

Shipton Gorge Village Hall Trust

Charity no. 291996

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting

held on 25th May 2023

Present: Julie-Bartrum-Lang (JB-L), (Kate Chomacki (KC), Richard Hewlett (RH), Graham Garner (GG), Diane James (DJ), Sally Parker (SP)

1 Apologies for absence

TM, YS, JW

RH welcomed all to the meeting.

2 Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 12th April 2023

The minutes had been pre-approved for submission to the bank.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes of the last Committee Meeting

- TM has renewed DCA membership.
- RH has received the elevation drawing for the latest toilet building plan (copies circulated); these can now be submitted to the freeholder for comments; grant aid for the building can be investigated in due course. It was noted that further information would be shared with the village regarding the extent of the works when more decisions have been made, and before final drawings and planning permission stages. Should a larger spend than just the toilet refurbishment be decided on, this could involve a lottery grant application.

> RH to go ahead with next steps

4 Chair's report

Maintenance

- Roof: RH is currently waiting to hear when Chris Lambie will be able to carry out the work (rake out and re-cement the valley on the south-east side of the main roof).
- Drainage: RH is currently waiting to hear from Roger so that we can meet and look at the soakaway issue we have on his land following clearance of the brambles.
- Outdoor chairs: Mark B-L and RH collected 25 second hand chairs from Melplash Village Hall. 16 of our original stock can now be disposed of. They've been advertised locally for two weeks but there's been no response. It was agreed that SP would take two chairs and the rest would be taken to the tip and recycled. This will leave us with 30 originals and 25 'new', an increase of nine.

> RH offered to take chairs to tip

- Village Diary: This was discussed at the Parish Assembly. It would appear to be necessary to remind organisations to post their events (and maybe, how to). Andrew Haydon often posts events based on info on Facebook/email and in the BVN. Some Parish Councillors were under the impression that the diary on the village website was maintained by the PC and was separate to ours. That is not so and they have been corrected; the village website simply has a link to our diary. It was suggested that a) some training for village group member on how to access the diary would be useful; b) that a central diary coordinator for the village could send out regular reminders to each village group. No decision made.

> RH will talk again to Andrew and then contact all organisations with a reminder

- Bell ringers: Elizabeth Ferguson has been given (and signed for) a hall key so that they can, on very rare occasions, access the hall toilets. This facility would be arranged in conjunction with GG to avoid clashes with any other use of the hall.
- Charity Commission: A new, 'improved' system for logging into our account has been set up. RH is the Commission's contact and has now completed the initial set up procedure. In future, he will be able to make alterations to the details the Commission holds for us. The new system goes live in a few weeks.
> RH to log in in due course to see what administrator rights he has
- Simon Cleveland's house: Simon's house is now sold, STC, and a few villagers have been helping Hugh King, Simon's POA, to clear the property. Simon has asked that some of the contents be sold to the benefit of The Village Society. An A3 laminator and a kettle have been offered to the hall; it was agreed to take the kettle.

5 Treasurer's Report

The transfer of accounts to JB-L is in progress.

> JB-L to follow up with TM

TM's report had been circulated in advance of the meeting (attached). Points to note:

- There was a surplus of £186 over the period. As of today, our Nat West reserves stood at £1,777 for the current account and £30,705 in the reserve account.
- Energy expenditure has been coming down as the weather has improved, however where this will end up is difficult to predict given that we've had only one bill since the start of our new tariff.

Used in Jan	£197
Feb	£170
Mar	£146
Apr	£105

- Updated mandate forms have gone to CCLA and Nat West to add Julie to the accounts, access to online banking needed to give her full control of the hall's finances.
- Our DCA membership has been renewed, and TM submitted an expense claim (£37.65) to cover that and postage (signed off by RH).

6 Bookings report

No major changes. Baby yoga has finished and a new adult yoga class has started.

7 100 Club

The draw was made at the end of the meeting. GG will pay out to five winners.

8 Artsreach

- RH and KC attended the Cerne Abbas Promoter's afternoon session; discussions were had with the Burton and Powerstock promoters. We agreed to liaise on show requests for our area.
- Kerry Bartlett of Artsreach provided some key statistics about the organization (attached).
- Kerry suggested to Richard that we should invite our local councillor (currently Mark Roberts) to our performances to raise the Council's awareness of the value of Artsreach to our village community and to encourage their continuing support for the charity.

> KC to include in the SG 'Artsreach manual' and issue a 'comp + 1' invitation for future shows

- We have created a shortlist of six shows plus two other options which will be submitted to Artsreach by 4th June. We hope to get one Autumn 23 and one Spring 24 show
- We discussed whether we should consider putting on a children's show; JB-L suggested that this might be an opportunity to network with younger local parents. We haven't done a children's Artsreach show so far. We might consider this for next season; promotion would need to be retargeted and more helpers drafted in.

> KC to check Hall dates for show submissions with GG

Other information: Shipton Gorge got a special mention for fantastic audience feedback from the afternoon performance of 'Old Herbaceous' with tea and cake.

9 Future events

Village flower and produce show 5th August. We will be running a Pimms Stall. Details to be agreed at next meeting.

> RH to apply for a TEN

> Committee to grow plenty of borage before then

10 AOB

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11 Date of next meeting

20th July, 7.30 pm

12 Date of future meetings

28th September, 7.30 pm

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL TRUST 26 March – 17 May 2023
Financial summary

Income

Hiring 1061.00

£1061.00

Outgoings

Gas 201.00

Electricity 75.76

Cleaning 251.13

Miscellaneous 347.08

- tree, stake, plaque: 116.07
- village diary web fee: 115.06
- auditor's honarium: 70.00
- chairs (Melplash): 25.00
- keys: 15.00
- photocopies: 5.95

£874.97

Surplus for period = £186.03

Summary of key statistics from the Artsreach Promoter's Meeting May 2023

The Artsreach Vision

'Artsreach will enrich and positively impact the lives of people in Dorset by connecting and empowering rural communities through creative and cultural experiences.'

In 2022-23...

Dorset villages 124 live performances, indoors and out

Around 10,400 members attended

6 performances took place in rural pubs

387 children took place in creative summer workshops

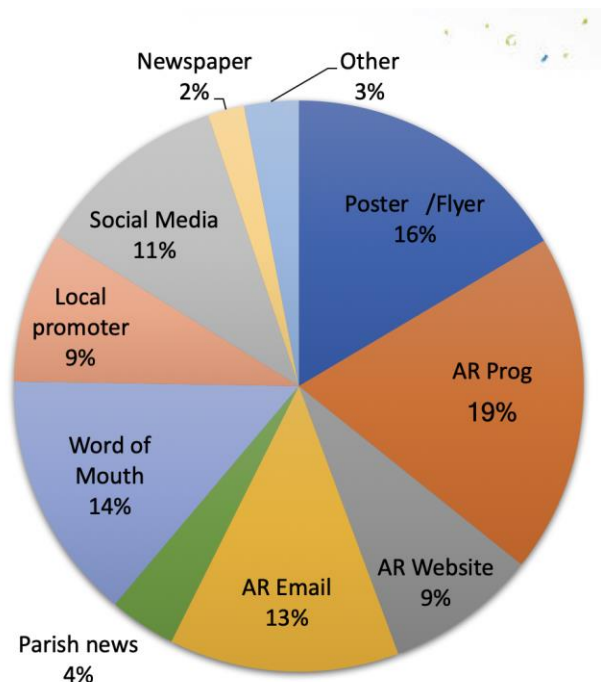
Artsreach invested over £89,000 in artistic fees for the main performances

Volunteers gave over 5,100 hours of time

Over £31,000 was retained by communities, raised from box offices, raffles and refreshments

12 additional creative workshops took place

How the audiences heard about the events



From audiences surveys we learnt...

24% were attending an Artsreach event for the first time

Over 20% say they visited a local pub or restaurant before attending an Artsreach event show

88% rated the quality of the event as 'Very Good'

84% rated the value for money as 'Very Good'