

GUYHIRN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 11 DECEMBER 2007

1. Present:

Paul Carpenter
Sue Pitcher
Jon Martin
Joan Martin
Tony Purdy
Jan Purdy
Darren Hosein
Nigel Adams
Marie Coles
June Clenshaw
Terry Goode
Sally Freeman
Terry Jennings
Brenda Reay
Thelma Wadsley

2. Apologies:

Paul Davis
John Chillingworth
Rita Chillingworth
Angela Sexton
Cllr Tony Fowler

3. Minutes

Minutes of meeting 14 November agreed subject to minor amendments and signed off as a true record.

4. Matters Arising.

None

Update and Feedback

a) Village Hall

- (i) Bookings Secretary - June Clenshaw (JC) has resigned from this position. Jon Martin (JM) will take over the role. Thanks were given to JC for all her work over many years. The Committee presented her with a bouquet and a garden voucher.
- (ii) A new date for the AGM at 7.30pm on 30th January was agreed. **(This has since been changed to 31st January)** The meeting would begin with the election of officers, followed by the presentation of a resolution for the Committee and Trustees to become a Company Limited by Guarantee. This would be followed by a general meeting.

Audited accounts would be presented. N.B. There will be no meeting on 9th January (i.e. 2nd Wednesday of the month).

- (iii) Company - Paul Carpenter (PC) explained that this would be a better structure. Trustees and officers of the Village Hall Committee would join together to become Directors. Sue Pitcher (SP) has put in an application to Business Link Pro-Help for a lawyer to help us free of charge to pursue this new structure. PC asked the Committee to think of a name for the new Company.

b) **MR James**

15 people attended. Those present at the meeting said that it was a very interesting and entertaining evening. Thanks to Jon, Joan, Tony, Jan Rita and John for providing the refreshments.

Do we want further productions? A group of members are to work at the possibility of booking a performance - possibly April/June.

- c) **Cyber Café** - The bid application was unsuccessful, however Terry Goode (TG) and PC will have further ideas for the New Year.

d) **Pond Group**

The Group is waiting for funding to pay for insurance and some equipment. They should hear from TW (Fenland Links) next week. The Group must know the boundary lines for the Pond for further grant applications. Discussion took place about applying for a "Breathing Spaces" grant.

e) **Young People**

The Jam Van (Multi-media bus) has visited twice. 12 young people aged 10-13 have used the IT facilities supported by Alice Goose from Fenland Links. The Young People Group committee have organised an Xmas Family Party/Disco for the 19th December. Tickets are on sale at £1. The Group will be submitting a grant application for equipment for use in the Hall for drop-in sessions and eventually to support the appointment of a youth worker.

f) **Wisbech St Mary Parish Council.**

Report-back from members who attended the last meeting. The Council will look into the issue of a disabled person's problem with using the local bus. Some of the Group will attend the next meeting (17 December) and raise their concerns re traffic through Guyhirn particularly with regard to the recent accident outside the school. Discussion took place about members attending the next Police meeting. TW will let us know the date of this.

- g) **A consultation event** - 23rd February - suggested time 10.00 am - 2.00pm/3.00pm. A presentation of the Guyhirn extract in the morning and a chance to see displays from groups etc in the afternoon. The Action Group will be meeting in January to discuss further details of the day.

- h) **Summer Fayre** - TW suggested we contact other hall bookings secretaries, schools etc to help us plan a date - maybe during July.

- i) **Xmas Meal** - The Committee and partners will be having a meal at the Oliver Twist on 20th December - hoping to develop links with the landlord re the activities of the Group.
- j) **New Year Event** - Possibility of an adult Valentine function. TW will be organising craft activities for young people during February 1/2-term.

k) **Funding Applications.**

The Committee is waiting to hear about the outcome of the application to Roddens. Officers have met with Hetty Thornton (Community Development Officer (Fenland) re possible funding for kitchen alterations, disabled toilet and widening entrance for disabled. SP will look into putting in an application to Pro-Help for an architect to help us with these developments.

l) **Accounts/Charities Commission**

Tony Purdy (TP) has written to the Commission to confirm who are Trustees. They needed new signatories. He has replied and is awaiting their response. Hall accounts just keeping solvent. The Parish Council has donated £1000 - ring-fenced for improvement to lights and for redecoration.

- m) **The Fletcher Memorial** - Mr. Fletcher would be happy if this was to be a bench, possibly around the pond area.

n) **New Actions**

None

6 **Any Other Business**

PC gave details of some training courses.

JC expressed thanks from the British Legion and Friendship Club re the re-adjustment of charge fees for use of the Hall. They were very appreciative and also offered to run stalls at any future Summer Fayre.

7 **NB Date for AGM. Now 31st January 2008 at 7.30p.m**

Signed as a true copy

Dated

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