

Dyffryn Ardudwy and Talybont Village Hall Committee

Tuesday June 8th 2021

Present: Derek, Ben, Mick, Denise, Trish

We welcomed Paul Jennings, Dave Kehoe, Kath Aikerman, Bethan Edwards-Newport

Apologies: - none received

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed

Chairmans report:

Derek let us know that maintenance jobs were continuing to be done

Bethan: - gave an overview of her new business venture of ethical wills and benefit checks. She wished our support in hiring space in the hall to consult/display. It was agreed that she would use the back committee room, once a month on the first Wednesday of the month, 2-5, commencing July 7th

Treasurers report:

Mick had received notification that the planning application in regard to the new front doors/windows had been approved. He has asked the architect to now do specific plans for building control so the job can go out to tender.

We continue to receive various grants – thanks to Ben to keeping an eye out for anything that might be applicable. Thanks to the community council, whose regular grant pays the caretakers annual wages.

Reserve account £30,000: current account £2852.30

While the finances are healthy, we anticipate quite a lot of maintenance expenditure, in the future, due to the age of the building.

We will be applying for grants for the front of the building.

We continue to receive money from amazon smile

Cupboards are ready to cover the electrics in the rear kitchen

Trustee appointments:

The governance document for Trustees had not been updated since the new hall was built. Ben would upload to committee members and Trustees, one suggested by the Charity Commission. There would be a recommendation that only 1 Trustee would have to be present at hall committee meetings to make decisions.

Area behind oil tank: thanks to the volunteers who strimmed this area. Gate and bolt had been fitted. It was suggested that this area could be landscaped so people could picnic/sit here. Ben would look for relevant grants. This would not conflict with the ‘village green’ plan/vision comprehensively described by Kath.

Volunteers and jobs:

Thanks to all who help. Ben would compile a list of people willing to help and in which area. Derek and Mick would survey the building and grounds and see what needs doing and what were the priorities. Pointing probably next on the list of work needing to be done -not difficult but requiring a lot of man-hours

Painting fences:

Back fence needs protecting. Dave volunteered to psray weed killer, then lend Mick the sprayer to do the fence.

Grants: National lottery large grants scheme:

Suggestions as follows: audio visual recording studio/VCR/Disabled changing/ functioning rear kitchen/rear disabled access

Bike racks:

Ben given the go ahead to purchase a set of bike racks which Mick would bolt to the floor.

Groups:

Artist – some discontent over our covid rules – 2 of the 5 will not be coming back. Mick will speak to the group leader after she returns from holiday to see if the other members still wanted to attend.

Yoga – now x3 week

Drummers – probably every other Saturday

Cambrian Coast Environmentalists had booked

Gwynedd disability group now x2 week

A baby belling water heated had been donated

NEXT MEETING; TUESDAY JULY 13TH @ THE CAFE @ 7.00