

Minutes of the Group Meeting
Held on 7th November 2011

Present: Malcolm Baker, Jill Skelley, Amanda Baker, Ray Purvis, Mark Burrell, Pam Page, Jane Hedge, Martin Appleby and Rachel Barkham

Apologies: David Hedge and David Barkham

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES

No amendments.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Hall Renovations

Malcolm has received a quote for repaving the side access of the hall of £2000. This will save paving across the front and funds saved will go towards renovating the inside of the building. The paving to the rear will enable the rear doors to be used as disabled access.

The crash bar has been replaced in the kitchen.

Malcolm has been compiling a list of keyholders and has decided its time to change the locks. The Committee agreed to the yale lock being replaced. Mark to change the lock and get 20 keys cut.

2. Hall Cleanliness

Malcolm reported that cleanliness had improved. He has now removed all bins except the one in the kitchen. Malcolm has asked that if you find the hall in an untidy state then it must be reported to him as soon as possible in order to determine who is leaving the mess. Malcolm has prepared a checklist which will be attached to the back of the main door to remind everyone what needs doing. Martin will check on the hall regularly and has volunteered to be a further contact for reporting problems.

3. Fundraising

Malcolm reported that we have lost hirers at the hall. To cover the loss he proposes an increase in membership fees from £7.00 to £8.00 and an increase in the hall rental rate from £5.00 to £6.00 per hour. This still works out cheaper than the other venues in the village. Malcolm will do a letter to parents. The proposed increases to take effect from 1st January 2012

Malcolm reported that the Rag2Bag scheme had now raised nearly £200

Malcolm reported that the Waitrose Community Matters Scheme had helped raise just over £200.00. ASDA run a similar scheme which we will need to apply for once it is launched.

Malcolm has been given some Peel 2 Save discount vouchers. They are £10 a sheet with the Group receiving £5.00 per sheet sold. They are a sheet of mini-stickers that give various discounts and offers at shops in the town. Malcolm will promote them at meetings.

Quiz Night. The committee thanked Amanda for her help in organising the running of the last quiz night. A total of £362 was raised. The next quiz night will be held on the 17th December. David and Jane have already organised the questions. Amanda is organising the food. Ray will organise the licence. Malcolm asked if the sections would organise donations of raffle prizes. Tickets are £7.50 per ticket to include food. Please contact Amanda for tickets.

TREASURERS REPORT

Savings	September & October	
	Debits	
	Transfer to current account	£1,000.00
	Credits	
	Interest	£0.55
	Waitrose	£215.00
	RagBag	£48.00
	Tuck	£167.20
	Donation from Ray	£50.00
	Quiz Night	£376.20
	Hall Hire	£375.00
Balance		£4,145.15
Current	Credits	
	Transfer from savings account	£1,000.00
	Debits	
	British Gas	£45.67
	Buildings Insurance	£739.29
Balance		£569.38

Gas and electricity prices will be going up. Jill has spoken to British Gas about changing tariff. They have suggested changing to a fixed tariff. Mark will have a look for a better tariff to switch to.

200 CLUB

Draws are as follows: -

November	1 st	-	163
	2 nd	-	31
	3 rd	-	19

CUBS REPORT

Mark reported that the children had been to the PGL weekend and had enjoyed themselves.

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There are 17 members and have someone interested in taking over running it. Martin will be meeting with him to discussing him taking it on. He and Barry will help out.

GSL

Malcolm is to do more training and as part of that is looking at developing committee member's roles within the group. Malcolm handed the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer the latest guides on their roles within the group.

It was discussed whether section leaders need to attend the Committee meeting, a parent representative could be sent in their place. It was discussed that it is better to attend to keep up to date with what is going on within the group.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Malcolm has received a complaint that the heating was off at the hall. The boilers had been turned off and there has been trouble getting the system going again. Heat Haus were called out to rebalance the system. The thermostat is now set to 17 degrees, please contact Malcolm if this needs altering.
2. The first aid kit has been replaced. Malcolm will make enquiries with St. Johns Ambulance about refreshing leaders first aid training/training new first aiders.

NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed