

## Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2017

Attendees: Peter Sellar, John Sharp, Jennifer Culley, Anne Nimmo, Robin Waddell, Nigel Rutherford and Mark Nethercot

1. **Previous Minutes** were circulated by email and agreed upon

2. **Finance**

- Robin Waddell provided the latest financial accounting notable points were
  - Outstanding invoices of £631, this figure relates to Scouts/Cubs/Beavers invoices and the council following election hire.
- **Subscriptions was a very disheartening topic**
  - Only 109 subscriptions have to date paid all agreed this is too low to foresee a sustainable future as such further requests will be issued to residents. It was noted that a few individuals have made contact asking why they should pay subscriptions when their residence does not have a view of the green or because they have a factor already to pay, whilst this can be appreciated it is requested of all the community to pay in as these are community facilities used by all and help to keep the community attractive and house prices up, if we do not pay in we cannot maintain these facilities. It is saddening to see individuals not paying in which is leaving a heavy burden to those who do contribute and as a committee we agreed we will discuss this later on in detail at a community driven meeting to address concerns and potential solutions to this problem. In the interim it was agreed to contact village subscription non-payers directly via post to ask for help in identifying reasons for withholding subscription payments.

3. **Bookings & Marketing Schedule and Issues**

- Agreed that all groups should be paying the same fee as of August when the schools return and children's groups resume.

4. **Communications**

- All noticeboards are up to date and John will organise stake signs for the upcoming Market Stall to be put up on the 16<sup>th</sup> June.

5. **Village Common Parts & Hall Maintenance**

- John will lop the branch currently overhanging at the pump and jump and will organise for the weeds to be treated.
- Security of the hall is still problematic as there are on occasions windows left open and doors unlocked and open. Hall users have been urged to be more conscious when vacating the hall.
- The boiler and ancillary equipment was discussed. Nigel advised that the boiler was replaced in October 2016 at a cost of £2,710 which came with a warranty to 12/10/2023, and following operational problems in the period Feb-May 2017 investigative work was undertaken. This resulted in the expansion vessel being replaced, followed by the hot water tank which cost £706. A total therefore of £3,416 has been spent to provide a fully functioning heating and hot water system for the hall.
- There is still a few lights out within the hall, these will be dealt with as soon as possible.
- The committee made reference to the success of the Cardrona Tidy Day and the turn out from the community to help. As disappointing as it was that this was required it was agreed that we should do a further tidy up day after the summer holidays. It was noted that the pathways leading onto St Bryde's have a lot of bushes preventing safe walking on the paths and although this is out of the committee's responsibility it was agreed that perhaps a day could be organised to help prune and tidy and the other back pathways that were not covered in the last tidy up day. A date to be agreed upon.
- Discussion was held on the current committee's constitution and the recent request for members to vote to amend the wording. By amending, it will allow for an

application to go ahead for the grant to update the pump and jump track. It had been brought to our attention that a meeting on this topic would have been preferred, had time been permitted it was agreed we likely could and should have done this, however we contacted member's appropriately following the procedural guidelines set out. It was noted that any queries and concerns on this topic have been addressed promptly by committee members. The deadline for the vote is 25<sup>th</sup> June and we will circulate a response from this as soon as possible. We require 2/3 of a 50% vote to agree to the amendment.

- The possibility of a storage shed was left for discussion at the next meeting with the constitution discussion and fees taking a priority at this one.

#### **6. Fund Raising Events**

- Traquair Choir are provisionally booked in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, pending a visit to the hall to ensure that the hall is suitable for use.
- The Peebles Concert Band – Nigel advised that they are still looking for a late Autumn date.
- Market Stall – going ahead come rain or shine for the 25<sup>th</sup> June 10-2 and 12 stalls of local produce both crafts / food have been booked.
- Summer Fair is currently being planned

#### **7. A.O.C.B**

- It was noted that there were few donated flowers for the hall's hanging baskets, as such the committee have had to purchase out with budgets ones. These have been planted with a few last minute ones to be done in a few weeks time.
- There was an email correspondence received recently within the committee noting a lack of response with respects to the resilience representative, should any resident wish to do so the committee has requested them to get in touch.
- Mark advised that there is a surplus amount of shiplap which we may be able to use to update the pump and jump shed, time permitting and refurbishment delays.

Provisional date of next meeting set for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 7.00pm