

Marton & District Village Hall

Minutes: Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Attendees Nick Crofts-Smith (NC-S), Alison Crofts-Smith (AC-S), Andrew Ridley (AR), Heather Leggett (HL), Lynda Norris (LN), Peter Illingworth (PI), John Brooks (JB), Claudia Brooks (CB), Alison Turnbull (AT), Jodie Marton (JM)

Apologies Christine Illingworth, Christine Ridley, Shirley Childs, Charlotte Dennison, David Mulholland

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the AGM and following committee meeting on 23rd April 2023 were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

Alison Turnbull was added to the committee.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The newsletter containing the summer show schedule has been distributed. NC-S thanked the villagers who had come to the meeting following the request for more helpers for village hall events.

NC-S will check with the Charity Commission how to add AT and CI as trustees.

Paul Styles, a committee member at Ryedale Folk Museum, has expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer.

Accident Book review

No entries.

TREASURER'S REPORT

LN reported that assets were £15,644:93. The Coronation Party made a profit of £545:86 thanks to a generous donation of £475 from Slippery Whippet. The quiz had made a profit of £295:64.

There was a need for a third person to authorise payments on the bank account when LN or HL were away. LN will check how to add AR to the bank's list.

NEW HALL- FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

AR had finally received the proposal from Cundells regarding the sale of the 0.27 acres adjoining the hall's site. PI suggested the clauses regarding the purchasers costs and access to the rest of the field should be questioned with the agent if the sale goes ahead. JB questioned whether another site was available for a hall.

Because of the difficulty raising the £25,000 plus costs for the land an extensive discussion followed on the viability of the development. Points raised were:

- Could the current estimated cost of between £400,000 and £500,000 for the new hall be raised in the current economic situation when grants were not focused on buildings and the committee would need to raise a large amount as matched funding?
- Ryedale Council Planning Department had agreed in principle to a new build but planning permission has a time limit and it was doubtful if the full amount could be raised in that time.
- The hall is perhaps underused at the moment. This would probably still be the case for a new hall. Running costs would be higher but raising hire costs might lower demand.

- Was it better to use funds instead to update the present hall? Grants for smaller projects to improve the facilities may be available and fundraising targets would be more realistic and could be spaced over time. Local businesses could be asked for help and volunteers could undertake some tasks such as inside and outside painting.
- The state of the foundations would need to be investigated.
- The car park area may need to be improved but it was essential that an open green space was available for outside events which always proved to be popular. Over 200 people had attended the coronation party and the summer show always had a large attendance.

It was proposed, and unanimously agreed, that the new build be put on hold and builders be asked for estimates on what needs to be done to the present hall to make it safe and secure for future use. NC-S and AR will speak to Pat Woodall and Tony Harrison to explain the situation.

REQUEST TO JOIN WITH MARTON MORNING JUBILEE CHARITY

JB and CB explained the work involved with the VET system, the defibrillator and the monthly lottery. It was agreed that this did not fit in with the committee's aims. NC-S will speak to Steve Brown and Veronica Piercy to explain the decision.

WEBSITE

Alex Gregory is still working on the new site.

SUMMER SHOW

The schedule has been delivered to all households.

Judges have been organised The bouncy castle and pizza hut are ordered.

New ideas for games were suggested but more volunteers will be needed to run them.

AT will organise a bran tub.

JM suggested her pizza hut could be used for the cake stall. CR has offered to help with the cake stall.

The Pet Store has offered material for the dog show. SC will organise the dog show.

CD will be asked to find raffle prizes.

HL asked for sweet prizes for children entering the tombola competition be available.

Details of stalls will be finalised at the next meeting.

Sue Allenby was thanked for a donation of children's games which can be used at the show.

CLEAN AND TIDY MORNING

A time will be arranged to empty the storeroom and check all equipment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th June 2023 7pm