

Garvald Village Hall Trust- Minutes of meeting 24th May 2023 - Park 7.30pm

Present: Gary McGregor GM Chair, Brian Hills BH Treasurer, Shirley Evatt SE Secretary, Richard Brand RB, Donald Sutherland DS, Sarah Ramsay SR Trustee, Phillip White PW Chair of Garvald and Morham Community Council.

Apologies: Lee Robertson LR, Tom Edmonds TE, , James Mowat JM, Brian Hills BH Treasurer

Minutes of the last committee meeting on 15th March were approved as a true and accurate account.

Committee Changes:

- Nothing to report.

Financial Report:

- BH to forward finance update.
- Trustees insurance premium quote received - £345

Booking Secretary Report:

- Full update provided by Elaine Macmillan – see below:
- All regular users have continued and been invoiced up to June.
- Mary Beth is hoping to run a summer camp in July.
- There have been very few enquiries about hall hire.
- There is another wedding planned for next August - date to be confirmed .
- We will be used as a venue for this year's Lammermuir Festival - hours and act to be confirmed.
- There is another solar farm consultation this month by Fred Olsen Renewables.
- The Horticultural Society are organising a plant sale on June 10th with all proceeds going to the hall.

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Matters Arising:

- **SE** has received a quotation from Mill Architect's to undertake a survey of the hall and advise on fabric repairs required.
- **SE** to obtain a further quotation for a Structural Survey.
- **SE** to pursue Brecks with regards to undertaking a plaster survey in the hall and advise on any areas requiring immediate attention. Quote previously received was for localised areas of the ceiling only. Consider booking in for some time in the Autumn.
- **SE** to apply for windfarm funding for first phase of survey and essential works.
- **SR** advised that a local resident has suggested holding a table sale.
- The new hall hire rates are now published on the website within the hall info. pack.
- **GM** to liaise with **LR** to check whether the security camera is in operation and whether an upgrade to the system is required.
- **PW** advised that some local residents had expressed concern over the lack of pruning to the trees on the Village Green. **PW** discussing with the Tree Officer at ELC and will keep people informed through the website.
- **SE** advised that Isla Evatt would like to arrange a second coffee morning to raise hall funds.

Any Other Business:

(left on from previous minutes)

- **BH** to liaise with **LR** and look into getting device which will identify reason for higher usage.
- Committee to consider renewable options such as Solar panels/batteries, ground source heat pumps, and solar meadows as a means to reducing energy costs.
- **Date of next meeting Wednesday 30th August @ 7:30pm.**