

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

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Minutes of the Virtual Committee Meeting to be held on line Tuesday 24th March 2020

Nearly all committee members had responded to the virtual agenda.

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th February

All who responded had agreed the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Parish Council Grant

Ron has made a formal application to Blisland Parish Council for a contribution to the cost of repairing/refurbishing the window frames. On further consideration he felt that we stand far more chance of securing a grant for what is a tangible benefit to the fabric of the building they are the legal owners of rather than a contribution to the costs of excess water usage that we, the Management Committee, are ultimately responsible for (particularly bearing in mind that we have ample reserves to cover these excess costs). If the Committee so decides he will put in an application for assistance in this regard, but he would advise against as he doubts that it would be successful and may antagonise some members of the Parish Council. (Committee members responded that they agreed with this decision)

Treasurer's Report

Ron had emailed his reports (attached) which do not reflect the following:

- The payment of Â£246 due from the Blisland Short Mat Bowls Club covering the period from December to date.
- A credit on our EDF electricity account I calculate to be in the region of Â£180 (although we won't be able to get a credit for this until after the year end. Calculations attached.
- Payment of the invoice for the recent heating oil delivery (I may be able to push this into next year)

Carn to Cove

54 tickets were sold and 48 people attended on the night. The cast were very impressed with the layout of the hall. Audience reaction was generally positive, but some thought that the deliberate incompetence of the landlord in the first half was a shape of things to come and 3 left at the

interval! Bar income was severely reduced through the initial free drink, but we still covered our drink costs through takings on the bar, without impacting on our share of the ticket sales.

Ingrid had fed back that she felt Carn to Cove Horses! Horses! Had gone well and received some very positive feedback. It was sad to see people that didn't get or understand the play leave at the interval but these things happen. On a positive note it was fun creating the bar etc for the play. We have an encouraging and positive committee and I feel are very lucky!

Promotional video / Facebook Page

Ingrid reported on FB updates. The facebook page is going well and it is a useful platform for the Village Hall. She will create a photo slideshow of the regular activities for FB and will also post to youtube.

Hall Maintenance

Window Frames – update – Order placed

Toilet lock – update checked out again, no further action needed

Manor Suite toilet cistern – update - still outstanding

Foyer paintwork – update – Still outstanding

Oil delivery 900 litres were ordered within an hour of it being apparent that the tank was low.

However we did run out and electric heaters were used to cover the bookings until a delivery was made. No bookings were lost. Oil levels will be checked again in three months. Proposal – to investigate the cost of an electronic low level indicator. (See AOB)

St. Pratt's Day Celebrations

Len had written a constitution for the Fayre Committee to consider, as part of the Village Hall's contribution to the event, this event has now been cancelled but it is hoped to run it in 2021

Fundraising

Afternoon tea party – Ingrid felt we should reschedule at some point in the future when we have emerged from the corona virus and see this event as a time to celebrate (honouring all).

October 3rd American Folk Duo – Currently still planned to go ahead, no comments had been received from the committee on this.

A O B

Coronavirus Action David Croft has offered to use the village web site as a “clearing house” for village initiatives / updates in relation to the virus and the community response. Len asked members to update the committee and include David in these for any that they know of please? The village hall is a potential resource and if there are any ideas on how we could use the Hall to benefit the community at this time please circulate these.

Bookings – Short mat bowls matches are suspended because of national advice re Coronavirus. The BCA AGM has been cancelled as had yogalates.

Oil Tank Indicator

Committee members felt it essential to investigate the cost of an electronic low level indicator.

Date of Next Meeting - To be advised