

## Royal Four Towns Hall Association

### Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**Those Present :** Nick Bass (Chairman), Chris Simpson, Jim Burns, Margaret Byrne, Graham Anderson(Property Convenor), Jeanette Carmichael, Sarah Cowan, Ellen Hyslop, Teresa McColm(Bookings Secretary), Lorna Bell(Secretary)

**Members of the Public in Attendance :** Emma Patterson, Stuart Robinson

**Apologies :** Gill Frazer, John Thomson

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting :** the minutes were accepted as an accurate account of the meeting.

**Matters Arising : Water Heater** - this has now been replaced by the contractor, Graham Anderson reported that when tested the water took about 15 minutes to heat up and will fill two thirds of a sink, taking a similar time to reheat if emptied.

**Car Park** – Graham Anderson reported that the Community Council would consider possible funding for the project providing proper costings were presented. [Jim Burns and Chris Simpson to investigate the cost of a survey and the cost of the work.](#) Further research also required to locate the deeds to the hall.

**Happy Hour Theatre Company** – Sarah Cowan informed the committee that sadly due to personal circumstances the theatre has had to disband for the time being and therefore will not be performing at the hall in May. Sarah presented a range of alternative ideas including a race night and coffee morning. Nick Bass suggested to [Sarah that she choose a project and bring back the details to the next meeting](#), this may involve a joint venture with the school.

**Burns Supper** – Jim Burns reported that he had approached Danny Key about organising the next Burns Supper but that Danny had declined stating that he was too busy with work.

**Table Tennis** – Nick Bass reported that he knew of six people who could be interested in using the hall for table tennis, Sarah suggested that the numbers might grow over time. Chris reported that he was involved with the idea of a possible after school club and that table tennis may be of interest to the club.

**Chubb Fire Report** - Nick Bass reported that he had completed the relevant paperwork and work was now complete.

#### Property Convenors Report :

- Delivered 24 surplus to requirement chairs to Mossburn
- Tested fire alarm
- Replaced faulty double socket in kitchen
- Arranged for clothes bin to be emptied
- Removed to dump several items from storage cupboard
- Looked through old documents for information on car parking
- Ordered oil and locked tank after refilling
- New water heater tested
- Changed post box

Graham Anderson also enquired of the committee if anyone knew where the key for the padlock on the bench could be found so the bench could be removed to be cleaned and oiled, it was suggested Phil Davies might know. Graham also wondered if the Gala committee could keep their case with scrapbook in their cupboard in the kitchen.

**Hall Dance** : 25<sup>th</sup> March, committee helpers to arrive before 7.00pm, the following members offered to help Margaret – Teresa, Jeanette, Ellen and Chris.

**Soup and Sweet Lunch** – 16<sup>th</sup> April, 12.00 – 2.00pm. Sarah Cowan explained how she had felt it would have been a good idea to also offer some childrens activities such as an Easter egg hunt and to involve the school, however when approached the school felt it was too short notice as people already had plans. The children did however make some lovely posters. Margaret to co ordinate the offers of soup and sweets

**Craft Fair** – Chris Simpson reported that overflow car parking would be available again in the school grounds. Emma Patterson, herself a crafter was able to give the committee some advice such as wider advertising, advertising on Facebook as she noted that visitors to the Craft Fair had gone down over the past few years. Emma also felt the time of year was wrong, perhaps a Xmas Fair would be better, however this posed a problem with Xmas lights going up. Emma also put it to the committee that one day might be better than two. Emma also suggested that when it comes to fundraising perhaps the committee should be looking to liase with other villages and try to cater for all ages. At this point Nick Bass expressed his view that if the Craft Fair didn't go ahead it would be a huge drop in income for the hall, he thanked Emma for her input and asked if she would be willing to organise the event, Stuart Robinson said he would be able to do something for Facebook and to put on an application form for crafters to apply, Sarah Cowan agreed to help and Emma would help in an advisory capacity.. A date was set for Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00am – 4.00pm.

**A.O.B.**

Nick Bass proposed that Stuart Robinson be co opted onto the committee, this was agreed.

Margaret Byrne reported that she had found mouldy food in a kitchen cupboard and pointed out that hall users should remove any food leftover.

**Date of Next Meeting – Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, 7.30pm**