



Beare Green Community Association

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Wednesday 25th June 2020

Held by Video Link – 7.30

Minutes

New actions show in red

Welcome

Attendees – Sandy Horvath, Chairman and trustee, Linda Horvath, trustee, Alan Smallwood, trustee, Paul Mott, trustee and Deputy Chairman, Steve Campbell, trustee, Lesley West, trustee, Caroline Salmon, Observer and contributor, Revd Barbara Steadman-Allen, observer and contributor

Minutes of last (May) meeting – actions and matters arising :

Approved (correction to draft : Lesley was not present)

Treasurers' Report

Current A/c £707.31

2nd A/c £14,491.32

Petty Cash £111.00

Income: We have two grants : £10k from MVDC's covid grant for retail, hospitality and leisure, £572.40 from Capel Parish Council for new energy-efficient LED car park lights that will reduce our energy consumption and give better lighting than the orange we had before with more appropriate directionality; we are very grateful for this grant, and will send the parish council a picture, as Janet, Clerk to the Council, has requested it. Regarding the £3000 grant from Gatwick Community fund for an air to air heat pump for main and front halls – awaiting news.

Paul has been talking to County Councillor Helyn Clack about the £100m Surrey Council community fund for village halls and how that will be allocated. They are not sure yet.

Expenditure: £389.64 bill from electrician for new USB-equipped mains sockets in front hall main hall plus solving the issue of the wireless thermostat in front hall losing connection, by moving the transmitter for it from the plant room to the corridor just above the map (entirely avoiding the need for new trunking inside the hall).

Annual insurance has gone up to £993.89

Decorating cost is to come soon

£383.20 for car park lights in capital cost terms- there will be an estimated one day's skilled electrician's labour as fitting costs to come, but the parish council's grant has funded that too

The 2019/20 accounts are still with Michelle for finalisation.

It was agreed that we need to keep a reserve 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, and we are only the next roof leak away from major expenditure that we didn't expect. Also, we are not sure of future income post-covid – will our regular users all return ?

Maintenance

Decorating

Decorating of the main hall will start next week.

New Car Park Lights

We are incredibly grateful to Capel Parish council for funding two new high efficiency modern LED lights – they have auto-on via a CDS (light sensitive) cell, so Paul won't have to keep altering the on-and off-times all year round via a timer in a cupboard in the hall. Paul will send a picture of the new lights to the Parish council, as Janet, Clerk to the Parish Council, has requested it.

USB Sockets have now been fitted to all three hire-spaces.

AV Safes are yet to be fitted.

Alan is concerned that the pond paths are too clear and too wide. Steve Campbell had heard of complaints that pushchairs couldn't get round it as it had become. The fishermen do a bit of work and had got all the logs out, but the logs were put back in by someone a few weeks later.

Youth Committee

Paul had a conversation evening of 24th June with two members of the youth committee, Seb and Toby. They regretted the lack of things to do and that they didn't get the skate park; they have an interest in making a shelter in the woods at the back of the pond, perhaps near where it floods (the part that isn't used). Toby's father has a few spare pieces of wood he has said he may give them for this. Whilst we cannot give consent for this, and the council might act if others complain, it was agreed that none of us on the committee will impede or dismantle it, as it should be harmless, and giving young men/teenagers outdoors-y things to do is a good idea (we have no organised scout group in the village).

Events and Users

Covid Recovery Plan – we don't know yet when we can re-open. It's dependent on the virus, and the government. Further consideration will be necessary very soon as the situation develops. Slimming world have said they would like to return at end of July if lawful.

Ruth (dog training) – it is OK for her to use the outdoors; Sandy will tell her to bring cleaner and make sure the loo is cleaned if users enter the hall (one at a time) to use it.

Ian & Gail are hiring the kitchen on Thursday mornings at £25 a week for a food distribution exercise. **They would love blinds on the kitchen windows; Steve will speak to Shaun who generously offered to do this for free.**

Fiona would like to set up a Chinese takeaway van in the village hall car park - Mondays and Tuesdays : £25 a week agreed, subject to having a van and a licence (not yet)

Cinema : we will start again in September.

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

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

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

Fun Day 2020 : we agreed to cancel this. In 2021 it will be Saturday the 19th June 2020.

AGM – we decided to aim for 29th October, held in the main hall, so we can space attendees out. 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. If we don't get more trustees, we will need to hold an EGM ahead of the AGM to change our constitution.

Website

We have asked Sam our webmaster to make some updates (update, done)

CCTV

Trustees were reminded that CCTV is only to be used for crime and anti-social behaviour prevention – GDPR compliance important; don't save images without a purpose for doing so.

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 : UPDATE : confirmed early June by email that they haven't got their new projector yet; we are not forgotten....

8 Bat boxes approved and very generously funded by the parish council, which will procure the boxes and its fitter will fit them; money will not need to be routed via BGCA. Locations have already been identified (2 near pond; 6 great turners wood area and edge of Highlands Road)

Any Other Business

None

Date of next meeting

20th July 7:30