

ARGLES MEMORIAL HALL CROSTHWAITE

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MONDAY 13th MAY 2019

7.30PM ARGLES MEMORIAL HALL

1. PRESENT JB, Vice Chair, chairing meeting, AD, KE, LG, AG, SR, MD

2. Apologies JW, JG

3. Minutes of last meeting

Signed and approved

4. Matters arising

Proceeds from Jumble Sale £795.81

5. Planting of Containers- KE

The begonias from last year have survived the winter and begun to grow. The container compost will be replenished and they will be augmented with other plants with outlay approx. £20.

6. Costs and implications of installation of self watering system-AG

Alan Gerard advised that a self watering system comprising a water butt, water pump and fine tubing can be installed at relatively little cost, £100-£120. The butt would stand unobtrusively in the bin area. The water butt would need to be filled periodically (every 1-2 weeks), and would also collect rainwater. The pump would be connected to the existing outside lights timer.

The advantages to this system are that it is a permanent and sustainable, it reduces water consumption (the Hall is metered) and eliminates the requirement for individuals to come to the hall daily to water the containers.

As the hose currently in use needs replacing, and we are making savings on planting, the net cost of the project will be £30-50, which the Committee felt represented good use of funds. The system will therefore be installed, Alan Gerrard to carry out the work voluntarily.

7. Future social events

60s night, June 15th AD

Sports and Social evening, September 21st

Autumn Quiz and pudding Date October 19th

Scarecrow Festival July 27th August 3rd

8. Recreation Field lights

Clarification required on the situation regarding the lights and how they will be financed as there are no records of this agreement in previous minutes.

This agreement was confirmed as having been made. At the time the offer was made the Hall had healthy reserves as the boiler repair and replacement expenses had not been incurred. It was felt that Hall users benefitted from the car park and therefore would contribute to the repair bill.

However the work was not carried out at that time, and at the present time the financial situation of the Hall cannot support this expense without compromising its ability to fully utilise the grant.

The Recreation Field Trust have agreed to pay the bill for the work, and for the Hall to re-inburse the costs as and when finances improve.

Extra events are planned to boost income over the next few months which should enable the debt to be cleared by October.

10. Matters for future agendas- as this meeting is primarily to address the windows grant, other issues have been deferred-to be noted here

To formulate a medium and long term plan for maintenance and improvement of the Hall infrastructure

To increase income through lettings, events and attracting regular groups

To develop a dialogue and foster transparency between the Hall committee and other user/stakeholder groups to ensure that future plans reflect the wider needs of the community and developments to the Hall reflect the priorities of the long and medium term plan.

11.Windows Grant discussion.

After a lengthy discussion which explored the risks versus benefits of electing to match fund the £2k grant from reserves, it was decided to proceed with approaching Carnforth windows to produce a quote for £4K to replace 3 large windows and the faulty window in the disabled toilet.

12.DONM

Monday June 10th 7.30 pm, Hall.

All reps and interested parties to be invited to single agenda item meeting, Social Event Planning.