

Whimble Victory Hall

Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees held on 17th October 2011.

Present

Maria Wallis	Chair (Representative Whimble school)
Pam Scanlan	Secretary
Alison Tierney	Bookings Secretary
Margaret Bucknell	Representative Hist Soc
Rachel Owen	Representative WI
David Rastall	Representative PCC
Sam Walker	Representative pre-school
Adrian Williams	Representative VPA
Arthur Iball	Representative over 60's
Bob Scanlan	Elected member

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: George Begent, John Discombe David Myers, Jackie Mahoney and Chris Trude.

Jackie Mahoney is the new rep.for the Whimbletons.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2011 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chair. This was proposed by Margaret Bucknell and seconded by David Rastall.

3.1 Matters arising:

- 3.1.1 Soup'n'Sarnie: The profit on 24th September was just over £40. This was because there were very few customers and the expenditure on stock items was high.
- 3.1.2 Review of caretaker and grounds men: This has happened and the financing was reviewed.
- 3.1.3 Billiard room storage: JD has received a quote in the region of £2500. It was agreed that we should also ask Peter Cosslett for a quote. **BS to follow up.**
- 3.1.5 Solar heating: the viability of this is still being researched, and costing will then be sought. **Action DM**

4. Correspondence:

- Letter from DCC requesting confirmation that we have had an asbestos survey.
- Questionnaire re last year's grant from DCC

5. Treasurer's report:

5.1 The current financial position is as follows:

Current account as at	17/10/11	£ 892.89
Deposit account as at	17/10/11	£ 14,119.95
Buildings and maintenance account as at	17/10/11	£ 16,634.89
Total of all sales up to	30/09/11	£ 1,337.44
Payments outstanding for issued invoices to	30/09/11	£ 3,547.68
Uncleared cheques (debits) as of	17/10/11	£ 0.00
Uncleared cheques (credits) as of	17/10/11	£ 0.00

5.2 The finances are looking good Last year's profit was 42% up on the previous year.

6. Pricing Sub committee report:

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th September were circulated.

A) Pay increases for the caretaker and groundsmen were recommended as follows:-

Caretaker from £140 per month to £250 per month.

Groundsmen from £40 per month to £50 per month.

It was proposed by MB that these figures should be accepted. Seconded by SW and unanimously agreed.

B) Reference the website, it was agreed that we should use the Devon website and update to suit us.BS,AT and DM to look at it.

C) Hire Charges; The sub cttee felt we needed to balance the rise in costs against losing hall users. It was recommended that we do not keep in line with the strategic plan on this occasion, but remain aware of the current financial situation when we set our prices.

The recommendation of the sub committee is:-

Regular usersRPI less 2% i.e. 3.5%

Occasional users.....RPI plus 2% i.e. 7.5%

Acceptance of the recommendation was proposed by RJS, seconded by AI and unanimously agreed.

These charges will come into effect on 1ST January 2012, and a letter will be sent out with the October invoices.

The commercial rate is to be decided.

Reps of the local organisations expressed their appreciation of the committee's consideration of the current situation.

7. Booking Secretary's Report:

September was a good month .Bookings are looking good, and we already have several for next year.

8. Property Maintenance Report: Notes of the meeting held on 19th Sept. were circulated

- New fluorescent tube in the committee room.
- Emergency lighting is causing the trip switch to go.
- Heating not working properly due to a leak in the system. RJS has isolated the toilets and hallway which are now not heated and a plumber is required as soon as possible.
- The floor needs packing by the doors next to the storage buildings.Peter Cosslett to be asked to take a look.
- Still problems with the taps in the billiard room toilets. As the cost of replacement with more suitable ones would be about £400, the preschool will be asked how much of a problem this is.
- Wall cracks are only a problem in the billiard room. The cause is still uncertain, but there is no plan to underpin at this stage.
- Padlock still to be fitted on the electricity cupboard.
- Door to the disabled toilet needs attention.

9. Any Other Business:

Hire of tables: All tables owned by Devon Direct Services can be used by the hall hirers but can no longer be rented out to others

Door locks: The security locks have been fixed. AT to be given the codes.

Tree for Janet Bright: The school want to plant a tree in the Hall grounds in memory of Janet Bright. This was thought to be a lovely idea and everyone was in favour.

Queen's Diamond Anniversary: It was agreed that we wait to see what other organisations will be organising.

Soup'n sarnie; Volunteers were requested for the following Saturday.

Licence: The hall's licence has been updated with a minor adjustment to allow the showing of films.

Flower festival: This is to be held 14th-16th September 2012.MB asked if we would consider holding a soup'n sarnie on that day. She will let us know if it is definitely wanted.

10. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 21st November.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.