

Dyffryn Ardudwy & Talybont Village Hall Committee Meeting

Thursday 17th November 2016

Treasurer's Report

The bank balance as of 4th November was £4168.15. The increase of £850 over the September figure is largely due to the payment of £1500 by the Community Council in October and the reduced hall rental income accruing in August. Our Reserve account currently holds £18.89.

NatWest had notified us of withdrawal of our banking facilities unless we supplied them with certain information! Although this situation was resolved I still don't really know what information was required! NatWest Dolgellau Branch were asked to remove Alun Gerrard's name from the Reserve Account.

Income:

The income from Hall hire from the start of the financial year to the end of October was £3272 – though £264 of this is in unpaid invoices.

For the Bouncy Castle, the corresponding figure is £435

Expenditure:

I am awaiting a bill from RJ for the new lights in the toilets and other electrical work. Otherwise, there are no outstanding bills to pay. Besides a number of bills associated with maintenance of the hall and its facilities, we had to pay £162 to the Performing Rights Society for music provision. They (PRS) have now submitted a review form requiring declaration of our income extracted from our latest accounts.

Our Standing Orders and Direct Debits average about £540 per month which includes about £65 VAT. Following discussion of this at the last meeting, I discovered that registered charities (such as ourselves) can pay the reduced VAT rate of 5% on all or part of their electricity bill. Quoting from UK Power Energy guide for Charities: "Charities and non-profit organisations are entitled to a VAT reduction, from 20% down to 5%, on energy used for 'non-business' purposes, as well as exemption from the Climate Change Levy (CCL)*, which also reduces bills by 5%."

Small consumers using less than 1000kWh per month pay 5% VAT on the total cost irrespective of whether or not it is "non-business" use. Once you consume more than 1000kWh per month you only pay 5% on that part of your bill that is non-business use. As we charge groups for the hire of the hall and rooms, that use is deemed to be business use and therefore not eligible for the VAT reduction!

Other:

1. I have not progressed the creation of a budgetary plan
2. I have to admit, again, to not having followed up on Jane's request for badminton/pickle ball equipment. There is a possibility that we can get a grant from Age UK (Age Cymru Gwynedd & Mon) under the Community Chest/Sport Wales scheme.
3. As the automatic doors in the Foyer work properly only intermittently we need to get help from the installers (Kaba). I asked the Community Council (as owners of the Hall) to register with the company so that we can get the problem solved. Has the Council acted?
4. "Art in the Aisles" has made a donation of £150 to the Hall. We should formally acknowledge that donation.
5. Abacare is again requesting use of our facilities: next Tuesday. I phoned their head office as they have still not responded to the letter I sent them in August reminding them that they have a couple of unpaid invoices. Despite being told a manager would phone me back, they have not responded.

6. Cleaning: I am pleased to report that Jonathan Ensor has been appointed as caretaker/cleaner. I would like to suggest that Jonathan takes responsibility for ordering all our cleaning supplies from Gwynedd Disposables.

7. Gas safety certificate: as far as I am aware, we are still awaiting a gas safety inspection – Stefan was going to ask his brother. Also, Richard Hollingsworth pointed out that we are overdue an electrical inspection!

8. Despite having recently paid for the oil delivered in October, I have received a statement of account from Bates & Hunt Petroleum that shows we still have a credit of £78.80 outstanding from January 2015. I will endeavour to get this corrected following our next delivery of oil.

9. I have received, via Greta Cartwright, notification of workshops examining ways of safeguarding the Welsh language within community events and services in Gwynedd.

Does anyone wish to attend on our behalf?

10. We have been given a new printer by a member of the art group. Again, we should formally acknowledge that donation.

Signed:

Date: 17th November 2016