

Polgooth Village Hall

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Hall Committee held on Monday 11th May 2015 at 7.30pm

Present – Sharon Kendall, Steve Thornhill, Jonathan Childs, Jeannette Warren, Sam Butcher, Billy Ensor, Nigel Hitchens, Wendy Hitchens, Garry Hitchens, Jane Hicks, Di Thompson, Pam Hitchens, Drena Banks, David Prior, Margaret Prior, Tim Warren, Tanya Williams.

Apologies – Michele Taylor, Kate Spencer, Chris Passmore, Mark Butcher, Liz Thornhill, Craig Thornhill.

Not Attending – Karina Davis, Tom Lott, Jill Lott.

Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record by Nigel Hitchens (in the absence of a chairperson).

Matters arising from these minutes: None.

Treasurers Report Jonathan Childs reported that overall, we are £500 better off than we were for the previous financial year despite losing our regular income from the preschool. There is currently £1700 in the bank account and the major bill (insurance) has already been paid. He confirmed the trustees had all been updated and the current trustees are now Jonathan Childs, Tim Warren and Kate Spencer. Polgooth Players have raised £1500 towards hall funds but they have decided to hold this in their account for the time being. The gas supplier also owes us approximately £200 rebate.

Reports

It was decided that for this meeting, as there was a lot to discuss regarding the hall improvements, we would not have individual reports from each group this time. Nigel Hitchens asked (as stand in chairperson for the meeting) whether any of the user groups had any specific issues or concerns but all were happy there was nothing to raise.

Hall Improvements

Garry Hitchens reported that the subcommittee that was set up at the last hall meeting had met once to discuss hall improvements and grants. Tim Warren has managed to source some paint from one of his suppliers to enable the hall to be painted both inside and out. Steve Thornhill asked if there was any possibility of a small amount of floor paint and he would then paint the porch floor. Nigel Hitchens had received a quote of £1295 to replace all the window panels. Steve Thornhill will get a quote for new curtains from Snowball Fabrics. Tim Warren will get a quote for blinds from Bliss Blinds. Di Thompson advised that the Polgooth Times were willing to give a donation of £500 towards new curtains. Nigel Hitchens will get a quote for the central heating to be installed and Steve Thornhill will replace the mirrors in the toilets and replace the silicone sealant around the basins and toilets. Garry Hitchens reported that there are several grants to which we can apply for and he has all the relevant paperwork. It was agreed to try and request the grant money for the central heating, replacement window glass and repairing the car parking area.

A date was set for 23rd May for anyone who could come along and help to bleach and wash down the exterior walls ready for painting. Then a date was agreed to start the painting on Sunday 7th June 10am, weather permitting. Committee members agreed to bring along their own brushes and equipment.

Any Other Business –

1. Garry Hitchens explained that during his recent visits to other village halls, it has come to light that we should have a safeguarding policy in place. Michele Taylor is already in the process of arranging this for the Polgooth Players group so he explained he would speak to Michele to see what is involved. It was suggested that it might be necessary for Karina Davis to have some sort of policy in place for her children's group that meets in the hall. Sam Butcher explained she helps out with this group so will discuss the matter with Karina.
2. Steve Thornhill thanked those who attended his skittles evening. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event and they raised £120 profit for hall funds.
3. Garry Hitchens reported that the film club was all set and ready to go with the first showing on Thursday 14th May. Leaflets have been distributed to all households in Polgooth and he has had a good response. Along with the leaflet is an invitation for people to give their feedback on hall matters, suggest events or join the committee.
4. Diary dates agreed for upcoming events:
 - 28 May - Film Club, (children's film) 1pm.
 - 2 June - Pantomime and variety show meeting 7pm.
 - 11 June - Film Club 7pm.
 - 2 July - Film Club 7pm
 - 11 July - Dragon Racing – time to be confirmed.
 - 18 July - Band Night 7.30pm.
 - 9 August - Wheelbarrow Carnival – time to be confirmed.
 - 3 October - Band Night 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9pm. Date of next meeting Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.30pm.

Minutes signed as a true record

Chairman