Minutes of Beaumont Parish Hall Committee Meeting on Wednesday 24th April

**Present:**

Committee: Harold (chair), Bryony, Julie, Tom, Michelle, Geoff,

Non-committee: Albinas,

**Apologies:** Gill, MaryAnn, Maria,

1. **Welcome and Apologies.**

Harold welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of last meeting.**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Harold to retain his signed copy. **Harold**

Apologies to be sent to Albinas, for inclusion in minutes on the day of the meeting. **All**

1. **Matters arising**.

Playground equipment

Details of the cost of the baby swing seat was previously circulated by Bryony. Seat costs £52 plus VAT minus 10% online discount. Purchase. **Bryony**

Installation. **Malcolm**

1. **Recent Past Events**

Monthly Coffee Morning: Friday 5th April

£41 made. Charity: Penrith Mountain Rescue Team.

1. **Forthcoming events.**

Monthly Coffee Morning: Friday 3rd May

Charity: Penrith Mountain Rescue Team.

Cakes required. **ALL**

Car Boot Sale Morning Sunday 19th May

10 am – 2 pm. **Set up from 8 am.**

A4 / A5 posters to print and circulate. **Malcolm**

Distribute posters **Harold/Michelle/Malcolm/Bryony**

Rota for refreshments from 8am: Harold/Kathleen/Bryony/Julie/Malcolm/Michelle/Geoff

Bacon roll (40 to start) + ketchup **Harold**

If more required during the day, purchase on the day.

Tea /coffee **Bryony**

Canned drinks for children **Julie**

Afternoon Teas in August

Details to be sent to Parish Magazine and Facebook. **Albinas/Michelle**

Circulate dates, for rota on Doodle. Reply with availability to Bryony **Bryony**

Auction of promises: Saturday 19th October 2019

Proceeds will be shared between the Hall and Eden Valley Hospice (Jigsaw).

Gill has already received 131 promises so far with another 10 possible.

Children’s Christmas Party

Date 8th December needs to be confirmed by MaryAnn. **MaryAnn**

1. **The New Hall Plans**

Bryony has contacted the architects who have sent over copies of the latest plans. We’ve had a quote of £975 for the rough buildings cost from a surveying company.

Next stage is to get the feedback of the concept drawings sent to Mike Collins (Natural England) who needs to give to give the go ahead. Jeremy Parsons (Historic England) requires 3 2mx2m test pits where the new hall extends beyond the current hall layout. Need Mike Collins to approve concept drawings before Jeremy Parsons can provide a schedule of work for the test pits.

Bryony has contacted Hyde Harrington to provide a costing plan quote. Grant Long is due to step down from HH but has passed us onto Ray Tate would like to meet. He has experience of working on a parish hall in south Cumbria. **Meeting proposed for Thursday 2nd May at 12.30 pm at the Drovers. All**

Bryony / Harold / Julie / Malcolm / Michelle/Geoff). Contact Ray Tate to arrange.  **Bryony**

Tony Grainger said he would give an estimate cost the building work once there are costing drawings available.

1. **Wildlife garden.**

Tree saplings are all showing signs of life and the two benches are now in place and seating area is gravelled.

Malcolm asked if anyone had any spare native bulbs for the wildlife area. It was agreed to use a donation to purchase some snowdrops. **Malcolm**

Eric the grass cutter has been shown which areas to cut around the wildlife area, also the grass paths within the area. Eric wanted to know if the committee hall wanted him to cut back some of the hedge on the sides so that he can cut the grass right to the edge. Agreed. Inform Eric. **Albinas**

Eric also asked if he could flatten the footpath on the river side of the wildlife area as the mower is at risk of toppling over. Committee say this could contravene the Historic England regulations as the Wall is just below. Inform Eric of decision. Malcolm will meet Eric to discuss possible options. **Albinas/Malcolm**

It will be OK to use weed killer around play area equipment to reduce the damage caused by strimming. Notify Eric. **Albinas**

Chris Bolton to be contacted regarding the removal of the old fencing. **Malcolm**

1. **Booking secretary’s report.**

Bryony has previously circulated the report.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

Electricity supplier.

Currently supplier is EON and contract expires 29th May 2019.

EON rate after 29th May:

Day: 19.93p/kWh, Evenings & weekends: 19.47p/kWh, Nights: 13.27/kWh, Standing charge 27p per day.

If we change to single rate: 18.727p /kWh, 27p per day.

Albinas has done some research, the cheapest fixed business rate is for a 3 year contract with British Gas Lite, tariff: Day: 17.82p/kWh, Evenings & weekends: 15.25p/kWh, Nights: 12.3p/kWh, Standing Charge of 23.18p per day. (0207 6548711). Change to British Gas Lite. Use Julie’s address and contact details. **Albinas**

1. **Maintenance**

Creosote walls

Await better weather. Liaise regarding best date. **Malcolm/Harold/Geoff**

Damp patches under men’s urinals and women’s toilet

Leave unless problem worsens.

Broken blind in women’s WC

No need to replace as visibility through the window is poor.

Shed: Felt missing

Tony Grainger has been asked to look at shed. **Harold**

Coat hook and toilet roll damaged in men’s WC

New one may be needed. **Harold**

Cleaning up after WI and Flower club events

Problems with cleanliness of the hall after some events.

A notice asking users to “leave the hall as found”. **Bryony**

1. **Fundraising and Grants**

Grants are available for refurbishment and improvements. Check if hall is eligible. **Bryony**

1. **Correspondence.**

None.

1. **Any other Competent Business.**

Facebook:

Over 7,700 hits. Highest activity is currently a new video of the Hall’s Ceilidh in February.

Front entrance

Needs smartening up with flowering plants. **All**

Planters to be made. **Malcolm**

Water bowl under outside tap. **Julie**

Spraying with herbicide the area where the cones are stored. **Malcolm**

The meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 22nd May 7:30 pm**