

Minutes of the Birdham Village Hall Committee Meeting held on January 10th 2017

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

Gordon Churchill, Ian Divers, Sandy Divers, Alan Drew, Betty Geary, Marie Geary, Ray Nye, Jan Rees, Fiona Thomas, Mike Thomas, Brian Wheeler

Apologies

Marion Barker

Matters arising from minutes of last meeting

The Scout Lease is now completed and signed by both parties.
We already have the maximum allowance for our payment of Council Tax.

Treasurer's Report

Current account - £7,962.67 not including our payment for electricity
Scottish Widows - £15,000
Gold Account - £5,088.49
Social Care Group have yet to pay their cheque

Secretary's Report

Copies will be made of the signed section of the lease and the lease distributed to all Trustees.

It was explained that the BVH's solicitor's costs would be paid by the Scouts over 4 years, although Ray did say the Scouts had applied for a grant to cover this.

The Scout lease is backdated to January 2016

Parish Council

The plans for the A27 were still being discussed and local Parish Councils were getting together to make their voices heard.

The issue of the travellers' site in Birdham will be heard at appeal in February.

AOB

- Hall Charges. The following will be implemented at the beginning of April.

Charges for weekdays and Sundays per hour

Main Hall	£11.80
Sandle Room	£5.30

Charges for Saturdays

Main Hall daytime	£14.50
Main Hall evening	£17.00
Sandle Room	£7.25

Regular local users like Carpet Bowls will pay £7.20 per hour but this will not be advertised and future reductions for other groups will be subject to negotiation.

- After David's death a donation of £100 to the Village Hall was made by Karen Ainger.
- Money has been repaid by the Film Bank Media
- It appears that our defibrillator is not faulty
- Mike and Marie will liaise over an advertisement for Little Gems Wedding and Bouncy Castle Hire on our website.
- It was agreed that, by using the Sandle Room, seating could be managed for 150 people at a wedding on Sunday May 7th. Marie is not available but has a contact with a mobile bar company.
- A request has been made for a 2 hour slot for a baby and toddler group.
- Mike reported that money is coming in from CILs (Community Infrastructure Levies) because of a number of local developments. We have money to spend on a projector screen and chairs for the Sandle Room. The total of £1793.91 for these items has been approved. As there will be more money to follow, we will need to apply via the Parish Council for a share of this. We also need a plan for how this money should be spent.
- Marie will work out a detailed plan for moving the Social Club to the Sandle Room.
- Mike also has applied for a grant from the Woodger Trust. It was agreed to apply for a broadband connection in the Hall and some laptops for teaching purposes.
- Betty is sorting faulty lights in the passageway.
- Ian now has a website which links into the Parish Council and into the Social Club. Automated bookings were proving more tricky to establish on the website.
- It was agreed that Mike would no longer be a signatory for the CAF bank and that Ian would be a signatory. This is in preparation for Ian taking over the Chair in April.
- Plans to move to a different bank would be considered later in the year.

Meeting closed at 8.50

Date of AGM 11th April 2017