

Royal Four Towns Hall Association Minutes of meeting held on 29th October 2018

Welcome : Stuart Robinson welcomed the committee to the meeting.

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

Apologies : Gill Fraser and Sarah Cowan.

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

Matters arising : None.

Minutes proposed : Phil Davies.

Minutes seconded : Teresa McColm.

Treasurers report : We are already showing a surplus of £708 thanks largely to the craft fair . We have not received any rent for the substation (on the new lease) as Scottish Power have decided to go for the more expensive route of drawing up a new lease rather than a variation of the previous one (don't worry – they are paying the legal fees !). They will also need to pay us interest since their payment is overdue!. You may have spotted a gentleman carefully measuring the hall grounds - all part of the process as the new lease has to be officially registered (with accurate drawings).

The annual accounts are with OSCR awaiting their approval.

Booking Secretaries report : All the regular bookings are back , also a Gin tasting event and the young farmers who are starting back 12th November.

Property Convenors report : The general maintenance has been carried out by Graham Anderson. A light in the gents to be replaced and a slate has come loose which are being attended to.

Vice Chair position : Phil Davies has accepted the position and will sit in for Stuart when needed at the meetings.

Craft Fair report : The event was a success again taking a total of over £1000. Stuart will look into holding a craft fair in

spring (March/April) if we can find a weekend which does not clash with any other fairs and our regular crafters will be able to attend the event. We had a comment from the crafters that the first hour of the fair on Saturday was very quiet and the start could be moved to 11 am.

Stuart suggested that hirers and customers should be able to see visually what we use the monies for .It has been suggested that some redecorating or replacing the old chairs may be the way to go. Free entry at the spring craft fair was suggested with the sale of soup & roll at £2.00 would be more advisable which will cut out the need for someone standing at the door all day.

Remembrance Sunday : The wreath has been purchased.

Minister Sue Jackson will again take the service at 2.00pm

On Sunday 11th November. Refreshments to be served in the hall by committee members

LOCKERIBE LOOP : Concerns over cyclists and children using the same toilets which came up due to a childrens party being held on the same day were unfounded as the party were aware of the situation.

Christmas lights. : The switch on of the lights will be **Friday 30th November at 6.30pm**. The purchase of two large Merry Christmas signs will be made by Stuart Robinson while the stock we have will be checked in case we need to purchase more.

AOCB : Jim Burns has contacted five tree surgeons in search of a reasonable price for the pruning the hall Cherry trees.

Two of the five companies quoted £450.00 and we will leave it to Jim to decide one or the other.

Meeting closed : 8.45 pm.

Next meeting : 14th January 19.00 hrs

(In the kitchen.)