

Royal Four Towns Hall Association

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 30th January, 2017

Those Present : Nick Bass(Chairman), Peter Barlow(Vice Chairman), Teresa McColm(Bookings Secretary), John Thomson(Treasurer), Jeanette Carmichael(50/50 Club), Lorna Bell(Secretary), Graham Anderson(Property Convenor), Jim Burns, Margaret Byrne, Ellen Hyslop, Chris Simpson.

Apologies : Gill Frazer, Sarah Cowan.

At this point in the meeting Nick Bass informed the committee that this would be Peter Barlow's last meeting as a member of the committee due to his decision to move out of the area. The committee wish Peter and Ann all the best for the future and thank them very much for all their hard work during their time in the village.

Minutes from Previous Meeting : these were accepted as a true and accurate account.

Matters Arising

Xmas Lights Switch On – Margaret Byrne thanked all who had worked hard to provide a good display of lights. Graham Anderson commented on the good turn out of people pointing out that the Under 5's performance helps to boost numbers, he also thanked all his helpers for their hard work.

Water Heater – John Thomson reported on his discussions with the manufacturer after which the committee decided that the contractor who fitted the heater should be contacted once again. John Thomson, Graham Anderson and Chris Simpson to discuss the issues of concern, [Chris Simpson to write a letter to the contractor](#).

Parking – Jim Burns presented his plan for four parking spaces to the side of the hall. Nick Bass voiced concerns about possible overnight parking, Chris Simpson suggested a padlocked chain and Peter Barlow suggested a sign. The committee concluded that more investigation should be done into existing parking in front of the houses to determine ownership, [John Thomson to look up Scottish Land Registry](#). The committee also concluded that attempts be made to find out if there is any 'limitations of use' on the land adjacent to the hall, [Graham Anderson and Jim Burns to look through archives kept in the hall](#). It was also concluded that it would be useful if the deeds to the hall could be located.

Happy Hour Theatre Company – Peter Barlow reported that the date had been set for the 19th May. Peter intimated that Sarah Cowan may be willing to take on the organisation of this event if she had some help. Peter reminded the committee of the success of the bar at the previous performance, a bar license to be applied for about 28 days prior to the event.

Treasurers Report – John Thomson advised the committee that a payment from D&G Council is due shortly, a delay had occurred due to the transfer of our current account to Santander which John reported was now complete. The treasurer is also considering options for the deposit accounts. The

hall insurance is due for renewal, the committee agreed to a one off extra payment of £100 to safeguard the hall from being under insured for the next five years.

Deposit Accounts	£15 748.18
Current Account	£ 3 013.75
Cash	£ 12.39

Property Convenors Report – Graham Anderson reported that he had removed the chairs from the stage as they were no longer used, he also requested permission to remove other chairs that he viewed were surplus to requirements, it was agreed that they be offered to Mossburn and if no alternative home could be found then they should be taken to the dump.

Chubb Fire Report – a recent test revealed that the fire detectors were not working, [Nick Bass to complete form to order replacements.](#)

Hall Bookings – Teresa McColm reported that bookings were good, Children 1st are holding a quiz on 24th February and the Council have booked 4th May for an election. List of housekeeping rules given out to hirers of the hall needs updating, [Teresa McColm to update the list.](#) Graham Anderson pointed out that the folder kept in the kitchen should also be updated.

Table Tennis Tables – Nick Bass expressed his hope to see the tables back in use again, need to do more to promote the facility, Chris Simpson suggested putting information on the village website, [Chris to look into this](#), a notice to be put up in the hall by [Nick Bass](#). Freda Seddon to be contacted by [Graham Anderson](#) to find out how the tables originated at the hall

A.O.B. Craft Fair – need to find a new organiser for this event, thoughts on this and any possible new members for the committee to be brought to the next meeting.

Hall Kitchen – Jim Burns requested new chopping boards and a sweeping brush for the kitchen, [Jim to organise this.](#)

Fund Raising – Margaret Byrne suggested having a ‘Soup and Sweet’ lunch on Easter Sunday, the committee agreed to this event to be held on 16th April, 12.00 noon until 2.00pm, cost £5 per adult, £2.50 for children. The need for an organiser for the Burns Supper 2018 was also mentioned, [Jim Burns to ask Danny Key if he would be willing to help organise the event.](#) The Spring dance to be held on 25th March, Margaret Byrne looking for helpers, require two stewards, helpers in the kitchen, Teresa McColm offered to be on the door.

Nick Bass informed the committee that the family of the late John Sinclair had given him a crystal plate which had been won for the best large garden in the village this will now be put in the display cabinet in the hall, also some documents which have been passed on to the Community Council.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday, 20th March, 2017, 7.30pm

