

Royal Four Towns Hall Association Minutes for the meeting held on the 11th March 2019

Welcome : Chairman Stuart Robinson opened the meeting.

Those present : Jim Burns, Margaret Byrne, Phil Davies (Secretary), Stuart Robinson (Chair), Lorna Bell, Yvonne Thomson, Teresa McColm (Booking Secretary), John Thomson (Treasurer), Jeanette Carmichael, Graham Anderson (Property Convenor).

Apologies: Sarah Cowan, Gill Fraser.

Minutes of last meeting: These were accepted as a true and accurate account.

Minutes proposed: Teresa. McColm.

Minutes seconded: Margaret Byrne

Matters arising: The expected booking by Solway Silver has been cancelled due to lack of participants.

Treasurers report : Deposit a/c £15,977.50

Current a/c £2,970.85

Cash £418.01

Balance £19,366.36

Surplus for year: £34.78

2 very large payments this month : Heating oil £842.90
and annual insurance £751.12.

New Scottish Power lease is being drawn up – they have agreed to pay up to £3000 legal fees for lease.

It is now being set up by both solicitors.

Booking Secretary's report : Hall bookings have been very healthy all winter with the usual dancing classes and the Young Farmers. There is a hall dance on 30th March organised by Margaret. The artists will continue until June and the Art Exhibition over the Easter weekend. I think the craft group will stop at the end of March too.

Property convenors report : The radiator next to the kitchen entrance needs attention, Jim will ask Peter Hawkins to have a look. The weekly checks have been completed.

Hall floor. Graham asked Jim to get three estimates for the resurfacing of the Hall floor and the stage area.

Spring Fair : Stuart has stated that 20 tables have been booked both days so at £20.00 that gives us table income of £400.00 The crafters will have to pay fully for their table no later than 17th March.

Stuart will organise advertising in the local papers beginning in April and print out some posters for distribution on notice boards in the surrounding villages , supermarkets and Church halls . Boards will be placed on the B7020 from the beginning of April.

We will need donations for two hampers for the two days of the Fair.

Margaret and Teresa will put the hampers together.

Donations should be handed in to them by 21st April at the latest.

We are asking for volunteers to make soup to go with the rolls which will be fresh , not part baked. The price for the soup and roll will be £2.00 and £1.00 for tea or coffee as we agreed at our last meeting.

Staffing has been arranged , times to be set at next meeting.

The hall will be set up on Friday night as usual.

The Hall will be opened for business 11.00am to 4.00 pm.

Arrangements to be finalised at the next meeting.

Spring Play : Jenny Pike has confirmed that she can do this on Friday 31st May and would prefer an 8.00 pm start .

There will be three plays performed on the night

Cupboard Love 35 mins

Cruise Missile 36 mins

??A new play 25 mins.

Suggested Timings therefore, assuming we have a drinks licence.

Doors opening 7.30 pm

1st play 8.00 till 8.35

Intermission till 9.05 pm

2nd Play from 9.05 till 9.40pm

Intermission till 10.10 pm

3rd Play from 10.10 till 10.35pm

Final drinks with bar closing at 11.00pm

Drinks Licence

Type of drinks

Pricing of drinks

Advertising

Raffle on the night

It was agreed that Stuart would apply for a drinks licence and that and the remainder could be sorted over the next two meetings.

Web Site: Trying to find a way of accessing the Community Council site without going round the houses or setting up our own website

Stuart will try and attend the RFTCC meeting that will be discussing their possible new website to report back to the Hall Association .He will also provide estimates of the costings should we decide to run our own website.

AOCB : Margaret about the smell of fuel oil in the kitchen which we thought was cured after finding a leaking pipe. We will monitor the situation as an ongoing issue.

Next meeting 15th April 19.30 pm

Meeting closed 20.35 pm.