

REDLAKE VALLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2016

Present: Di Cosgrove, Patrick Cosgrove, Simon Jameson, James Middleton, Jacqueline Maloney, Beryl Palmer, Christine Rogers, Jim Rogers, Becky Sherman, Peter Sherman. Also Dave Wright in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** none
2. **Minutes of previous meeting including working through outstanding actions points:**
 - Jim still has a little more work to do on costings the refurbishment work for the exterior of the hall **ACTION JR**
 - now that the leaves are down, James and Patrick will find time to reduce the height of bushes between the hall and the School House **ACTION JM/PC**
 - repairing cracked tiles - carried forward **ACTION PS**
 - Christine is still considering more ways of rationalizing space; Peter will build a small shelf for lights now that one cupboard has been removed **ACTION CR/PS**
 - Becky is investigating the offer of a free piano from Bedstone College **ACTION BS**
 - investigating less noisy strip lights - carried forward **ACTION JR**
 - reassess condition of double-glazed windows - carried forward **ACTION PC**
3. **Flicks arrangements:** Christine reported that Florence Foster Jenkins had been well attended and made a profit of £60 whereas Our Kind of Traitor incurred a small loss. It was agreed that cabaret seating would now be the default layout unless there is reason to expect a large attendance. Films have been ordered for the next half-season: 28th January Star Trek Beyond; Deepwater Horizon - 25th February; A Streetcat named Bob - 25th March; United Kingdom - 22nd April
4. **Macturk Fund:**
 - (i) **quiz in February:** decision delayed
 - (ii) **grant applications:** Dave Wright reported that he has been researching the following possible funding sources; Millichope Fund through SRCC; Trust House Forte; Devonshire Sausages; Western Fund. Tuffins (Co-op was also suggested). A figure of £3,000 was agreed as a realistic amount to apply for and April as a probable end-date for fund-raising prior to commissioning the work. Dave was thanked for his efforts to date and he will continue to explore grant aid.
 - (iii) **murder mystery:** this was thought to be a good idea and Peter is researching the various formats and the differing costs involved; the thoughts at this stage were to combine it with a hog-roast BBQ in the summer
5. **Blues Night 17th December:** Christine reported that all tickets have been sold, draft beer ordered and filled roll making arranged. Committee members will sit at the rear of the hall in order to rotate bar duties. All who are available to help set up the hall 3.00 pm. in the afternoon - **ACTION ALL**

6. **Woodland Fayre:** Patrick had circulated a report on the first planning meeting (attached to these minutes). Peter offered to investigate a chain-saw demonstration team **ACTION PS**

7. **Food and Flicks 22nd April:** 'A United Kingdom' as the chose title. Committee members were asked to consider what might constitute a suitable African menu. **ACTION ALL**

8. Vice-chairman:

(i) **vacancy and thanks to Ian Campbell:** Patrick will compose a letter of thanks to Ian; expenditure of £25 was approved for Peter to buy a bottle of good quality whisky as a token of the committee's thanks to Ian for all his efforts down the years. Christine proposed Di Cosgrove as replacement vice-chair and this was seconded by Jim. Di accepted the role.

(ii) **Arts Alive:** Jaqueline agreed to take on this responsibility with Peter providing support when necessary.

(iii) **pond maintenance:** it was agreed that the committee would take overall responsibility for pond maintenance with Peter organizing the annual pond-clearing party; he would also ask the Edward Hill if he would agree to the strimming that is required a few times each year **ACTION PS**

9. AOB

Peter proposed a community DVD exchange arrangement; all thought this was a good idea and Peter agreed to return with a more definite proposal **ACTION PS**

10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 22nd February 7.30 pm

NOTES FROM FIRST PLANNING MEETING OF WOODLAND FAYRE (title not quite settled)

Planning Group: Has already met once and will meet again on 5th January. **Members:** Di Cosgrove; Patrick Cosgrove, Bob James, Sarah Jameson, Simon Jameson, Karen Limbrick, Mark Limbrick; James Middleton, Helen Oliver, Beryl Palmer, George Roberts, Carolyn Wilde.

Date: Saturday 7th October 2017

The following Aims were agreed:

- the community and others to enjoy themselves, with an emphasis on families with children
- to celebrate and learn more about the beautiful environment we live in
- to showcase local products and services
- to raise the profile of our community organisations
- to raise a bit of cash

Income generation and entrance fee: Programs will be sold in advance at a discount, and on the day at full price. **Prices to be decided at the next meeting.** Children will be admitted free. Money raised from programs will be shared between RVCBS, the Village Hall and The Church as these three are regarded as the basic village infrastructure. No stall fees will be charged for local organisations, individuals or companies selling their products and services. Fees may be waived for those coming further afield if they bring a significant contribution to the event over and above a commercial interest. Although local organisations, enterprises etc will be free to retain whatever income they raise, Sarah suggested they might make a percentage contribution to the general fund. Some upfront money may be required for some demonstrations so sponsorship will be sought and AONB grant aid applied for.

Planning Areas: Five broad areas were agreed and responsibilities accepted*:

- budget for Initial outlay, and possible sponsorship or grant funding (Patrick)
- publicity (Sarah)
- insurance, health & safety (Karen)
- logistics e.g. parking and signage (James and Simon)
- catering (Beryl)

* Named individuals to take responsibility for co-ordination rather than taking on the whole job single-handed

Supporting Organisations: Village Hall Committee, St Mary's Church PCC, and Redlake Valley Artists confirmed; WI awaiting response; ODAS declined

Stalls, demonstrations etc

Events, demonstrations, talks etc: already secured:

- heavy horse demo;
- clog maker;
- dendrochronologist;
- Forest School
- Steve Sherring's Shropshire Honey
- History Trail

Planning group seeking out many more.

