette Hurst, David Costello (arrived half-way through the meeting)

3. Minutes of 14th March meeting.

The minutes were accepted by the committee.

4. Matters Arising.

Platinum Jubilee.

BD has recently taken over from Chris Rose as the Secretary of the RBL, Beckington Branch.

BD presented his vision to put on a “Family Summer Variety Show” at the hall to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee on 10th June from approx. 7-10pm. Morag McClaren (ex opera singer) from Cooper Hall near Frome, Gloria Low, Angela Pritchard (from the Panto) and Lynn Gould have agreed to help organise it. The main hall and the Clifford Suite would be needed for the whole of the day.

BD requested that the hall waive their fees in support, and if any profit is made it is to be split 50/50 with the hall and RBL.

BD also asked if any of the committee members would be willing to join in!

SC is a singer so may be able to offer something suitable.

The committee discussed the matter and it was proposed that the RBL hire the hall for £1 so that the Ts and Cs will be adhered to.

RS offered to help with the bar.

ACTIONS:

MC to encourage the choir to join in.

DP to contact BD with the decision.

5. Finance. Report.

DN presented the latest finance report:

We have over £10,000 more grants in the bank although running costs are more than our income but hopefully we’ll level out by the end of the summer. Insurance and Mendip non-domestic rates have

gone out - £5k. It was concluded that we hold back on any major expenditure until our income increases.

7.AOB.

Merits of split agenda

SC doesn't think there is very much extra work.

Email Volume

MC proposed that there are too many emails being sent around to everyone.

It was agreed that people will try and put the correct subject on emails so that the subject actually states what the email relates to.

Broadband Contract DN

DN reported that he is sorting out the address issues on the broadband contract.

The broadband rental will be free for two years so the funding that the cricket club has for broadband will go towards extending it into the Clifford suite.

ACTION: DN to sort and sign the contract.

8. Next meeting 9th May

Working Committee Agenda

1.Present

David Prince (Chairman), David Norman (Treasurer), Sara Coffield (Secretary), Mike Collins (Vice Chair), Floor Holmes, Roz Serle, Stan Wilson, Jeanette Hurst, David Costello (arrived half-way through the meeting)

2.Apologies

Hannah Drury

3.Minutes of 14th March meeting.

The minutes were accepted.

5. Maintenance.

RS did the maintenance report this month and concluded:

The glass washer is mouldy in the bar

Paint chipped on doors [where?]

The blackout material on doors in main hall looks untidy

Top of the toilet is broken in the changing room

Microwave in Clifford Suite doesn't work – is it the fuse or should we chuck it away?

The Clifford Suite smells of drains when you first come in.

ACTION:

FH to have a look at the blackout material

SC/DN to file the report on the cloud

The Play Area – Maintenance Report

2 bolts in the purple panel are missing

The climbing net looks untidy

The benches would look better if painted

ACTION:

DN to replace bolts

MC to do the next maintenance report

DN to send templates to MC

Heaters

There has been a lot of confusion with the hall heaters and people keep turning them off on the heater and not the wall, as they should be doing. The committee discussed the matter and it was suggested that we add a combination lock to the guards and put up a notice informing hirers that the pilot light should stay on.

ACTION: DN to change the notices and add combination locks

Weed killing

Mike Curtis can possibly tidy things up if this progresses.

Various maintenance jobs. DC.

DC reported on the many maintenance jobs that he's done over the last month.

The committee thanked DC for all his hard work.

The only job left is noticeboard in the main hall.

ACTION: DC to buy the ready-made noticeboards

Tree surgery SW.

Done – thank you SW.

Bar decoration FH.

ACTION: FH to look into this

Maintenance Heater in Main Hall DN

ACTION: DN to Chase AN Heating

6.Grants/ Funding.

Grass cutting JH

JH reported that this is now on the Parish Council agenda

ACTION: JH to apply for the Net Solutions Wales fund

7. Events.

Fireworks DC

DC reported that he is currently submitting an application to Mendip and has spoken to Davina King and Gemma Hillman who are "all guns blazing" and good to go! DC suggested using Fussells field as fall out area. The committee are concerned that the village will have a barrage of folk again so it was advised to keep things local and low key.

8. Network/ Facebook items.

ACTION: JH to announce that the play area is fully serviceable.

9. AOB.

Defibrillator DC.

DC emailed an update to the committee on the costs of a defibrillator at the hall. He explained things at the meeting and concluded that costs start at £1600. SW reminded the committee that we have a £1k donation to spend

ACTION: DC to look at the defibrillator in the village

Cigarette boxes DC.

It was reported that these are now looking very smart.

Ukrainian refugees DP

DP reported that he's spoken to Jeremy Gilmer recently who shared that there has been poor support from the village even though things were looking so positive at the last meeting.

ACTION: DP to contact JG and gain clarification on next steps.

Fence

This is on hold as DC has hurt his back.

Clock

DN reported that the master costs £120 and the slaves cost £2500.

DN believed the problem is with the slaves, and suggests no repairing at this time due to the cost.

Chairman

DP announced that he is resigning as Chairman on October.

ACTION: Committee to find a replacement Chair-person by October 2022.

Sound system in the hall

SW reported that we now have two sets of keys (with SW and DP). There is a key box in the hall with a combination lock on it. DN reported that there is now an option on the website for Hirers to book the sound system and pay extra for it. They then get the code. DN queried how much to charge for this service and asked whose property it is.

ACTION: FH to talk to Abi / discuss at next meeting

10. Next meeting. 9th May