

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

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

1. Apologies William Wilkinson, Jamie Rickelton, Lynn Johnston was unable to attend and said if we have any queries to contact her.

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

3. Matters Arising

New Room – Edwin reported that Melissa Mobile Beauty Box is renting the new room, it is looking good with her furniture in situ, and she will put a notice on the door; and Joanne will organise the invoicing.

Sound System – Joanne reported that the new Sound System will be installed 13 March, and Ken said to use monies from the Friends of the Town Hall account to pay the outstanding amount.

Future Town Hall Bookings – Brian reported on the future bookings, and said that he is waiting to hear from the Land of Joy to confirm the booking in July.

March Music Event – This is organised, posters have been distributed around the village and locally, tickets are on sale in The Country Store and the Bakers, the TENS licence has been purchased, Brian will mention this event in the Bellingham Notes in the Courant, Edwin & Pat will purchase the alcoholic drinks and will do the bar on the evening and Monica will sell tickets at the door.

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

Arts & Craft Fair April – Joanne has several bookings for this event, and some bookings have included the future Fairs. Joanne asked if the committee is happy for her to ask someone locally to do refreshments as a fund-raiser, and everyone was in favour of this.

Race Night 7 April – to be organised.

Jumble Sale – Joanne reported this went well and raised £959.34. Edwin would like to thank most sincerely everyone who helped to make this a successful event, this to include all those who are not on the committee and gave their time and efforts. This help is very much appreciated.

AGM – this is on 3rd April and Monica will organise the invitation letters, the posters are out and Joanne has booked an advert in the Courant.

4. Treasurer's Report – Joanne reported on the accounts; the Library invoice has been posted, the Hexham Courant adverts for the year have been paid; water bill, Purple Haze for red bows, the application for a TENS licence have been paid; monies transferred from the FOTH account to pay for new room refurbishment; the water bill will be revised in April. The electric contract will run out next year, and Joanne, nearer the time, will contact the lady who looks for the cheapest option.

5. Any other business:

Flag – Brian asked about the missing flag, and Pat is replacing it.

Coffee Morning on Wedding Day Event – Joanne wondered about organising this, and it was decided that it would not be well attended.

Community Fayre – Joanne reported that this annual event will no longer go ahead and wishes to close the bank account and would like to donate some of this money to the Brownies and the remainder towards the hire of the hall.

Curtains – Ken asked about new poles for the curtains in the main hall as the hooks are breaking. After discussion it was decided to try out putting up a pole.

FOTH – Ken has the new Friends of the Town Hall letters printed and ready for distribution. It was decided to distribute these after the next meeting, and he has drawn up a map of zones.

WWI Silhouette Figures – Edwin asked Brian if he could source a couple to be placed in the town hall garden, Brian will look into this. As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 3 April 2018 at 6.45pm to agree the Financial Report, with the AGM following this meeting at 7pm, and the Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.