

Marion & District Village Hall

Minutes: Tuesday 10th October 2023

Attendees Nick Crofts-Smith (NC-S), Alison Crofts-Smith (AC-S), Christine Ridley (CR), Lynda Norris (LN), Heather Leggett (HL), Jodie Marton (JM), Shirley Child (SC)

Marion Morning Charity Attendees Mark Strickland (MS), Lady Veronica Piercy (VP)
Ian Johnson (IJ), Michael Askham (MA)

Apologies John Brooks, Claudia Brooks, Andrew Ridley, Christine Illingworth, Lauren Turnbull, Alison Turnbull, Penny Ellison

CHARITY MERGER DISCUSSION

MS gave an overview of the work of Marion Mornings Jubilee Charity. It was founded in 2002 for the benefit of everyone in Marion. Whilst it has organised community events in the past most of these are now organised by the village hall committee. Money raised through the monthly lottery is used to support the maintenance of the defibrillator and gives a surplus of approximately £600. annually. The charity also runs the village VET scheme which is linked to the ambulance service in the case of emergency calls. Members would continue to do the VET checks and run the lottery in the case of a merger.

MA said they would also submit the annual financial plans and report required by the Charity Commission. The present surplus is approximately £7,000, held in an HSBC account. This would be forwarded the village hall charity in the case of a merger but would need to be kept separate.

VP has had informal discussions with the Charity Commission about a possible merger. She listed the costs of the scheme as bank charges, insurance, a Community Heartbeat Trust donation and monthly prize money. The lottery draw is regulated by the Gaming Act. The Tuesday coffee money is not part of the MMJC. If a merger was agreed it would have to be agreed at the charity's AGM and a letter sent to the Charity Commission.

IJ paints village railings and the telephone box as part of the charity.

In the discussion after the MMJC members left SC told how the defibrillator at Normanby is funded by the village Parish Meeting. It was agreed that a representative from the scheme be invited to the next meeting. NC-S will also discuss the same possibility being in place here with Terry Collins, chair of Marion Parish Meeting. CR stated that the VET scheme was rarely used.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from 10th September 2023 were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

LN had confirmed that the hall was eligible to be insured by Zurich Insurance. A copy of the present insurance policy had been obtained from Norris and Fisher. It was agreed that a quote would be obtained before the present policy expired in February 2024.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The storage container was now in place. It had cost £2,340. Thanks were given to AR for his work in securing the container. Thanks were also due to Derek Turnbull and Frank Sturdy for all their help on delivery day, and to NC-S and CR for traffic control at the site. There are three keys for the container, NC-S and LN have one, the third will be kept at the hall. A date will be arranged for moving equipment into storage and cleaning the hall.

The website is now in operation, NC-S adds information as requested.

The latest newsletter is being prepared for printing.

Accident Book review No entries.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Funds today are £13,255:12 which includes £158:84 unspent NYCC grant money.

The summer fair had a profit of £659:33 despite the poor weather and lack of evening entertainment. Thanks to the Sun Inn, Normanby for a £200 donation from the bar receipts. A NYCC Community Grant application will be placed when a second estimate to replace the fire exit doors is received.

LN is collecting evidence for a future application for money to replace/refurbish the toilets.

EVENTS

- Summer Show** The debrief will be held at the next meeting.
- Quiz** Saturday 28th October. Twenty tickets sold so far. Charlotte Dennison to be asked to add details to facebook page.
- Christmas Fair** Saturday 18th November. Nine stalls booked. NC-S will cater for turkey buns. AC-S will arrange a raffle prize.
- Just for William** Saturday 25th November, 6:20pm to 10pm.. A fundraising event for the appeal for help raise funds for new equipment needed for William to use his pool. Tickets £5. Slippery Whippet will provide the bar. JM will provide pizzas. Children's fancy dress competition to be judged at 7pm.
- Christmas Wreath Workshop** Friday 1st December, 7pm to 9pm. JM to source materials. CR to provide leylandii twigs. Mulled wine and mince pies included in ticket price.
- Christmas Lights** Sunday 3rd December 4pm

A.O.B.

AR has spoken to Phil Fisher regarding the car park drainage. A pilot hole is needed to check that the drains are working correctly.

A safeguarding policy based on Community First guidelines was agreed. AC-S is the named person.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th November 7pm