

Royal Four Towns Hall Association
Minutes of Meeting held on 11th January, 2016

Present: Nick Bass(Chairman), Jim Burns, Teresa McColm(Booking Secretary), Margaret Byrne, Peter Barlow(Vice Chairman), Gill Frazer, Ellen Hyslop, Jeanette Carmichael, Graham Anderson(Property Convenor), Malcolm Wade(Treasurer), Chris Simpson, Lorna Bell(Secretary).

Chairman, Nick Bass welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Apologies: Sarah Cowan attended the meeting briefly to present her work done on the letterheads and to apologise for not being able to attend for the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: these were accepted as a correct account of the meeting.

Matters Arising: Xmas Lights Switch On – a very successful evening, the raffle raised £71. Peter Barlow thanked everyone who had helped out on the night. Lorna Bell noted that the Under 5's nativity had brought people to the event who would perhaps not normally have attended

Treasurers Report: Malcolm Wade reported that December had been a good month for rental income with a total of £544 raised through hall rental. Income from the 50/50 Club was £303.

Cumberland Investment Accounts	£13,735.39
Current Account	£ 2,449.56
Cash	£ 310.10

Property Convenors Report: Graham Anderson had emailed his report to members prior to the meeting in an effort to minimise time at the meeting. Chairman Nick Bass once again thanked Graham for all the work he has undertaken to keep up with the routine maintenance of the hall. Graham reported as follows:

- Xmas Lights – thanks to Angie, Peter, Anne, Dick, Margaret, and Malcolm for help putting up and taking down lights. New waterproof boxes, nets, strings and rope lights have been purchased with wind farm money.
- Front entrance fluorescent tube and starter replaced.

- Replaced door handle on right hand side stage door.
- Bushes removed at war memorial, these will be replaced in the Spring. Crocus and daffodil bulbs have been planted at memorial and tulip bulbs planted in village planters. All planting funded by wind farm grants.
- Wall lights were found to be not working, this problem has now been fixed.
- Damaged table lantern for Burns Supper repaired.
- D.S.Roofing been contacted to replace roof slates, no feedback to say work has been done yet.
- School requested clothing bank be emptied.
- Mirror replaced in disabled toilet above the radiator.
- Cooker door – missing screw has been replaced.
- Section of kitchen floorboards seem wet/rotten. Committee agreed to seek advice from Jimmy Key.
- New fire blanket and extinguisher required [Graham Anderson](#) will organise this.
- Cleaner has requested new toilet roll holders [Malcolm Wade](#) to purchase these.

Hall Bookings: Teresa McColm reported the usual bookings, with an additional booking for a birthday party on 6th February. Lorna Bell reported that she had confirmed the May Election booking by email

Burns Supper: final arrangements were verified for the evening. Committee to set up on Friday 22nd January at 2.00pm and arrive at the hall on 23rd January at 6.00pm. Nick Bass thanked Margaret Byrne for all her hard work in organising the Burns Supper.

War Memorial: Jim Burns reported that he and Graham Anderson were to meet with Robert Lowther from Dumfries and Galloway Council on 12th January with regard to maintenance of the memorial. He also confirmed that lime based mortar could be applied to a certain level and then scaffolding would be required, also cleaning kits are available. It was decided to await the outcome of the meeting before any decisions were made.

A.O.B. – Lorna Bell raised the subject of future fund raising ideas to be brought to the next meeting, however, treasurer Malcolm Wade felt that if the Burns Supper went well the funds were looking quite healthy. It is hoped that The Happy Hour Theatre Company will be doing a tour this year.

Date of Next Meeting – 22nd February, 2016, 7.30pm

