



Northumberland
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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BELLINGHAM TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2018

Present: Edwin Wilkinson, Pat Wilkinson, Joanne Roberts, Ken Gaskin, William Wilkinson, Bill Burlton and Monica Tasker and Jacquie Hodgson from NCC attended at the start of our meeting to discuss organising free computer teaching sessions.

1. Apologies Jamie Rickelton, Ruth Everatt and Brian Tilley.

Jacquie informed the committee that NCC is organising government funded computer lessons in various areas for people who do not have computer experience. It is proposed to put on free "Get Digital Online Basics" teaching and would like to put these on at the Town Hall. There are no exams or tests; a minimum of 4 people to a maximum of 8; if more people, then two classes can be provided; the teacher is Christine Woodcock; 6-8 weeks sessions for 1-2 hours; must be over 19 years; to accommodate people's requirements, learning emailing, skyping, digital photography, any subject about computers, etc. People need to book in before each session so the teacher is aware of what handouts will be required and. Jacquie left some handouts, and it was thought to advertise on our website and to put posters out to gauge the response.

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

3. Matters Arising

Future Town Hall Bookings – Joanne reported on behalf of Brian and there are a couple of new bookings. Jason Arnup has booked for 23 June, the Pilates sessions will continue for a further 8 weeks and may need to use the Mason's rooms as there will be a clash with the Land of Joy have booking.

Sound System – On-going, Joanne said there is nothing further about the ordered microphone.

Quiz Night 5th May – Joanne said this went well and made £145.50, and everyone enjoyed the glass of wine and the cheese.

Curtain Pole & renewal of wood & lead flashing above main doors and damp in the foyer area – Ken thought a heavy metal pole or strong wooden pole will be best with extra curtain rings as the curtains are very heavy. After discussion it was decided to purchase a strong pole, and Ken will look into this. He looked at the lead flashing on the main doors to find that the wood there was totally rotten and has woodworm, and needs dealing with. Damp in the foyer, he found the fault to be a drain where debris had collected, which he has removed and put in metal netting to try and stop further debris collecting there. He does not think this will end the problem and may still need further work done.

1st September Arts & Craft Fair April – Joanne reported this is about two-thirds booked.

Friends of the Town Hall: Ken reported that he has now got 182 members.

Hallmark Renewal – Monica had received an email from Louise Currie to ask if we would like to renew this as it ends in October. After discussion it was decided to go ahead and Monica to email Louise.

4. Treasurer's Report – Joanne reported on the accounts; new room rent has been paid and May invoice + electric usage forwarded; awaiting the Parish Council's half payment for the Silhouette Figure; awaiting Border Park payment; also waiting to hear about payment for the current Pilates sessions; water bill paid; TENS licence application paid; out of pocket expenses paid.

5. Any other business:

Edwin said that we shall need to appoint an officer for Data Protection by October as new laws have recently been made.

Joanne said that regarding our recent Public Liability Insurance renewal there are 2 items to be put on our hiring document, Face Painting and Bouncy Castles and Inflatables, which have now been included. The Insurance needs to be paid before 22 June, and Edwin will look into the payment to be made from the Parish Council.

Ken said that the ramp outside the new room is quite steep with nothing to hold onto if anyone slips and this needs addressing.

Edwin has put the bike in the garden and proposed to put up posters about the Suffragette Movement.
As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 3 July 2018 at 6.30pm