

**Minutes of the Enford Village Hall Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 14 January 2014**

Present: Judy D'Arcy-Irvine, Steve Becker, Hamish Scott-Dalgleish, David Spencer, Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine, Jane Young, Jackie Elkins, Ollie Stagg, Kriss Mitchell.

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Minutes Committee Meeting 5 November 2013**

Chairman briefly read through and asked for any comments. Acceptance of the Minutes proposed by Steve Becker, seconded by Hamish Scott-Dalgleish and agreed unanimously.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Covered in Chairman's Report.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Hamish Scott-Dalgleish presented the Treasurer's Report. The book balance as at 31 December 2013 is £4,813.62 with cheques still to be credited or cleared making a Bank Balance of £10,676.17. The actual worth of the account is £12,390.75. Contingency funds in High Interest accounts currently stand at £30,000.

The budget in relation to 2012 was ahead on income and down on costs. No major alarms and currently on target for this year.

First bad debt £35 to be written off. Proposed by Steve Becker, seconded by Jackie Elkins and agreed unanimously.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

Bookings continuing to come in; three confirmed weddings with two in the pipeline for 2014 and one possibly for 2015. The hall is popular for children's parties as well as birthday and anniversary celebrations.

Film Club averaging 40. In profit – 22 tickets is break-even point to cover the Licence of £99 and DVD with some bar profit.

The Get Together Group are considering giving up the Monday coffee mornings due to continued lack of interest and support. Perhaps we could work with them to arrange some bingo sessions if these were to prove more popular. The committee was asked if they had any other ideas; perhaps children's discos?

It is hoped the Church will make a donation of £20 towards heating and lighting used at the Christmas Fair. The real cost to the hall was nearer £60 due to extra cleaning and Enford FC being asked not to have a home match that day. The Fair was considered a great success and raised £1,800. The Church would like to use the hall again in November and it is generally agreed that we should set a price for use of the hall for this event. Provisionally £50 has been suggested; this to be discussed later in the year.

"The Snow Queen" production was a success – 23 children and 35 adults. The hall subsidized the event to the tune of £100 – door sales were £365 and cost of the production was £465. The Theatre Group are back 15th July for an outdoor production of "Treasure Island" (or "The Merchant of Venice"). This will be a 'bring your own' picnic and drinks event – if wet the performance will be in the hall. We can also book them for Christmas, and following the success of "The Snow Queen" hopefully more people will attend. It is suggested more marketing and targeting required, i.e. schools, army, etc.

Outstanding invoices are £247 for two visits each year for Crown Security and Fire Alarms. £600 will be due in March for roller shutter servicing. Klargestor and septic tank emptying will be around £600, due in May.

Estimated expenditure to the financial year end in June will be approx. £2,752 for servicing and redecoration, plus electricity and water bills £900, cleaning £500, misc £200. Approximate total £4,500.

Income - in addition to regular clubs and classes, confirmed bookings so far (approx. £3,000) are as follows: childrens parties x 1, private events x 6, weddings x 5, campers x 1.

A Bookings Clerk is being sought. Steve Becker will look into a simple package program for bookings.

6. Parish Plan Report:

Steve Becker reported that the Parish Council will be updated on a monthly basis. He is adding items suggested by the questionnaire. Footpaths – an action plan is in draft form and needs to be agreed by the community.

7. Maintenance Officer's Report:

David Spencer had nothing to report. The Chairman thanked him for his work.

8. Grounds Officer's Report:

Hamish Scott-Dagleish reported that moles are a problem but the rabbits are not too bad. The condition of the football pitch is good for the time of the year. The Chairman thanked him for looking after the grounds.

9. Future Projects:

- i) Upgrade Car Park Lights:
Only £2,000 budgeted for lights.
Research needed to look into various options, including quality, brightness and possibly replace some with taller sets to light larger areas.
- ii) Redecoration of Hall and Changing Rooms:
Peter Overton has quoted £1,175 plus £30 materials. We have some paint in stock but will probably need another 2 tins costing around £100. He has been booked for April.
- iii) Storage:
More space will be available if the Get Together group disband.
Lockable cupboards would be useful.
Many items are not kept in the hall due to lack of space. Perhaps more cupboards are needed.
- iv) Picnic Tables:
It is generally thought that three tables with bases might be sufficient. Low cost tables are available. It was suggested that we purchase two to start with in the spring. If these are not "stolen" more could be purchased at a later date.
- v) Any other suggestions:
Water softener to be researched.

10. Future Events:

- Steve Becker will put an article in the Enford Newsletter entitled '*What do you want from your Village Hall?*'
- Are we trying too hard to entertain the community?
- It was decided that we will continue to organize the following:
Film nights
Summer production
Winter production
- Jane Young suggested organizing events for the WW1 Centenary. Suggestions around the table included hosting a picnic, an historical project, a rolling screen of WW1 diaries, a film – possibly "Gallipoli" - followed by a talk. Events could take place anytime between 2014 and 2018 and should be considered carefully – not so much a celebration, more an anniversary or commemoration. Committee members asked to have a think about it.
- Could the Church and Village Hall organize talks with eats maybe three or four times throughout the winter months?

11. User Group Reports:

- 1) Camera Club:
Jane Young reported that attendance hadn't been particularly good before Christmas but things were starting to look up again.
- 2) Enford Newsletter:
Jackie Elkins reported that it continues to keep the community informed.
- 3) Short Mat Bowls:
David Spencer reported that it was ticking along nicely.
- 4) Football Club:
Ollie Stagg reported that the youngsters were doing well and were looking forward to a new coach starting in four weeks.
The adults were very poorly supported – not much interest in playing.
- 5) Parish Council:
Anthony D'Arcy-Irvine reported that a £500 donation for the Village Hall will come from the annual Precept.
- 6) Youth Club:
Jane Young reported that it has been quiet over the winter months, averaging 25 members per week, but those who do attend are enjoying the games and craftwork held inside the hall.

12. Any Other Business

None

13. Date of Next Meeting & Proposed Dates for 2014

11 March / 13 May / 8 July / 16 September AGM / 11 November

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.50.