

**Polgooth Village Hall**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Village Hall Committee held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at**  
**7.30pm**

**Present** – Jonathan Childs, Tanya Williams, Chris Passmore, Jeannette Warren, Garry Hitchens, Jane Hicks, Di Thompson, Drena Banks, Nigel Hitchens, Wendy Hitchens, Billy Ensor, Pam Hitchens, Michele Taylor, Sharon Kendall.

**Apologies** – Tim Warren.

**Not Attending** – Tom Lott, Jill Lott, Steve Thornhill, Liz Thornhill, Craig Thornhill, Mark Butcher, Sam Butcher, Kate Spencer, Karina Davis, David Prior, Margaret Prior.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved unanimously in the absence of a chairperson.

**Matters arising** from these minutes: Wendy has purchased the new kettle. The grant provided from the Manor Farm has been used and all the double glazed window units have been replaced.

**Treasurers Report** Jonathan Childs reported that our finances were very similar to the amount we had at the last meeting, possibly just a little lower. However Garry Hitchens then handed him just over £550 towards hall funds. This has come from proceeds of the variety show and film club.

### **Reports**

**Polgooth Times** – Di Thompson confirmed the latest edition had just been distributed within the past week. The next edition would be their 35<sup>th</sup> year, so any special entries would be appreciated.

**Polgooth Players** – Garry Hitchens reported that the variety show went ahead. It was well attended and made a significant amount of money for hall funds. This year's pantomime (Mother Goose) rehearsals have commenced and all parts are allocated.

**Polgooth Church** – Jeannette Warren reported that the church were hoping to 'outreach' to a wider audience by holding a few events in the hall rather than in the church. They have a soup lunch planned for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November and a Christingle service booked for 18<sup>th</sup> December 6pm. Tanya Williams added that there were plans for carol singing in the pub on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**Ladies Group** – Pam Hitchens reported that the group had recently enjoyed a film about the ECC strike, provided by the people of Wheal Martin Museum. They will be having their Christmas meal at the college restaurant, and a ukulele band will be performing for them on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Keep fit** – No one to report.

**St Mewan Parish Council** – Chris Passmore reported that it is now likely we will be losing our Police Community Support Officer due to budget cuts.

**Bookings** – Michele Taylor reported that there is still a steady stream of bookings for ad hoc functions.

**Film Club** – Garry Hitchens reported that the most recent film shown was Jurassic World attended by 21 members. December's film is likely to be 'It's a Wonderful Life'. Garry also intends to show 'Frozen' as a family film over the Christmas period.

### **Any Other Business –**

1. Nigel Hitchens explained that his nephew David Hitchens works at St Austell college. He thought it would be a good project for his students to carry out the heating upgrade for the hall. This would work out much more cost efficient for the hall and give the students 'hands on' experience. David is discussing it in more detail with the college. It is looking feasible but not signed off as yet. Nigel will keep us posted on the progress of this.

2. We had planned to paint the inside of the hall on 14<sup>th</sup> November, however it was decided it would be better to wait until after the heating had been sorted out.
3. Nigel Hitchens offered to contact Cormac to see if there was any chance of any surplus tarmac being made available for the front parking area.
4. Chris Passmore offered to speak to the Parish Council to see if they would be willing to get involved with turning the bottom part of the goffin into a car park area for the village.
5. Tanya Williams reported that after 3 years of fundraising and investigation, it is finally looking likely that Christmas lights through Polgooth may become a reality, although it may not happen until 2016.
6. Tanya Williams has offered to pay for the first maintenance charge for the defibrillator and will liaise with Mark in the shop who has received the bill.
7. Jonathan Childs will contact Spence to see if they can erect the hall Christmas decorations ahead of the next music evening to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December.
8. A Discussion took place around the Christmas fayre. 15 tables are booked. Wendy Hitchens has organised cover for the soup lunch period but asked if the church could offer support for coffee's in the afternoon. Tanya Williams will donate bread rolls and butter for the soup lunch. Jane Hicks offered to run the raffle stall. Garry Hitchens will advertise the event. Donations of soup, cake and raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

**Meeting closed 8.50pm. Date of next meeting (AGM) Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm.**

**Minutes signed as a true record**

**Chairman**