

ROADHEAD HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday Thursday 29th June 2017

Present: Barbara Smith, Kathleen Hogg, James Coulthard, Rosemary Alcock, Simon Barratt, Pat Renwick, (Keith Thomas) Doreen Telford, Garry Phillips, Ann Holt-Thomas.

Apologies: Andrea Nicholson

1. Chairmans's Report – See attached.

2. The Chairman reported that the Tudor effect wood facias had been replaced and that the funding for these was part of the previous year's City Council Grant.

3. Proposed New Kitchen – the grant application had to be with the City Council by January. We were advised as to how much the grant was by March and then have 1 year in which to spend it. AHT had procured estimates for new cookers – approx. Cost £900. The grant for the current year is £600. The Chairman advised that grants had been reduced considerably and that there was no Community Grant now available. It was decided to investigate further from those who use the hall on a regular basis what they would appreciate as additional pieces of equipment in the kitchen and AHT was given this task and is to write to prospective hirers. AHT will action this. SB commented that Roadhead Hall should be and needed to be up to the standard of other village halls.

4. KH asked SB if he would let AHT have information on funding and he produced the document there and then.

5. Future Events were discussed to raise funds for the Hall. After discussion it was decided that we should try and organize a fundraising event on Friday September 8th. The possibility of 3 groups of entertainers was proposed these being; a. Zing Choir, b. The Langholm Pipe Band and c. The Ukelele band. These groups were to be contacted by a. AHT. PR & c. BS.

A Pie and Pea supper is proposed and BS to contact Kirkups at Longtown re supply of pies.

AHT to give ten's notice as soon as Event definite.

6. The electricity is still proving very problematic despite KH best efforts. KH been endeavouring to sort out the bank payments with JC. A discussion ensued re. Tariffs and GP suggested that KH approach the lady (Alison Henderson) who helped GP set it up in the first place.

Bewcastle and Penton top rural deprivation areas and Scouts may be able to offer extra support. The Chairman reported that the Heritage Society have members in Longtown and that they may well qualify for the Windmill Funding

The Post Code Lottery may provide additional funding.

GP mentioned that the roof may need replacing in the not too distant future but it was decided to discuss this at a later meeting.

The Scouts are holding a function in the Hall on 11th July.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 10th August

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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This last year we have managed to get the Tudor effect wood replaced on the front of the Hall. The rotten fascia board on the side of the supper room has been replaced by a plastic one. This was grant-aided by Carlisle City Council through the Parish Council. We are very grateful for this.

This year as our yearly Village Hall grant we have the offer of a grant to buy some equipment to enable us to serve hot food from the Hall Kitchen. If the committee agrees to this and we can work out a way of doing it without too much hassle it would open out a few more possibilities. This would perhaps make the Hall more desirable to hire.

In order to protect our trustees from the threat of litigation we have taken out a trustees indemnity insurance. We are very grateful to Keith for updating our hiring agreement.

We are also very grateful to all the committee who have supported the Hall through bad times and good times. It is certainly not easy. We are especially grateful to James who for the last 27 years has kept our finances in order, paid the bills, taken electricity readings and all these things which have to be done.

We are also grateful to the Parish Council for their donation. This is a great help towards our yearly insurance costs. This year they increased it by £100 which covered the extra cost of the trustees indemnity insurance. The Hall is a very useful amenity for all our various organisations as well as family occasions. We must continue to try to keep it up to standard.