



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BELLINGHAM TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2017

Present: Edwin Wilkinson, Pat Wilkinson, Ken Gaskin, Joanne Roberts, William Wilkinson, Brian Tilley, Janet Cresswell and Monica Tasker, Lynne from NCDN was delayed and joined the meeting later.

1. Apologies: Ruth Everatt, Bill Burlton and Jamie Rickelton.

2. Minutes of September Meeting: These were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Pat and seconded by Joanne.

3. Matters Arising

PRS Music licence representative - on-going.

New Room – Edwin reported that this is on-going.

Windfarm Funding Application – Joanne reported that the Windfarm application is not open as yet and that she had applied to Community Chest and still waiting to hear. Brian asked if hirees needed to get their own bar licence, and this was confirmed to be so.

NCDN progress on future events - Janet Cresswell, NCDN representative, attended Bellingham Show and the Craft Fair and reported on the surveys. Wellbeing events were mostly requested along with bigger music or concert events. Janet thought an art group would also be good. Edwin asked Janet and Lynne if they could organise a singer/comedian to perform in March 2018, and they will look into this. Janet thought a full day wellbeing event giving tasters and presentations from various therapists to be held either the 4th or 11th November would be good and to put on wellbeing events early next year. Janet and Lynne will look into organising these.

Future Town Hall Bookings – Brian reported that the Young Farmers had a good turnout for their event last night who thanked and paid Brian for the hire of the hall. Bellingham School will be closed whilst the boiler and chimney are being repaired, and the Middle School have requested the use of the Hall. The First School have booked a Halloween Party, the WI has booked a 90th Party for 1st November, the Prize Bingo is on 19th October, the Drama has booked for rehearsals.

Tower Clock– As there has been no report back with regard to our insurance claim, Edwin asked Monica to chase this.

Renewal of wood & lead flashing above main doors and damp in the foyer area – on-going.

4. Treasurer's Report – Joanne reported on the accounts; and said there are 4 signatories on the Current & Access Accounts, and 3 signatories on the Development & Friends of the Town Hall accounts. Leek Show, NSPCC, Library Invoices have all paid; the Electric Bill was re-sent as it was over-estimated; cleaner and Water Board bills are paid; West Northumberland Community Buildings Consortium (CAN) cheque is ready to pay for membership and the builder's final invoice is to pay.

5. Any other business:

Ken asked if the cooker is in working order, confirmed; need to be aware of heating for future events; and when the bicycles (put up for the Tour of Britain) will be taken down, reply after Xmas.

Joanne said Santa has been booked for the Xmas Fair and that the Grotto will be sited on the stage; that it was agreed for us to pay the advert this year and Sarah will pay it next year and Joanne will ask her if she wants to organise Santa and the Grotto next year. The advert for the Prize Bingo has been organised, and Joanne asked if any members could put up posters in local villages. As the Middle School will be using the hall on 19th October, it was decided to set up the hall at 4.30pm including the tables & chairs, crockery, sandwiches & cakes and the urns for tea & coffee, a discussion on organising this event to follow this meeting. Joanne has made an error with the website and unable to access it, Brian English is looking into it.

Edwin asked if anyone knew about the speakers left in the kitchen as he would like to put them in the tip.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 7 November 2017 at 6.30pm.