

ENFORD RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL TRUST

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 28 MAY 2024 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Judy D'Arcy Irvine, Hamish Scott-Dalgleish, David Spencer, Hannah Tucker, Jane Young, Jackie Elkins

Also present: Chris Rose, Lewis Honeywill, Alexis Mitchel-Rowe
Apologies : Steve Todd, Anthony D'Arcy Irvine

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 20 February 2024 were proposed and seconded.

2. MATTERS ARISING

i) No further action on banking issues or credit card machines. The credit card machines cost around £49 plus vat. Chris Rose suggested Lloyds Bank might be suitable as they dealt with small businesses and charities. HSBC is not particularly helpful but to change banks or to set up an online facility will need two of the cheque signatories to go to the bank together – Hannah said she could only do this on a Friday. She also mentioned that bank interest rates on deposits with HSBC, and other providers, were derisory for charities.

ii) The tiling repairs in the disabled loo were undertaken by Lewis Honeywill during the course of the meeting. Thanks were extended to him. Post meeting: thank you card and bottle of wine were given to him.

iii) As Alex Hale had confirmed he did not want to take on the work, David reported he would chase Martin Wright for a quotation to do the Sadolin work on doors and window frames.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Hannah reported income for the period £11,290 was down from £12,777 in the same period last year. Expenses were down from £10,356 last year to £7,571 resulting in a small surplus so far. There were still some large expenses to come in, including insurance, shutter maintenance, and Klargester service.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

i) The good news was that the Heat Pump Engineer had serviced and thoroughly checked the Ground Source Heat Pump. He had successfully re gassed the system so that the potential additional cost of £500 for a repair was not necessary. One of the water tanks is de-commissioned as no teams are using the sports facilities and showers.

ii) No further action had been taken on whether any decoration inside the hall was needed as yet.

iii) Alexis and Judy had attended an event entitled "Retro Fitting and Energy Measures for Village Halls". It had been very helpful and, as a result of swift action when the application process opened, Enford had qualified as one of 8 halls in Wiltshire chosen for a free Energy Audit Inspection, which took place on 27 March. The report will be very helpful in support for any grant applications. Apart from solar panels and some minor points, the Audit highlighted two areas in particular: installation of remote control thermostats and the replacement of all old lights with LEDs.

iv) Nathan Abbott had submitted quotations for both main items which totalled £3,500. Judy had prepared an application to the Area Board for 50% of the cost under their Energy Saving Measures initiative. There was also the possibility of a further grant from Westmill Solar which had carried out the Audit.

v) The shutter maintenance company South West Doors had closed down. Judy had researched other companies. Arrow Security Shutters quoted £450 plus vat p.a. which matched SW Doors' charges, which was agreed.

5. MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDS REPORTS

- Repairs to the Close Circuit TV had been carried out by T H White at a cost of £322.32 incl vat
- David will chase up the Sadolin work and look into repairs to gutters
- Hamish reported rabbits were proliferating with consequent damage. Very difficult to address but Hannah mentioned evidence of dead rabbits in her field which might indicate a disease.
- Gardening work by Gary Murton was satisfactory but he needed monitoring.

6. CLUB REPORTS/CLASSES

- Film Club: Audio Visual Equipment had made a site visit to assess what might be needed to upgrade the projector, speakers, and screen for films, meetings and talks. When the report is received Clive Bullen will assess and recommend as appropriate. Upgrades could be phased with a remote control screen being the priority.
- Short Mat Bowls and Gardening Club are both doing well.
- Junior Football Club – no further news to report following last meeting.
- Two new yoga classes organized by Marie Hanley were due to start on Mondays, one in the morning and one in the evening.

7. PROJECTS

- The installation of Broadband by BT had been completed and assessed as suitable for Live screening events and for the remote control thermostats. The cost of the package was being queried with BT as the hall does not need a telephone/landline which BT had included.
- A grant for £1,750 has been submitted to the Area Board towards the costs of Smart thermostats for remote control and replacement of all old lights with LEDs, total cost around £3,500 with work due to take place July/August 2024.

8. FUTURE EVENTS

- Annual Fete 22 June. Chris Rose (Enford Community) gave a brief synopsis for the Fete. About 500 expected and a considerable number of attractions had been organized. He had recruited about 50 local volunteers to help. Not yet known if PRS/PPL licences would be required.
- Fireworks Bonfire Night 26 October – date to be confirmed. Hamish expressed concern about the damage to the field caused by the bonfire on fireworks nights. Judy suggested that perhaps the turf could be cut out and removed before the event and then re-laid, which might help. There might be a cost involved and Hamish will research.
- It had been agreed by the Committee that Enford Community would be invoiced in future for use of the hall and grounds for the Summer Fete and the Fireworks Night to help cover the Hall's costs for these events in line with the policy of treating everyone the same.
- Sunday 10 November - Remembrance Sunday Lunch in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.
- Judy was hoping to book a Talk entitled 'A Look at Drones in the Ukraine War and the Lessons for the Future'. It was thought this might be of interest to many people. Post meeting: Talk confirmed for Thursday 26 September in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.
- There was a discussion about organizing a Race Night which might be popular. Apparently the Netheravon Working Men's Club organize them on a regular basis and might be able to help.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Judy said she had provisionally accepted a booking from the Fijian community. It might be a risk in view of previous problems experienced, but she would monitor the booking to ensure that strict criteria were followed. Post meeting: the booking was cancelled as it became apparent the hall was not suitable for the increasing numbers of people expected and, although they were in the Army, it was not an official event which meant no guarantees on how the event would be organized.
- Alexis offered to help Judy carry out the inventory check which had not been done since Covid.
- Jackie suggested the Hall purchase mugs for events as cups were quite small. This was agreed and Judy thought 120 to match the rest of the crockery would be a good idea.
- Plant Room: Judy suggested sorting out the storage area in the plant room with some Ikea shelving and a key pegboard.
- Chris Rose has started to put together a new website for the Village Hall and demonstrated what he had done so far. This would help market the Hall and thanks were expressed by the Committee.
- It was reported a new tenant for The Swan had been found which was good news.
- Hannah said she had applied for planning permission for a new stable in her field next to the Hall.

10. PROVISIONAL DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

2024 Tuesday 30 July/Tuesday 24 September (AGM)/Monday 18 November

2025 Tuesday 25 February/Tuesday 27 May/Tuesday 22 July/Tuesday 23 September (AGM)/
Tuesday 11 November