



Northumberland
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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BELLINGHAM TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2018

Present: Edwin Wilkinson, Pat Wilkinson, Joanne Roberts, Bill Burlton, Ruth Everatt, Brian Tilley and Monica Tasker.

1. Apologies Ken Gaskin, William Wilkinson, Jamie Rickelton.

Monica opened the meeting and asked Edwin if he would like to be re-elected as Chairman, Edwin was agreeable, and this was proposed by Monica and seconded by Bill. Edwin then took over the meeting as Chairman and continued the re-election of members. Ken was asked previously if he will be re-elected as Vice-Chairman, Ken was agreeable and Pat proposed this and Joanne seconded it; Treasurer, Joanne was proposed by Edwin and seconded by Brian; Secretary, Monica was proposed by Pat and seconded by Bill; Booking Clerk, Brian Tilley was proposed by Monica, seconded by Pat. The Management Committee members were re-elected en bloc.

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

3. Matters Arising

Future Town Hall Bookings – Brian reported on the new future bookings, including a children’s party where there will be an inflatable slide – Edwin requested that a carpet or dust sheets be placed, and still awaiting confirmation of the Land of Joy booking in July. Joanne queried availability to have the Hall for a table top sale for the Playground Group during the Spring Bank weekend, and the Hall is available.

Sound System – Joanne reported that the new Sound System has been installed and now awaiting the ordered microphones to be installed and to receive instruction on how to use this new system.

Curtains and curtain poles: Monica advised that an application has been sent to the next round of the Coop funding to obtain a grant for these, which will be available in 2019.

March Music Event – This event was a very enjoyable evening and Lynn Johnston was thanked for all her efforts in organising it. The ticket sales amounted to £120, and Lynn was given £100 to pay towards the musicians. The bar drinks bought cost £161 and the sales came to £67.10. It was decided to have a bar at the Quiz Night as there will be sufficient to sell and Monica to obtain a new TENS Licence.

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

Arts & Craft Fair April – Joanne reported that this is fully booked, and asked if the banner could be put up, and for the tables to be put out, that the Playground Group are serving tea and coffee to raise funds.

Friends of the Town Hall Letters: Ken has the letters prepared and put into envelopes, and the members have taken some to deliver around the village.

Silhouette Tommy Figure: Brian has sourced this and the cost is £750. It was unanimously agreed to purchase this 6’ high framework of a soldier from “There but not there”, and the Parish Council have agreed to pay half of the cost. Brian will obtain a cheque to pay in full, and then the Parish Council will be invoiced for the half. Edwin will source some chain to secure the silhouette.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Joanne reported on the accounts; the first month’s room rent has been paid, the second month invoice has been sent; the Job Club have paid for Feb & Mar hire; the Drama payment has been banked; Library invoice has been paid; Flags have been ordered and received. Joanne has typed a letter for Edwin to sign, which will be forwarded to the lady who looks for the cheapest electric option in readiness for when the contract finishes. Edwin thanked Joanne for the contribution received from the Community Fayre.

Lynn Johnston joined the meeting to discuss the next two events. Lynn informed the committee of what was involved in putting on a Race Night. It was agreed that there was a lot of work to be carried out, and it would be better to hold this later in the year as it was a good fund raiser. Lynn will forward a copy of the leaflet required to Monica. The person who has the equipment is Tom Smith who will charge £100 which will include setting it up and taking it down and instructions.

It was decided to hold the Quiz Night on Saturday 5 May as it is a Bank Holiday weekend and there will be visitors to the area. Lynn will do some posters, Monica to give her the details, and to offer wine and cheese and to hold a bar, and tickets on the door.

5. Any other business:

Ruth wondered about a night of entertainment by local talent, and after discussion Brian was asked to contact Kathryn Tickell with a view to asking her if she would like to perform at the Town Hall

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 1 May 2018 at 6.30pm