

Neuadd Bentref Llanddona Village Hall

(Registered Charity 506824)
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Minutes of Committee Meeting 9th November 2021

Present: Patricia Hughes, Miriam Williams, Dot Hazelgrove, Dave Hazelgrove, Rob Macaulay (via Zoom), John Hawke, Lesley Hawke, Helen Abel

Apologies for Absence: Sarah Walczak, Iain de Wit

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 4th October were approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Letter from Dog Club was circulated. Pat to draft a reply.

Cheque for £200 from Steve MacVicar from Bicycle Ride. Letter of thanks to be sent.

Finance: Lesley presented a finance report on behalf of the treasurer, based on limited known information as full details have not yet been received from previous treasurer.

Signature and access for the bank account have been updated 5th November. Confirmation from bank not yet received.

Access to Flogas and Scottish Power accounts has been obtained.

Confirmation of the Flogas contract at 32p per litre until September 2023 has been received.

Helen to ask the Foyle Foundation whether we can repurpose part of the £3500 grant from them towards the flooring in Gorslwyd. Some has already been spent on kitchen equipment.

Christmas Fair: Few donations received or volunteers have come forward. A leaflet drop is required to galvanise the community. Pat has got £30 donation from Spar to put towards a raffle hamper prize.

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Helen to approach Waitrose for donations. Miriam to approach a Morrisons manager contact. Rob to approach Inner Wheel for a donation.

A meeting for the Christmas fair was scheduled for Tuesday 16/11 at 7pm.

Income Plan for the Hall: Curently forecast income in a normal year is short of £7000 and estimated outgoings are approaching £12000, so the shortfall is between £3000 and £5000. Energy is a major cost for which we have little historic evidence. A better estimate can be given in the New Year after we have consumption records during a period of normal use of the Hall.

Making the Hall more attractive to disabled and vulnerable people would allow us to tap into the monies available for their support. This would require the extension of the disabled toilet into the adjacent cubicle so that changing facilities and a hoist could be installed. Pat to approach Anglesey CC to provide assistance with financing these alterations.

We need to ensure all room rentals return a reasonable sum. Young Farmers currently contribute nothing but cost us an estimated £150 per year in heating and lighting.

Health & Safety: Exterior railings require extending as a matter of urgency and a balustrade needs erecting in Iestyn to prevent injuries at the change of floor level. The step at the bottom of the ramp at the playground end of the hall needs cutting back to allow safe passage of wheelchairs.

Any other business:

Dave to investigate the availability of grants for insulation.

John to investigate secondary double glazing for windows and roof lights in the main hall. Both to report back before January meeting.

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Rob suggested grants for double glazing may be available.

DBS checks required. Alwyn at Canolfan Beaumaris and/or Steve MacVicar could be sources of information. Rob to ask.

Christmas tree celebration in Beaumaris – Sarah to organise.

Village Choir: Wait until the New Year to investigate how this can be restarted.

Website: Requires updating as soon as possible. In progress. Short of some information on changing certain parts. Hanna to be asked again.

Christmas Tree: Miriam working on this. Dave offered a synthetic tree and pointed out the allergy problems with live trees.

Heating System and Solar Array Grant: Pat was informed that the grant towards the purchase of these, which was organised by Amlwch Town Council, had been the subject of a claw back from Rural Development Wales due to incorrect procurement processes. This affected Llanddona as well as other community halls. A total of £12553 was to be repaid, of which our share would be £5220.16. Pat had pointed out that we had not been involved in the procurement process, and that a charge of this level would jeopardise the existence of our charity. Pat, together with the other community hubs involved were to make representations to Amlwch to resolve this situation. The claw back is currently subject of an appeal by Amlwch Town Council.

Meeting closed at 9:45