

**Beare Green Community Association**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Present:** Pam Marsh (Chair), Angie Love (Treasurer), Maria Young, Merv Young, Joan Wigham, Barbara Steadman- Allen, Mark Treliving, Debs Mansfield (Social), Alan Smallwood, Valerie Holmwood, Michelle Watson.

**Apologies:** Andy Marsh

**Welcome** – Pam opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Barbara back from her sabbatical.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Signed as a correct record.

**Matters arising** – will be dealt with later in the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

The bank balances as at 14 April are

Curr a/c	£1233.38
Saver a/c	£45.83
Bonus Saver a/c	£230.33
Hall Fund a/c	£46784.18

The hall fund includes the final grant payment from BIFFA

HMRC have received the forms for Gift Aid application on 16 March.

Rang them today to be told that there was a delay of 12-13 weeks to process and register charities .

Quick summary of figures to be presented to the AGM for the year 2014/15 was a profit of approx £500 on the hall income against hall running costs but an overall loss of £1097 due to the solicitors bill of £3232 to formalise our transfer to CIO status and complete the lease renewal with MVDC

Accounts were being audited by Mrs Trish Evans (CAT) prior to the AGM.

**Bookings Report:**

Clubs – Knit Twits, Bridge (2days), Book Club and Library have continued while building work is being carried out by using the Committee Room.

All regular hirers are back in the hall this week with the exception of the Artists who will be returning in September, and In Harmony who have sadly temporarily closed.

I will be preparing invoices but have let the regulars have two weeks free as previously agreed.

We have lost the Friday booking for Dog Training as they are staying at South Holmwood but we still have the Wednesday 5 to 9 p.m. booking.

Had 3 Casual bookings for March – Parish Council meeting £21.60, a children's party on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March £43.20 and Lisa Marie Bertoni practicing dancing on the 25<sup>th</sup> March £18.

We have 3 children's parties booked for April each making £43.20. The Beare Green Angling Club had their AGM £14.40, and a hirer practised her yoga teaching in the small hall £5.

Everybody has commented on the hall and how nice it looks. One negative comment from the Over 60's Club who said it was cold.

### **Social Committee Report**

Quiz Night – We have 6 tables booked – Supper is jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings, chilli, vegetable curry, tuna, sweetcorn, cheese accompanied by green salad. Debs and Pam offered to do the puddings

Lego Day 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Debs asked if people could take posters to display. Maria, Pam and Michelle offered to help with refreshments during the morning session. Debs asked for offers of cakes please. We will share half the door money and refreshment money.

Jumble and Plant Sale – 17<sup>th</sup> may – Debs said she would put an article in the parish magazine asking for donations for the plant stall. We will be setting up on the Friday evening 6-8 p.m.

### **Great Turners Wood**

Michelle has had a meeting with Alex to discuss what works need to be done. Gatwick Greenspace had heard a rumour that the wood was going to be developed for housing and were going to pull out – they have been reassured this isn't the case.

Merv, Maria, Margaret King and Andy & Nicky Kirk spent a day clearing and laying a dead hedge down the footpath adjacent to the wood. There have been several comments from residents on how nice it now looks.

### **Maintenance**

Water heater – Merv has contacted Chris Ede and asked him to come and have a look at the leak. He told Merv he mended it about 10 years ago and the parts then were very expensive. He has offered his labour free of charge.

The fridge and freezer donated by Andy & Nicky Kirk is now installed and working in the kitchen.

Alan has completed a list of jobs at the hall:

The lock on the lunch club door has been replaced – he said he will patch the door at a later date.

There has been a leak from the roof above their cupboard which he is presently working on.

Changed the ball catch on the kitchen door. The back door appears to be bowing – we may need to think about porches for this and the small hall door.

Concreted the kerb outside the kitchen door.

Mended one of the ladies toilet cisterns where the hook had come undone. All present said a big thank you to Alan for all his hard work.

### **Project Overhall**

Pam, Julian and Peter had a meeting with Mole Valley to see if they could help us with the shortfall. They have put £40,000 aside which they are happy to loan us repayable over 25 years at £2,000 a year with no lump sum payable at the end.

This money can only be used for work that hasn't yet been started. They did suggest that it would be easier if the builder could backload some of the costs of the big hall onto the small hall .

Barry and Pam had a meeting with the builder – asking him if he was able to do this. He is very supportive and wants to see the whole project completed. We are also waiting for the architect to work out a final cost figure.

Merv suggested that we need a plaque above the front door saying:

“Beare Green Community Association - Beare Green Village Hall”

Everyone agreed this was a good idea – to be actioned when the work is completed.

### **Annual General Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Merv said he would raise the St George's Flag up outside. Pam asked Debs to invite the Dorking Advertiser and also to speak to her so she can give them all the information about the new extension.

Everyone agreed that as Pam has worked so hard on Project Overhall that she should do the official opening.

**Bookings Forms and fees** – a small working group will be getting together on 27<sup>th</sup> April to look at the forms etc.

**Marketing** – Pam said that once the small is completed we need to think of people/ groups that we can contact to increase our hirer's.

### **Any Other business**

Pam thanked Mark for the lovely pots and plants outside the front door.

Michelle asked if the Youth Club could speak at the AGM. There is a possibility of them using the hall on a Thursday or Friday evening.

Michelle asked if we had seen her email about defibrillator training – she is looking at the possibility of a training here in the hall.

The angling club have asked if there is any possibility of them having access to the toilets on their match days. General discussion took place. It was decided to ask them to let us know the dates and we would try and help. They had offered to come on the committee if that would help. Merv said he would contact Frank.

Pam said the trees in front of the window are getting tall – Michelle is planning to do a walk round to see what needs doing. Pam asked if Michelle could include Colin Rice (Chairman of the Angling Club) in emails.

COBRA – Pam asked if we have had any contact from them – Debs said she has emailed them to see if they would like to be involved in anything but she hasn't heard back.

Picnic Benches in the park – Angie said that these are starting to split and may need oiling soon.

Flagpole – when the work is complete the brownies and rainbows will be asked if they would like to plant bulbs around it.

**Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015**