

Shipton Gorge Village Hall Trust

Charity no. 291996

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting

held on 24th November 2022

Present: Julie Bartrum-Lang (JB-L), Richard Hewlett (RH, Chair), Diane James (DJ), Tony Mallett (TM, Treasurer), Sally Parker (SP), James Webster (JW)

Apologies: Kate Chomacki (KC), Graham Garner (GG), Yvette Smith (YS)

In attendance: Eddy Buck

1 Apologies for absence

RH welcomed all to the meeting.

2 Items for AOB

COVID precautions.

3 Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 29th September 2022

Approved and signed.

4 Matters arising from the Minutes of the last Committee Meeting

Actions to carry forward:

- Co-opting Trustees
 - > DJ to pursue
- Garden working party
 - > RH to organise Spring 2023

5 Chair's report

- Robert Ridge was asked to attend to a sticking hot tap in the gents. Having stripped and greased the mechanism he carried out the annual boiler service. The resulting Landlords' Certificate has is displayed on the notice board.
- A baby changing station was purchased for £134.99 and has been fitted on the wall in the ladies. Poppy and the baby yoga mums have said "thanks".

6 Treasurer's Report (see attachment)

- Income is ahead of expenditure, with c. £240 profit over the past 7 weeks despite nearly £800 in maintenance costs;
- The recent Artsreach show and bar returned a profit of c £220;
- 100 Club subscriptions have paid into the hall's deposit account;
- Insurance cover on the hall is due for renewal on 24th December, with the premium rising from £673 last year to £730 this year. We must provide a copy of our last (2018) Electrical Installation Condition Report together with the premium;
 - > RH/TM to arrange

- Our energy bill for October has been delayed by British Gas (difficulty implementing the government’s energy relief scheme for businesses);
- Energy expenditure to year end likely to be £900-1000 (versus c. £600 last year). Expenditure next calendar year highly uncertain, but could be c. £1100 if government’s relief scheme continues (unlikely) or rise to over £2000 if market rates remain high.

7 Bookings report

- Nothing much to report.
- Steady income from users although this may be reduced in Dec/Jan period.

8 Hire charges

- Energy costs and inflation are likely to remain high for the foreseeable future.
- Hire income is currently sound, however we may lose users if charges are raised by too much and/or too soon.
- Our financial position (i.e. savings on deposit) means we can postpone making any immediate changes.
- Decision: **revisit in May 2023, when situation with energy contract and inflation should be clearer.**
 - > RH will write to users and inform village via the BVN
- The Parish Council will need a provisional sum for budget setting purposes
 - > RH will contact Mary Boughton

9 100 Club

- All funds are now in and have been paid into the halls main a/c.
- TM makes direct monthly payment from hall account to GG who then distributes winnings.

10 Artsreach

- We've been offered a well-regarded folk music duo (<https://www.janandjon.com/>) for Thursday 9th February.

11 Future events

- Pre-Xmas get-together on-track for Sunday 27.11
 - > KC, DJ, GG, RH, TM and SP to help set-up and run
- Bob Ayres talk: pencilled in for early April;

12 Hall improvement projects

PV/battery project

- An updated quote from the one provided in April has been received from Dorset Energy Solutions. PV - £6,150 (+£310); battery - £5,280 (+ £40)
- A quotation has been received from Efficient Homes for a similar sized system (one additional panel and a slightly smaller battery) - £11,100
- On 17/11 RH and TM met with Matt Peukert, an energy efficiency consultant working for Low Carbon Dorset. His recommendations were:
 - postpone any battery purchase. Prices are likely to fall and/or tariffs will rise which will make a purchase more cost-effective;

- PV panels would provide a lot of our daytime power usage;
- Investigating alternatives to our gas central heating system could be beneficial. An air source heat pump powered (some of the time) by a PV array could be an efficient way to reduce our carbon footprint and lower costs. However, payback would be measured in many years.
- Recommendation to meeting: **investigate air source heat pumps, their cost, pros and cons and possible grant aid. Report findings to trustees next year.**
 - > Trustees agreed with the recommendation
 - > RH to endeavour to provide a report

Re-design of toilets

- We now have 13 designs from CG Fry to consider.
- Recommendation: **inform residents and village organisations about the project (on the website and a display of plans in the hall) and to ask for comments. This could take place in January.**
 - > Trustees agreed with the recommendation.
 - > Not all of the designs need to be displayed.
 - > RH to organise.

13 AOB

- As COVID controls have been largely relaxed, only one hand gel station (entrance hall) will be retained.
 - > TM to action

14 Date of next meeting

- Thursday 26th January 2023, 7.30 pm

15 Date of future meeting

- Thursday 30th March 2023, 7.30 pm, AGM followed by first business meeting of the new committee

Attachment - Treasurer's Report

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL TRUST 1 October – 22 November

Income

Hiring	1086.00	
Artsreach	583.75	
[100 Club subs]	<u>[1580.00]</u>	
		£1669.75
		[£3249.75]

Outgoings

Gas	27.63	
Electricity	41.00	
Cleaning	191.84	
- including windows		
Maintenance	798.33	
- boiler, stage lights, roof, keys		
Artreach	372.76	
- show costs, bar costs		
Postage	2.05	
	<u></u>	£1433.61

Surplus for period (excl. 100 Club subscriptions) = £236.14