

Beare Green Community Association Trustees' Meeting



Held Sunday 19th January 2025 – 7:00pm

Welcome & Apologies

Present: Paul Mott, Chairman and Meeting Secretary, Laura Mott, Trustee/Treasurer and Bookings Secretary, Steve Campbell, Trustee, Trustee, Steve Killick, Trustee, Garry Anstee, Trustee, Alan Smallwood, Trustee, James Stuart, Trustee

2. Minutes of 24th November meeting

Approved.

Actions :

ACTION FROM LAST MEETING : Paul check insurance around bouncy castle for fun day, he has concerns about cover re : choice of data re : insurance renewal –

RESOLUTION OF ACTION : insurance renewal is 21st June and doesn't have cover in main policy for us to man a bouncy castle inside subject to HSE rules for the same, that always comes as a side letter. Paul to get consent ahead of renewal for this on 28th June 2025 and 6th June 2026, both inside span of next insurance (also new action getting confirmation from "Prognosis" band they can play that day)

November Action : Alan needed a note from Laura setting out the known facts re : our window was broken 20:00 7th September, we saw on CCTV that it was youths with catapults, and police investigation has been closed on (DATE), for MVDC insurance. He has the cost / invoice that wizard windows gave, from Paul. Alan knows the other 2 quotes, as he got them. COMPLETE – 19th Jan 2025, Laura sent Alan the details of the incident as reported to police, as part of the police investigation closure statement.

3. Treasurer's report

- Current Account £2,494 as at 19th Jan 2025
- 2nd Account £40,194 as at 19th Jan 2025
- Total across the two bank accounts £42,688
- Painter £4900 paid for painting and woodwork £900
- Petty Cash : Events £426, Cinema £55, Treasurer £267.55.
- Saga of bill from MVDC for fun day – UPDATE FROM ALAN – paid £103, commuted down from £150, see above. See also "events" below.
- Church magazine is no more, therefore we no longer pay them a small monthly advertising fee – December was the last month that was paid. Stopped the standing order now.

4. Bookings report

Bookings secretary update : the church will run a weekly Alpha course from March not Jan, in the small hall. We await the date of the first Monday in March.

Slimming world : Steve Campbell's contact at SW, Janice Cox, is asking the manager of SW if anyone can run a SW in BG, it would be all day Friday in main hall if so (a series of classes).

As to a possible jive dance once a month or just the once for now and see how it goes - Colin is a busy man but it will go ahead at some point.

Amy Miller is coming back to use the main hall on some [Wednesday afternoons tbc], not weekly though some spot bookings.

Evening of 25th October 2025 is the date of the next Kapow wrestling (we run bar)

Steve made a suggestion : that we advertise we will run a bar for any event, on BGCA website (we then keep profits). All agreed, "subject to our availability".

"If you want to run your own bar, please tell us when applying for the booking that you're doing that, so we know the nature of the event, and if we say OK, apply to Mole Valley District Council for a "TENS" licence <https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/community/temporary-event-notice/>

We are willing, subject to trustee availability, to run a bar for your event on the basis that we buy the drinks, set our own prices, sell them to your attendees, and retain all profit for Beare Green Community Association, as we have our own premises licence. Do not rely on this at short notice - ask us well ahead; it is subject to trustee availability and we need to stock up"

- We now have measures for serving the right portions of wine, thanks to Steve Killick

5. Cinema report

- Steve reported a low turnout in Jan. Paul had advertised it on line in Vantage magazine's on line event listing but only a day or 2 ahead. For Feb 1st film, it will be in the print edition as was submitted in time for that. Our films are all also advertised on line in Vantage magazine's on line event listings up to and including April.
- Steve has communicated to past attendees from Ashted and Caterham, a discount for parties of 10+. We are all happy about this and the % discount can be at Steve's discretion.

6. Maintenance

- We discussed the village pond weed issue; Capel PCC and MVDC are each willing to pay £1700. Contractor selected. Pond weed will remain on bank for one day to allow wildlife and "critters" to crawl back into pond, then will be removed. Laura will put a note out on social media. Cones may be used too.
- Paul is pressing solar fitters for a date. They are proving slow to confirm.
- Clerestory wood panels –has had 3 coats, 2 more topcoats still to do when drier and warmer
- Paul has bought a fridge power alarm
- The fridge power trip was because some vandal had climbed on our roof, opened the sealed purpose made electrical connections box and left the lid wide open (assuming frost/wind didn't pop it). Water pooled inside as it rained and snowed (it had snowed just ahead of the trip). The MCB then tripped and our fridge defrosted. We don't know who – CCTV can only be replayed in real time.

7. Events

Events volunteer whatsapp group works well

Paul to write to Barbara asking if she wants to join it and telling her of jumble date in case she can help

Paul to write to Valerie Homewood telling her of jumble date in case she and Maurice can help in the afternoon

Christmas Market review – went well. Let Michelle sell places for santa from the corridor, avoids need for wooden tokens and relieves busy raffle seller.

Christmas market date : 6th December 2025, we can cope with cinema being same day (Sat). End it 15:30 this time. Start time 12:00

January 2025 Wrestling (bar) review – keep prices same next time. It was just low volumes who came that caused modest sales.

Jumble sale 8th March 2025 – 1 to 3pm Admittance charge to be £1, no hardback books no DVDs no CDs

Fun day 28th June 2025 pending confirmation of the band, second message sent, he acknowledged is checking with other band members as he can do it (Prognosis)

- Not bothering to sell slots in small hall this time. Keep it free in case it rains as reserve cover for a few lucky stallholders.

- TBC how many gazebos to buy, we need to audit our stock. Band needs 2, beer 1, BBQ 1, Alan dog show 1, tombola 1
- The meeting decided to again use the rec/hard court for fun day 2025

8. Any Other Business

Alan will circulate his response to the consultation on Gatwick's Northern Runway to trustees for interest. We agreed that BGCA itself would not engage with consultations as we are both apolitical and not elected / not representative.

9. Date of next meeting

Sunday 2nd March 7:00 small hall

SUMMARY OF OTHER FORWARD DATES :

- Jumble sale is set for 8th March 13:00 to 15:00
- 6th December Christmas Market 12:00 to 15:30
- Fun day 28th June 2025, 6th June 2026
- Autumn jumble sale date not yet set
- AGM date not yet set, needs setting at next meeting

Postnote

After the meeting had formally ended, Garry raised the idea of his wife Yvonne running a Monday coffee morning as two ladies who come to bookswap had mentioned it. Paul and Alan suggested directing these people to Knitwits. Garry raised a possibility of the coffee morning being on the alternate Mondays when there is not knitwits. Laura had concerns about communications and the scope for confusion of dates as opposed to knitwits' coffee meetings. Paul had concerns about communal hot drink supplies in the kitchenette.

Since the meeting Steve Campbell has raised a concern to the Chairman about liabilities to us if hot fluid was accidentally spilt on a user. The Chairman agreed that as we didn't have much time to discuss it this time and had ended formal session, with only limited attention from those present, this potential initiative should be put on hold; we can discuss it further at our meeting on 2nd March.