

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting held on January 10th 2024 at MH

Present: Shirley Davies; Sue Smith; Jez Cunningham; Maureen Cribb; Charles Collins; Linda Kirkpatrick; Kirsty Masone; Jackie Raw.

In the absence of HD, SS took the chair.

	Minutes/Actions	Who
1	Apologies: Jon Waterman; Jackie Greet; Hilary Davidson; Andy Hohne.	
2	Minutes of previous meeting : November 8 th accepted	
3	Matters Arising: nil	
4	Lessons from previous events: Curry Night – very successful and thanks to everyone who worked on this. It was felt however, that in future we might look at outsourcing the cooking as it was very hard work. Tree lighting – very enjoyable and a good turnout in spite of the inclement weather. Thanks to JW.	
5	Forthcoming events: -Horse Race Night on Feb 24. (56 maximum number). Food, chilli and tuna and/or cheese with baked potatoes. Potatoes will be cooked at homes. No dessert, chocolates instead. Tickets £10. SS, HD, SD available to cook. JC, CC, 'bookies'. More helpers needed. - Barn Dance – booked, May 18th. Fish and chip supper. It was agreed that numbers should be limited . We might make a loss on this but still worth running. Band, £500. Cost of f and c not known yet. Finalise arrangements at March meeting. - February coffee morning – 10 -12. A representative from MND society will attend. JC will ask Jean to make scones. SD coffee cake; LK and JR Victoria sandwich; SS fruit cake; MC Lemon drizzle; KM banana loaf. Any others? All cakes to be fresh and if we have too many, we will freeze for a future morning. SD will get milk and serviettes. SD and JR kitchen duties. Helpers to arrive at 9.30. Raffle, HD organizing. JC will use the card reader for donations, as well as cash. Flyers distributed, (then amended thanks Jez)	All who can JC SD LK JR All who can
6	Treasurer : Since our last meeting in November, we've had a net surplus of £62. This was made up of the surplus from the curry evening less the freebies that we put on, namely the Christmas tree lighting up and the December coffee morning. Since the last meeting the NS&I account that was earning little interest, has been closed (balance transferred £2.5k) and another account has been opened at a better rate in interest (4.25% at the time of writing). A 95 day notice account with Natwest has been opened and £6k transferred into it. This still leaves £1,750 in petty cash/the current account which is more than ever needed previously. The £6k is slightly more than originally recommended but we can get access to it in 3 months, versus the 12 originally anticipated.	
7	Working with the Mission Hall committee: They have kindly waived the fee for the hire of the hall on Feb 2 nd . Progress is being made on hall maintenance. Once the building work is complete, more aesthetic matters will be considered. The book case will be removed, as the phone box is now used for book swaps and another cupboard will be put in its place. A working party has been organised to clear the kitchen and existing cupboards. A Beetle drive to be held on Feb 2 nd . Music evening on March 8 th . Other events will be planned.	
9	AOB: Flood defences. After the recent flooding, it was questioned if the SPS could help. There is a need to clear around the bench at the pond. This will be done when viable. If there are other ways we can help, perhaps financially, it was agreed that it would be a good use of our funds.	
10	Next meeting: <u>February 14th 2024</u>	

H. Davidson .