

REDLAKE VALLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2017

Present: Di Cosgrove, Patrick Cosgrove, James Middleton, Beryl Palmer, Becky Sherman (Chairman), Jim Rogers, Christine Rogers. **Apologies:** Jaqueline Moloney, Simon Jameson

In attendance: Dave Wright and Carolyn Wilde **Resignation received:** Peter Sherman

1. Minutes from previous meetings of 6th December and 8th January and matters arising.

These were approved. Matters arising included:

- Patrick and James have yet to trim the top of a bush that is encroaching on the School House garden **ACTION JM/PC**
- the quiz that was planned for February has been deferred
- Patrick has yet to write a letter of thanks to Ian Campbell for his time on the committee which Becky will sign and pass to Ian with a bottle of whisky **ACTION PC**
- thanks were expressed to Peter Sherman for delivering the piano. Becky will arrange for it be professionally assessed, tuned etc once it has settled. This will be paid for from the proceeds of a recital that she plans to deliver. **ACTION BW**

2. Macturk Fund. The fund currently stands at £2,190 – details below:

Source	Amount
Donation from Michael Macturk	£250.00
Dad's Army	£487.00
Car boot	£133.00
Grant from Clun (yet to arrive)	£450.00
Flicks Profit Eddie the Eagle	£30.00
Flicks Profit Florence Foster Jenkins	£60.00
Flicks Profit Eye in the Sky	£30.00
Profit from Country and Blues Night	£250.00
Grant from Shropshire Community Trust	£500.00
Total raised	£2,190.00

Given the healthy state of the hall's finances, this is sufficient to begin the ground work that was originally quoted at £2,208. Jim will lead on preparatory work on 24th April (volunteers required), and will make arrangements for tarmacking as soon as possible afterwards. **ACTION JR**

Dave Wright was thanked for his work in securing £500 in grant aid.

(Note: James mentioned the WREN Landfill tax grant scheme but we are ineligible as we are too far from a registered landfill site).

3. Domestic matters. The following were agreed:

- hall clean up to £60 (2 phases) **ACTION BP**
- new cooker – Di, Beryl and Christine to research options and prices **ACTION DC/BP/CR**
- hall lighting – Jim to gradually install HF LED lighting in place of present units **ACTION JR**
- filter for cooker hood – Patrick to investigate **ACTION PC**
- double glazed unit replacement to wait until four units need replacing
- Patrick/Di to replace clock (circa £20) **ACTION DC/PC**
- disposal of old cupboard and trestle table
- Di, Beryl, Christine (maybe Becky) to meet on 20th March to rationalise kitchen storage

4. Events.

(1) Beryl to discuss Sultana Bros charity gig with Lilian Lewis on basis that:

- no hall hire charge required
- VH will run bar and keep proceeds
- Lilian to take responsibility for publicity and ticket sales
- available dates are 26/5, 2/6 and 9/6

ACTION BP

(2) Di to take responsibility for Food 'n Flicks catering

(3) One-off payment of £50 to Arts Alive agreed to help with financial viability **ACTION JR**

5. Pentre Hodre Pond:

a) Pond Maintenance: Patrick explained that Sarah Jameson has arranged for Fiona Gomersall of Shropshire Wildlife Trust to advise on pond maintenance. Fiona feels that a better way to control the New Zealand Pigmy Pond Weed is to 'nip it in the bud' at this time of year when young plants are visible but newts are not yet active. She will be visiting the day after this meeting (N.B. subsequently postponed because of bad weather).

b) Ownership of pond: Carolyn Wilde explained that she wished to research any public ownership status that the pond might have and, if necessary, get such status established. The committee was supportive of this.

6. Arts Alive. Patrick agreed to inform Jaqueline that:

- a deadline of 29th April exists for booking an artist
- in previous years co-ordinators have been invited to preview acts on offer
- the committee would need to be asked about their preferences (can be done by email)
- the diary is filling up so Beryl needs to be involved

7. AGM Arrangements.

- Tuesday 23rd May 7.30 pm
- Patrick to book 'Rural Life Film to attract residents

ACTION PC

8. Committee Membership. Di thought that the committee should be more representative of the community; suggestions for new members were discussed; AGM to be used as a recruitment opportunity

9. Woodland Fair Update. Patrick reported that planning meetings were going well and funding applications were in hand with positive outcomes hoped for. Agreed that VH would run the bar and retain proceeds.

10. Heating. The recent fault has been rectified.

11. AOB.

- Jim to check if hall insurers need to know of gun club activities. **ACTION JR**
- Patrick to circulate details of food hygiene requirements in order that committee can take a view on the need for attendance at food hygiene courses **ACTION PC**

12. Next Meeting. AGM, Tuesday 23rd May.