

ENFORD RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL TRUST

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 30 JULY 2024 AT 7.30 PM

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

Apologies : Steve Todd, Hamish Scott-Dalgleish

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 28 May 2024 were proposed and seconded.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- i) No further progress on banking issues or credit card machines. Judy and Hannah to follow up.
- ii) Village Hall website and marketing. No further information from Chris Rose.
- iii) David reported he would chase Martin Wright for a quotation to do the Sadolin work on doors and window frames. Post meeting: Martin will do the work end of October 2024 @ £2,580.

3. TREASURER’S REPORT

Hannah reported income for the financial year 2023 to 2024 was £14,828 and expenses £10,278 with a surplus of £4,253. This was mainly due to fewer repairs and less maintenance. David and Judy said there were expenses in the pipeline with some delayed maintenance becoming necessary and there was a project to install Smart thermostats and replacement of lights with LEDs. Judy thanked Hannah for all her work and also Kim Riche who had agreed to audit the accounts again this year.

4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- i) Judy had submitted a grant application to the Area Board towards the cost of the new thermostats and replacement LED lights. Post meeting: the application was successful and £1,750 had been agreed. Hamish had kindly attended the Area Board meeting to answer questions in support of the application.
- ii) Great Bustard Project. The Hall had been approached by the GBP to see if they could use the two changing rooms potentially for an office and display area. It seemed to be a good idea but various aspects needed to be checked, not least the situation with regard to the Football Foundation as there were technically five years left to run within our contract with them to provide a venue and facilities for football clubs. Judy will do some research and continue to liaise with the GBP as the arrangement could be beneficial for both parties with additional income for the Hall. One concern would be to ensure hirers of the Hall were not adversely affected should visitor numbers to the GBP increase considerably. The Hall may need to take legal advice on any tenancy agreement and also advice on what would be a fair monthly or annual charge.
- iii) Enford Community Fund. Following misunderstandings over the years, the Committee had previously agreed that it would be preferable in future to raise invoices for both the Fireworks Event and the Village Fete to cover the use of the hall and grounds, which would help ensure costs were covered. This had been done for the 2023 Fireworks Event and again for this year’s summer fete. The ECF had come forward with an offer to pay £700 per annum for use of the Hall and Grounds for the two events. This offer is very much appreciated but after further discussion it was again agreed that raising invoices would be a fairer way of covering costs and would help avoid any further possible misunderstandings. It also meant that everyone is treated the same.
- iv) Judy brought three sample white mugs to the meeting which match the other crockery held. The mugs were three different shapes and, after discussion, the stacking version was agreed as they would take up much less space and deceptively held almost the same amount of liquid as the largest mug. It was agreed to order 108 (3 boxes of 36).

5. MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDS REPORTS

- Hamish reported that he had received a quotation for £270 to lift and relay turf around the area for the bonfire at the fireworks events. The grass and ground is being damaged by the fire and he will write to the ECF to let them know.
- David will look into having the gutters repaired.

6. CLUB REPORTS/CLASSES

- Film Club: Audio Visual Equipment – a quotation and recommendations had been received. Clive and Judy are looking into the size of a remote control screen considered to be the priority.
- Short Mat Bowls and Gardening Club are both doing well.
- Junior Football Club – Steve Todd has said he is only able to run the Club for a further year and he hopes someone will offer to take it over in July 2025 when he plans to stop.

7. PROJECTS

- Smart Thermostats / Replacement LED Lights. Nathan Abbott has quoted and will be carrying out the work in August.
- Sunpipes. Have all been cleaned and repaired except the one in the entrance hall which is not needed so not worth repairing.
- Sensors/Safety Switches on roller shutters. Post Meeting: Quotation received from Arrow Security for just over £3,000. Nathan Abbott said he thought fitting them might lead to more problems. Verbal advice to hirers, with an explanation of their liability for a £400 bill if they fail to shut windows or doors before lowering shutters, seems to be working!
- Sadolin Maintenance Doors & Windows – David has in hand
- Repairs to Gutters – David has in hand
- Redecoration Main Hall and Reception Areas – on hold.
- Upgraded equipment for films, talks and meetings – Judy and Clive researching.
- Plant Room Storage. Judy researching Ikea units to replace metal filing cabinet and peg board display for all hall keys.

8. FUTURE EVENTS

- Thursday 26 September. Judy had booked Lt Col Robin Phayre to give 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. The evening will be held in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund Tickets £10.
- Fireworks Bonfire Night Saturday 26 October
- Sunday 10 November - Remembrance Sunday Lunch in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Fund Raising Events. There was discussion about organizing a Race Night which might be popular. Jacqui offered to research. Other suggestions included a Quiz Night and Bridge Drive.
- There was a discussion about the silver Gymkhana Cup which Jane will follow up.

10. PROVISIONAL DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

2024 Tuesday 24 September (AGM)/Monday 18 November
2025 Tuesday 25 February/Tuesday 27 May/Tuesday 22 July/Tuesday 23 September (AGM)/
Tuesday 11 November