

Minutes of MHT Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023

Present: Anthea Heathershaw, Bill Egerton, Linda Kirkpatrick, Maureen Morris, Sue Wintle, Sheena Dearness, Yvonne Emery, Sue Davis **Apologies:** Neville Wood-now home but still unwell

Minutes-The minutes of the last meeting were approved

Acoustic panels installed and much appreciated by hall users. All paid for in full-total cost just under £5000

Land registry-details now held by Official Custodian of Charities on our behalf.

Open Evening Feedback-good response and good turnout -lots of enthusiasm for retaining the Mission Hall as a well used village facility. Lots of different ideas put forward, points to consider- windows will need replacing, preferably all at the same time. Discussions on type of glass, Draft proofing needs to be improved and need to get top windows to open (need to get rid of ropes hanging from top windows-safety hazard) Maureen will ask Dave Buckley for a quote to sort top windows.

Decluttering of hall, cupboards and kitchen is essential.

Floor will need to be replaced -an expensive project to be done by a builder.

When the lease is renewed the committee might need to be widened.

Sue Davis will draught a newsletter to keep people informed of outcome and progress.

Fundraising Meeting

Bill will email all those who volunteered to be involved in fundraising to let them know about the first fundraising meeting, next Wednesday 18th January 2pm in the Mission Hall.

Linda would like a fundraising subcommittee-this will be formed at the fundraising group meeting next Wednesday (18/01/23)

Maureen would like to reclaim the Summer Friday coffee mornings-May to September for charity fundraising. Anthea will write to Hilary about this.

The Mission Hall will now do the cream teas for the Kings Coronation -May 6th

Tea, cakes scones to be provided (bring your own sandwiches?) to be held in Mission Hall Lane, Mission Hall carpark, The orchard and Sue's garden. Not necessarily a fundraising event -will sell tickets. Will need to apply for a road closure for the day.

Change of Bank Signatories

Erica Ferrari (in her role as a magistrate) has kindly offered to visit Neville at home to get the necessary paperwork and personal information to allow the change of bank signatories. Barclays finally agreed that this would be an acceptable solution.

Carol Service

A successful if not smaller than normal carol service (lower number of attendees probably because there was no Baptism this year) Anthea received a lovely thankyou letter from the Salvation Army and it was decided to book them again for 2023 (Anthea will do this) They were given a cheque for £200 -£16 from the trust to round up the number

Monday 18th December 2023 6.30pm-in the diary !

Treasurers report

Bill gave out copies of the detailed treasurers report. Bill suggests a £10ph booking fee with an expected loss of around £850 but hoping inflation and cost of living will ease. Groups will be told next month that prices will go up to £10ph in April. If we charged £12ph the profit would be about £300.

Bill will get in touch with the 2 best energy quotes -Octopus and Scottish Power to get a final quote and then go ahead with the new contract.

Unfortunately the pay-off period for solar panels would be around 15-16 years making them unviable.

We only need a PAT test every 2 years and Bill has done a visual check of plugs etc this year (he has records of this in his files) then Turrells will do the PAT tests in 2024.

If we look into energy loss/efficiency a second door on the porch might help. Maureen will ask Dave Buckley to give us a quote.

AOB

Sue Wintle suggested we follow up Erica Ferrari's suggestion of a sound system for the hard of hearing which involves individual ear plugs etc. Linda will ask Erica what the system needs to make it work—Wifi? bluetooth?

The hostess trolley has now gone and Maureen has got a quote from Dave Buckley to put 3 shelves in its place and extend the worktop by about 6 inches making the shelves deeper-total cost £210-£220.

The WI would like to purchase another 3 comfortable chairs (at their expense)-after some concern about the amount of room they would take to store the committee agreed this was a reasonable idea as they are sorely needed at the WI meetings.

John Allen has been in touch with Sheena to give her information about the charity details.

Next committee meeting -Tuesday 21st February 2pm in the Mission Hall