



Beare Green Community Association

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Wednesday 5th May 2020

Held by Video Link – 7.00

Minutes

New actions show in red

Welcome

Attendees – Sandy Horvath, Chairman and trustee, Alan Smallwood, trustee, Linda Horvath, trustee, Paul Mott, trustee and Deputy Chairman, Steve Campbell, trustee

Minutes of last meeting – actions and matters arising :

AGM date 29th October (subject to In Harmony not using the hall then)

Covid Recovery Plan – we don't know yet when we can re-open and to what extent. Money is going to be tight for us now.

Decorating

We'd like to go ahead with the decorating of the main hall, and we propose setting up a just giving page to allow people to donate towards that, as we don't have any income coming in.

Events

Vue Cinema announced on the internet today they hope to re-open mid July, subject to how the virus goes.

We will advertise a **jumble sale** for 2pm to 4pm Saturday 24th October (donations 10:00 to 12:00 that morning), subject to how the virus goes.

We will advertise a halloween event for children at the hall evening of 31st October (time tbc), subject to how the virus goes.

We will advertise a children's party on the afternoon of Sunday 13th December (time tbc)

We will advertise an over 60's tea party on the afternoon of Sunday 20th December (time tbc)

Trustees – the meeting considered whether there was a need to alter the number that need to stand down, noting that our constitution says we need to lose up to 3 trustees. We only have 6 trustees at present, which is not really enough. We need to hold an EGM ahead of the AGM to change our constitution, unless more people come forward (we have one possible new trustee).

Fun Day 2020 : we agreed to cancel this.

AGM – we decided to aim for October, assuming that small group meetings are allowed by then (we don't get that many come) – if it's held in the main hall, we can space attendees out.

Ian & Gail are hiring the kitchen on Thursday for a food distribution exercise

Treasurers' Report

All the bookwork has gone to Michelle. The accounts for last year are in with the charity commission; this year we should aim to get them in on time, end of June 2020.

We have £513.03p in the current account, £6489.89 in the business account, and the electricity account is just over £600 in credit. We need to keep a float as we have a lot of rent, the debt repayment on the hall refurbishment, the electricity, council tax, entertainment licence (£450 a year), BBC TV licence, council tax and other bills that keep coming in even when we're shut. Paul thinks there is a covid cash grant we can apply for. He will pursue it. He also has an application in for a grant from Gatwick Community Trust for the heat pump, is talking to County Councillor Helyn Clack about the £100m Surrey Council community fund and whether that could help, and is talking to the Parish council about support for batboxes around the village (especially Gt Turners Wood and near the pond), and car park lighting.

Website

We will advertise that we have cancelled the existing AGM date, and that it is provisionally moved back to 29th October, main hall, with attendees able to be well spaced out.

We will advertise that 19th June 2021 will be the fun day.

Bookings report

Hall is shut due to Covid. **Action on Sandy to give the bookings phone to Lesley. Paul to set up a bookings computer for Lesley.**

Re : **Replacement projector** for meeting room - awaiting news from another village on whether and when we can procure their second hand machine when they get a new one.

Electricity

Renewal of the electricity contract with BG for 3 years was done, at a good rate of less than 11p/kWh. It was not possible to get a rebate in relation to the climate change levy and some of the VAT under HRMC rules – we are a “business” even though we are a charity.

Village Matters

We have asked Mole Valley for a pollution (air quality) check now that no planes are flying (and very limited traffic), cc Cllr Chris Ball who is supportive.

Bat box – see above.

Any Other Business

None

Date of next meeting

Thursday 25th June 2020, 7pm, by zoom