



Northumberland
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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BELLINGHAM TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2018

Present: Edwin Wilkinson, Pat Wilkinson, Joanne Roberts, Ruth Everatt, Brian Tilley, Monica Tasker and Lynn Johnston joined later in the meeting.

1. Apologies: Ken Gaskin, William Wilkinson, Bill Burlton, Janet Cresswell and Jamie Rickelton.

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

3. Matters Arising

New Room – Edwin reported that room has been completed. It has been advertised ready for letting and Melissa Mobile Beauty Box would like to rent it initially for 3 days a week building up her business and has all the relevant insurance in place. Monica to inform the Town Hall's insurance brokers.

Sound System – Joanne reported that a grant of £1000 has been received and the new Sound System will be installed 5 and 6 March. When inspecting the Hall, there was a query about asbestos. However the next day NCC sent someone to inspect on asbestos at the hall and Edwin has received a certificate to say this is low risk. The certificate will be stored in the filing cabinet in the storeroom so that it is to hand if this query should arise again.

March Music Event - NCDN progress on future events – Lynn attended the meeting and said that Sam & Al are booked for Saturday 24 March, who will perform a variety of blues, folk, country music for an hour, have a break and perform for a further hour. This event is suitable for children. There followed a discussion and it was decided to have the start time at 7.30pm, entrance charge at £5.00 per person, children under 13 years free and a bar will be available. Monica to check on a temporary licence. NCDN will subsidise this event and pay the performers; will produce posters and tickets (printing 50). The Country Store and Bakers will sell tickets and tickets available on the door. NCDN would like to recoup the outlay, however if there is a profit on the sale of the tickets, then there will be a profit share.

Lynn went on to say that NCDN would like to put on other events for April and May as the Awards for All funding finishes in June, as they are organising events in other Halls. Lynn suggested a Race and a Quiz Night. After discussion it was decided that the Race Night, suitable for children to attend, be held on Saturday 7 April, and the Quiz Night, for adults, for 5 May. Once again NCDN will provide posters and tickets and all the necessary equipment for each event.

Future Town Hall Bookings – Brian was unable to bring the booking diary, however said that Land of Joy are booked for most of July and confirmation will be given in March. There was a discussion about rent pricing, and it was unanimously agreed to leave prices as they are. Brian went on to say the Young Farmers Bingo is in February, Border Park Dinner Dance on 10 March. Joanne said we are experiencing email problems on our website and has contacted Brian English to ask him if he can resolve it.

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

Xmas Tree for Church Event – Joanne said this went well and has a new idea for the next Xmas tree entry.

Xmas Arts & Craft Fair & Late Night Shopping – Joanne reported that this was very well attended and it all went very well.

4. Treasurer's Report – Joanne reported on the accounts; the Community Chest funding has been deposited, all bills and invoices have been paid and up to date, Chris Gillie has all the accounts for the audit, new battery for the generator was purchased. Adverts for the year have been booked with the Courant. Joanne queried about putting our website and Facebook details on the next BADADS advert in the December programme, and this was agreed.

5. Any other business:

Jumble Sale 17 February – Joanne reported that this is in hand; posters and fliers have been printed and given to committee members for distribution. Set up on Friday 16 at 6pm, Edwin will put out the tables.

Wellbeing Events – Lynn asked about these on behalf of Janet Cresswell and Monica said that Jessica, who had sent a proposal for these, has decided not to go ahead, and Lynn will pass this on to Janet.

AGM – Monica asked about holding this on Tuesday 3 April at 7pm, unanimously agreed. Joanne will organise the Courant Advert.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 6.30pm.