

Buckland Brewer Hall Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2018

Present: Roger Walter, Steve Harding, Kevin Lobb, Trevor Mills, David Watson, Barbara Babb, Tom Lloyd, Shirley Tilley, Marie Douglas, Richard Watson.

1. Apologies: Dawn Dziurzynski, Lucy Dignam, Sam Harding.
2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda:

Steve advised that the siting of a container for on-site storage would require planning permission. Trevor advised that we could apply to Cllr. Bob Hicks for the balance of his grant money towards the cost of purchase. It was agreed to proceed subject to the grant being awarded. It was agreed that we should look at revising the inventory for all hall furniture and equipment. The secretary reported on his discussions with the school and the secretary of the Allardice Hall. Following discussion it was agreed that the arrangements for school use should be the same as any other user and that there should be a separate agreement if the required to use the carpark for staff car parking.

4. Correspondence:

None.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer had provided a summary of the latest financial position. On the hall account, all of outstanding rental invoices except skittles have been paid. Organisations are reminded that they must report any cancellations to Dawn to avoid being charged and to allow the hall to be made available to other users. We have paid the electricity to EON, water to SWWA, cleaning, the purchase of two mats to cover cables and the frame for the Brick Fund donations. The Treasury deposit has been increased to £80,000.

Current balances stand at £101,425.85 for the hall account and £9,697.75 for the fundraising account.

6. New Community Hall:

The trees need to be planted and this will be done on 3 April. The fencing will be installed by the end of May. People will be advised of the dates for erecting this so that as many volunteers as possible can help. Roger and Steve looked at the snagging issues and Steve advised Bob Clay and Pearce of them on their visit. Remedial works will be carried out on 8/9 April. An issue of flooding had occurred after one of the skittle matches. This was caused by a tap that had been left running and a faulty plug. Steve had removed the faulty plug and it was agreed that all of the other plugs in the toilet hand basin should be removed. The Secretary reminded all users that they should carry out the end of use checks as per the hire agreement.

Next meeting will look at the future long-term requirements so that we can look at fundraising and feed into the new Parish Plan.

Chairman's Initials

7. Fundraising & future events:

The Big Brunch will take place on 11 February and had been very successful. The Barnstaple Ladies choir and Harmony 4 concert on 9 March was cancelled but has been re-arranged for 5 October. The suggested event for the first anniversary had not been possible to arrange. The Safari lunch, which is a joint function with the Church and Chapel will take place on 13 May. A Cider stroll is set for 3 June and will allow for dogs on leads.

Dawn is to be asked to look at events over a longer period. It was agreed that the events sub-committee should be resurrected to help with this.

8. Any other business:

The pre-school had complained about the state of the hall after the last young farmers evening and they were reminded to clear up afterwards. The Flies had started to become a nuisance again and it was agreed that the Secretary call in a pest control company to deal with them. The Treasurer suggested that the Finance Sub-committee should start to look at the budget and charges from next September, particularly because of the loss of the pre-school. The Secretary reported on the possibility of setting up a website and its implications and agreed to contact Lucy regarding this. Before all of the work required to build the new hall the committee had met every other month. It was agreed to look at returning to this arrangement.

9. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on 25 April 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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