

Dyffryn Ardudwy & Talybont Village Hall

Hall Committee

21 January 2016

Present: Gwillam, Denise, Peter, Eryl, Nedw
Apologies: Edward, Ann

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved – Proposed – Nedw, Seconded – Eryl

Matters arising:

Sign: Nedw had spoken to Ed and the actual sign was ready. Catrin had all the necessary information to put on it. Nedw to contact Ed to see if we can get it sorted and up as soon as possible.

Cleaning: It was agreed to authorise Denise to get in touch with Daryl Edwards and on production of a written quote, to give the go ahead to clean the hall at a cost of £350. To ask him to also clean around the oak door area. To ask him what chemicals he used in view to using them on the rest of the hall to rejuvenate it.

Damp: Peter read out a letter he had sent to One Voice Wales regarding who is responsible for what concerning the maintenance of the hall (copy attached). Awaiting a reply. Eryl to chase up.

Bouncy Castle: Gwill has been putting this up with the help of Christian who now wants £20 to do this. As we only receive £45 for use of the bouncy castle, this would be unacceptable. Denise had found a young man willing to help for £10. Previously, when Mel and Gareth originally got the grant for the bouncy castle, it was to be in conjunction with parties to make money for the cafe. Denise stated that it wasn't financially viable for her to provide 'the party experience' (although she would do food if requested) and that she was more than happy for the 'hall' to receive any monies as they were doing all the work. Denise estimated that if we only managed one hire a month, it would bring in an additional income of £420 per annum. More publicity was needed. Nedw would contact Alison Williams and liaise with Peter, as it was possible members of his family might be able to help out in this matter.

Facebook: Denise would contact John Morris and ask his advice

New treasurer: Ann Butterworths husband, Peter, has agreed to take this on, once they return from holiday. He will work alongside Denise then take over from the new financial year in April.

Caretaker/cleaner: It was thought Jane Siviter would take this on, but when seeing all that was involved, declined. She said the cleaning wasn't a problem but she wasn't prepared to do all the setting up. Another candidate had said the same thing. Discussion took place and it was agreed that all groups would be asked to set up and restore hall for their sessions and a cleaner would be employed. Denise would speak to each group that used the hall and explain the rent raise would be deferred because of this.

Odd jobs: Andy Gittens had volunteered to do odd jobs at the hall, such as putting in new light bulbs etc

The Meeting followed the Agenda

Chairmans' report: Gwill mentioned that we needed to try and encourage more use of the hall. He would continue helping in what ever capacity he could but felt that younger people should be encouraged to participate.

Treasurers' report: Denise reported that she had been unable as yet to transfer £500 to the reserve account. Balance of current account was £1008.46

Cafe report: Denise reported that the cafe was going well and a lovely community spirit was developing amongst the customers.

Theft of Laptops: The 3 laptops in the cafe had been stolen. Police and the insurance company had been informed but there was little hope in getting them back. The insurance company had written requesting further details and it became apparent that Denise had not received an inventory regarding the cafe and the hall inventory was not up to date or readily available. It was suggested that this might be a task for the new treasurer. Denise would continue to liase with police and insurance company. The community Council were looking to install CCTV. It was noted that Mark Stanton had taken the music console to clean up and had not yet returned it. Peter would chase this up.

Bouncy Castle: dealt with

Caretaker: dealt with

New rents: Nedw asked that these be displayed on the notice board – Denise agreed to do this. As mentioned the new rents would be deferred until the cleaning/caretaker dilemma was resolved. Denise estimated that the new rents would bring in an additional income of approximately £350.

Future activities: ideas were needed for future activities/events. Perhaps we could encourage individuals to organise events and the hall would take a percentage of the profits

AOB: In the future, alcohol licences would be granted to an individual for a period of years. If groups using the hall were going to be selling alcohol, there should be a premium added to the rent.

Date of next meeting: Thursday March 24th @ 7.30 pm