

MINUTES OF ARKENDALE COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING 20TH MARCH 2014

AT 19.30PM IN ARKENDALE COMMUNITY HALL

Present

Alan Stokes (Chairman) AS

Peter Topham P TOP

Mark Robertshaw MR

Jean Cox (treasurer) JC

Malcolm Howe MH

Caroline Houseman CH

Gavin Holman GH

Trevor Rowe TR

Malcolm Horne M Ho

Peter Whitfield PW

Jean Stokes (Minute taker for the meeting) JS

The chairman welcomed Mark Robertshaw to the meeting as the new representative of the Parish Council.

1. Apologies for absence

Peter Thorndyke, Sue Rowe and Judith Howe

2. Minutes of meeting held on 12th December 2013

The minutes were read and unanimously approved.

3. Matters Arising

PW reported that our Insurance Co require a twice yearly inspection of the Fire Alarm
PW said he was hoping for quotes re the outside work and restraining and sealing of the hall floor in the next few weeks.

4. Finance

JC reported that last year's accounts have been sent to the Charity Commission.
We now have £4,511 in the current account and £30,611 in the deposit account of which £22,00 is in the reserve fund.

We have been granted 90% reduction on Rates which stand at £86.76 for the year.

The successful Pie and Peas event in February, which was a joint event with St Bartholomew's church resulted in each party receiving £328. Thanks were expressed to Peter W, Caroline and all involved in the event.

5. Maintenance

PW reported the ice machine had been repaired.

Ian Johnstone had repaired the central window, the other to be completed next week.

Cracks in plaster in Kitchen filled in and painted by PW

LED display not working on cooker. Due to excessive cost of replacement, ecision made to buy small timer as replacement.

Tap repaired in cloakroom, damage caused by “user error”
MH had cut the grass on outside slope (with difficulty)
The committee expressed sincere thanks to Peter and Malcolm for their work.

6. Hall Usage

CH reported that since our opening in Sept 2007 the hall has seen 899 events with 19,805 people attending. Of these the largest group were in the 30 to 59 age bracket and the smallest group being the 0 to 7 year olds.

There continue to be a good steady stream of bookings. Zumba is experiencing difficulties at the moment due to family problems of the class leader. Toddlers group is very variable with no one attending some weeks. AS to speak to Lucy Taylor.

7. Screen and Projector Equipment

AS reported on the high cost of hiring equipment from BLAIZE, mainly due to licence fee charged. The equipment has also failed twice during recent usage. Other ideas to be considered, one being to create a Cinema Club with annual subscription, buying our own equipment and greatly reducing licence fee. AS and MH to seek grant from Awards for All or HBC from their Community Infrastructure Levy. Costing of equipment to be investigated.

8. Future Events

A Beetle Drive in the Spring Sue and Jane to be asked to organise.

Summer Garden Party to be held in garden of Eileen and Hubert Houseman (subject to confirmation) on 19th July. Bring your own main course and strawberries etc provided for dessert. TR kindly agreed to be musician of the day with ? number of others.

AS suggested we hold a ‘welcome to the village coffee and cake event’ for the new incoming Rector, date to be decided. This was agreed. AS to consult Rev Camilla Campling-Denton re suitable date.

9. AOB

10. Date of next meeting

29th May 2014