

MINAL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of committee meeting held on Thursday, 3 December 2020 at 7.00pm held via Zoom

PRESENT: Rob Bailey, Milly Carmichael, David Fishlock, Lynn Scholefield, Jon Napper, Lisa Coomber, Susanna Lamb

1. APOLOGIES: None
2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2020 were agreed but still needed to be signed as correct.
3. MATTERS ARISING:
 - Rob had placed an advert in the newsletter advertising the position of a Secretary. Mention was made of a person in the village who might be interested and Lynn agreed to speak to them.
 - Lynn had arranged for Pauline to sign the Liability License.
 - Pat testing had been certified and the fire extinguisher had been inspected and a certificate received.
 - Rob stated that he was applying for another grant using Lynn's figures which showed that the Village Hall was running at a loss. Thanks were given to Lynn for her work with the accounts.
 - The guttering had been adjusted.
4. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - No correspondence had been received.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT:
 - To date there was a net loss of £488, and a further expense of around £1,100 was expected. This did include the amount for replacing the windows and external railings. Running expenses were on a par with the previous year.
6. CLEANER'S SUPPORT:
 - Pauline was still cleaning each week and had been asked to open all doors to ensure fresh air was circulating.
 - The vacuum cleaner in the Hall was very old and Rob agreed to put a request in the newsletter in case anyone had one they no longer needed.
7. MAINTENANCE:
 - Rob agreed to investigate whether the defibrillator battery was being charged by the Village Hall power supply (and if so, the Parish Council would be asked to contribute) or whether it was just the lighting for the defibrillator.
 - Heals Waste was currently on hold for now since the Hall was not being used (due to COVID).
 - It had not been possible to find the location of the water meter in order to check the usage. David agreed to have a look.
 - The application for the maintenance grant was on-going and a decision would be made in the new year, however it was looking positive.

- Rob had unfortunately received no responses to his request for memorial seats. He agreed to advertise this for the second time.
- Rob had investigated the possibility of installing a hearing loop, however, if acoustic boards were installed then a hearing loop would not be necessary. Millie agreed to measure up to see what would be required and obtain a quote.
- The Bee Garden was currently dormant until Spring. Bulbs had been planted at the Village Hall and on the sports field. A blue heart would be positioned where the bulbs had been planted so grass mowers were aware.
- Jon had produced a maintenance list showing items which needed attention:
 - Pointing of slabs front of hall (east side) - reasonably urgent?
 - Repair ramp road side (south side) of hall- epoxy and aggregate - Jon agreed to obtain a quote to fill the gaps in the ramp but this would have to be done in Spring when there was no chance of a frost.
 - Concrete in the 2 holes in front door entrance ramp – to be done with pointing
 - See how to repair down pipe on front lefthand side - inspect and report
 - Gutters? Inspect and report
 - Soakaway north side by side path - any issues with water logging inspect and report

8. REPS' COMMUNICATION:

- Church – There was a service on Sunday, 6 December and one on Christmas Day at 9.30am. There would be carol singing on the sports field at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve instead of a nativity play. Millie suggested everyone held a candle in a jar. Carol sheets were available at the church. Apparently, a keyboard is to be used for the music.
- Gardening – thanks were given to Millie for her virtual Produce Show. The photos from the show would be framed and displayed in the Village Hall. The tool sharpening event was taking place on 4 December.
- Parish Council – a further member to join the Parish Council was sought. The maintenance of the playground was an issue. The ash trees near the church car park are to be pollarded in late January due to their being diseased.
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- Sports and Social – all events are currently on hold. Football has restarted. Christmas lights have been put on the pavilion. It was agreed that the Village Hall would also put some lights on the outside tree and a Christmas tree and decorations inside the Hall on a timer.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- The future of the Village Hall – a discussion took place over ways of increasing bookings and make more use of the Hall. Millie agreed to investigate possibilities.
- Rob had had solar panels installed at his house, and had wondered about having them installed at the Hall however the price of installation was not viable.
- David informed the committee that they were planning to give out mince pies at the alzheimer's meetings on the 8th and the 15th.
- Pointing of the paving slabs to be carried out in the spring.
- Lynn reminded the Committee that the code on the key lock had been changed.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 4 February 2021 at 7.00pm