

**MINUTES OF ARKENDALE COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**

**AT 19.30PM IN ARKENDALE COMMUNITY HALL**

Present

Alan Stokes (Chairman) AS

Jean Stokes (Minute taker for the meeting)

Mark Robertshaw MR

Jean Cox (treasurer) JC

Caroline Houseman CH

Gavin Holman GH

Trevor Rowe TR

Malcolm Horne M Ho

Peter Whitfield PW

1. Apologies for absence

Peter Thorndyke, PeterTopham, Sue Rowe, Malcolm and Judith Howe

2. Minutes of meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014

The minutes were read and unanimously approved.

3. Matters Arising

The idea of having a welcome event for Camilla, the new rector, has been changed as she has already made such inroads into meeting people, that it would not really be appropriate. Instead we are to invite her Camilla and her family to the July 19<sup>th</sup> event.

4. Finance

JC reported that we now have £4,108 in the current account and £30,641 in the deposit account of which £22,00 is in the reserve fund.

JC has arranged a new contract with BG which will commence in August, in respect of electricity supply.

5. Maintenance

PW reported on repairs carried out namely;

1. New taps in first toilet

2. The three South facing window frames have been repaired by Ian Johnson

The power socket in the main store has been damaged and needs replacement.

The exterior of the hall will be repainted by Gary Atkins, commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June.

The hall will be closed for two weeks beginning 4<sup>th</sup> August for Gary to sand and re-surface the floor, and revarnish certain doors

The grass bank has been once again mowed by MH

The committee expressed sincere thanks to Peter and Malcolm for their work.

## 6. Hall Usage

CH reported that the Toddlers group has closed due to lack of leadership. AS said that Camilla is considering starting a group and we hope she will arrange this at our hall. Due to the sad death of Kath's husband, the Zumba class has temporarily closed. CH and JS are actively seeking a new teacher for the class.

AS asked us to consider either raising our fees or charging for the 'free' half hour allowed for clearing up. After discussion it was decided to keep the current policy, be more active in advertising the hall and review again at the end of this year.

GH to put up posters in public areas of Knaresborough and Boroughbridge advertising the hall, AS to write article for the local newspaper about our coming 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was suggested we have a banner made to put outside the hall to show it is available for hiring and who to contact.

AS reported the success of the last Wine Society meeting and advertised the forthcoming meeting in September when a Chocolatier would present along with appropriate wines, already many people have booked a place.

JC gave a report on monies raised at events during the past 12 months. Thanks were given to JC and John Foster for preparing these accounts.

## 7. Screen and Projector Equipment

AS reported on the problems surrounding the current equipment which we hire from BLAIZE. The hall has purchased a new Blue Ray Player ( at a cost of £160) to help with the showing of films. AS said the projector we currently have is on 'borrowed time 'and the screen is too small. He suggested we consider purchasing our own new equipment and changing our license provider to Motion Picture Licensing Company who will supply us with a license for unlimited showing of legally acquired films for £145 +VAT per annum. (We currently pay £120 per film). We can continue to advertise our film shows on our notice board, in Link magazine and on the web site but cannot advertise elsewhere to the general public. Also we cannot charge an entrance fee specifically to see the film. Many alternatives were suggested such as Club membership fee, first drink costing £5, etc to be further discussed.

After receiving two quotes it seems the equipment itself would cost over £3,000.

AS suggested we apply for a grant from Awards for All and or Harrogate Borough Council. AS and MH to consider application.

## 8. Future Events

The Summer Extravaganza is to be held in garden of Eileen and Hubert Houseman on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Bring your own main course and strawberries etc provided for dessert. Also entertainment from 'The Bandits' and guitarist Gary Atkins. CH, JC and JS to print and deliver flyers in Arkendale. M Horne to notify people of Ferrensby and Peter Topham, by e-mail, the people of Coneythorpe.

9. AOB

Jenny Marshall a long time resident of Arkendale is to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 28<sup>th</sup> June, it was agreed the hall would send greetings in form of a card and flowers. JS to organise.

CH said Marton Cum Grafton had just held a very successful 'Yard Sale' with refreshments in the hall, it was agreed we should try a similar event in Spring 2015

AS re[ported that agreement had been given by Richard Sykes that disabled access to the hall would be maintained during the rebuilding work on the Blue Bell.

10. Date of next meeting

4<sup>th</sup> September 2014