

Catbrook Memorial Hall Management Committee

Minutes for the meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022

Present: - Andy Pullan (AP) Chair, John Clarke Sec (JC) (GM), Jill Westwood (JW), Liz Greatorex-Davies (LGD), Phillip Robinson (PR), Mark Loveday (ML), (FLR) Fiona Wilton (FW), Stephen Vass (SV) & Craig Bridgeman (CB)

Apologies: Laura Thorpe (LT), Rose Stevens (RS), Gretchen Mattison

Matters Arising: -

Corrections to minutes for the 5th Sept.

27th Nov is booked for the Wreath Making Course, not a Lantern making session. This is booked and confirmed with the teacher.

Regarding a Lantern making session. Fiona is happy to run one if she has some volunteers to help and will look to find a suitable date. It might be possible to invite some Ukrainian guests (10 max) if there is interest. It would need to be held at the end of November before the carol singing.

11th December is carol singing around the village accompanied by two squeeze box instruments & 18th December is a Carol Service in the Memorial Hall.

Treasurers Report: -

The Treasurer stated the following: -

- Current Account: - £6,090.03:
- Savings Account: -£21,015.58:
- Lottery Account: -£2,948.00

It was asked whether we should put some of the current account into the deposit as the bank rate has increased the interest paid out. Andy said he would mention this to Rose

Chairman's Report: -

- The pub night for September on 30th Sept was well attended with several new faces and "younger" people from the village attending. £230 bar profit. It was a shame the pizza night had to be cancelled because of the weather but we will look to rearrange. Andy said the Hall will pay for any perishables that could not be reused
- The Youth Club was work in progress, update from Laura as to whether any other families would be interested in setting one up.
- Keep Fit classes seem to be going well after 2 sessions.
- The Syrian Baker could use a few more tickets to be sold to break even.
- Discussion then took place on an idea that was put forward by SV in respect of getting a machine to take credit and debit card payments SV said that it seemed to be working well at Brockweir and although there is a charge depending on type of card used. SV was asked to investigate further.
- In addition to the card payment options, it was also agreed to look into event ticket booking facilities to avoid individuals having to give out

telephone numbers / accept payments etc. SV will look into what is available and make recommendations.

Future Events: -

- Friday 7th October @ 7.30pm – Film Night, ‘The Duke’ £5 on the door, BYO
- The Syrian Baker is on Friday 14th October. Cost £10pp and tickets from Andy
- Jeremy & Fiona have agreed to run the Hall Quiz Night on Saturday 29th of October quiz.

- The Hall AGM is on Monday 14th November. The Trustee’s secretary will issue the minutes and agenda prior to the meeting. There will be a glass of wine for attendees.
- The Housekeepers Tale, a talk about living and working in Chatsworth house by Phil’s mother Christine on Saturday 26th November 2022.
- 27th November, Wreath Making Course.
- World Cup Football - Wales v England in the Memorial hall on 29th November at 3pm
- Future Films in the hall include - Friday 11th November “The Railway Children” and on 2nd or 9th December “Elvis”
- 1600 (4pm) 11th December is the “Round the Village Carols” which will start at the play area in Broadstone and end at the Memorial Hall. Mulled wine and mince pies at the hall afterwards.
- 1100 on Sunday 18th December a carol service will be held in Memorial Hall. Francesca will sing accompanied by Jill. The Monmouth band will also be in attendance. Cakes would be appreciated.

Any Other Business: -

- New Year’s Eve celebrations were discussed, and it was felt by the committee that the hall should open for the New Year’s Eve party at 2100 (9pm). Andy will supply a play list from the 100-year celebration which we had hoped to be used for those celebrations that had to be cancelled because of the Covid pandemic lockdown.
- It had been noticed that the notice board by the play park was losing its messages and they were also becoming unreadable. Suggested there should be a see-through plastic window/door to the notice board as other villages nearby have, Andy will ask the Parish Council about this.
- Craig (CB) asked whether we could have more bands to play regularly at the Hall. SV said he would ask his contacts whether any local bands were available at a reasonable price.

Meeting Closed at 1940

Next meeting proposed for Monday 7th November 2022 at 1900 (7pm)

Agenda for next meeting

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Treasurers report
5. Chairman's report
6. Future events and planning
7. Hall duty person
8. Any Other Business
9. Date and Time of next meeting