Minutes of Beaumont Parish Hall Committee Meeting on Wednesday 26th May 2021

**Virtual meeting held on Zoom**

**Present:**

Committee: Harold (Chair), Bryony, Michelle, Julie,

Non-committee: Albinas,

**Apologies:** Tom, Malcolm, Geoff,

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 a signed copy.  **Harold**

1. **Matters arising**.

Hall signage

Tom sent a message saying that he is waiting for information from suppliers for the two signs.

Play equipment

Cumbria Waste Management has now replied to a request for funding. They will contribute 80% of the cost with 10% from a third party. The third party could be the 0-19 Youth Fund administered by Cumbria County Council. CWM require two quotes and Bryony and Malcolm are obtaining prices for a 5-12 years playframe, a surface mounted toddler playframe and zipwire/aerial from Wickstead and Hags **Bryony / Malcolm**

Bryony has asked Hags to quote for the equipment in both wood (15-year guarantee) and steel (25-year guarantee) to see what the difference in price is.

After we get the quotes, the committee can decide on which they prefer. Put a grant application in September for the funding in December. The plan will be to replace the play equipment next April.

Malcolm has sent this in his absence:

*The existing climbing frame is getting worse and has actually started to tilt over a bit. I don't think there is a do-nothing option, as although our top objective is replacing the hall, as trustees we have a responsibility not to let the rest of the site fall into disrepair whilst that is going on.*

*Bryony has spoken to me about some possible funding, which she will probably explain, but following our conversation:*

*I have gone back to Wicksteed and asked for a quote for a Toddler type climbing frame.*

*If we are discussing what type of equipment we should go for, my vote would be for the Wicksteed or Hags type of thing. I'm not sure about the Playdale design, and how practical it would be.*

*I think we should look to only use one company for supply and installation. If we tried to arrange our own installer. I think the savings would be minimal, and the dangers of using separate people is that if in the future we have a problem then manufacturer can blame installer, installer blame manufacturer, and we end up in the middle trying to sort it out.*

*In view of that, the quotes I have from Wicksteed include the installation, and they assure me that they will supply all the necessary guarantees and documentation to satisfy the current Regulations and Ins. requirements etc.*

*The only concern here is the timescale, as the funding applications are not until Autumn and that would mean a further summer where the children have no frame to play on*.

The playframe has very little playing in it as most of the equipment has been removed.

Hallmark 1 accreditation

Harold has had a reply. The hall will have Zoom accreditation with Harold to take a video of the exterior and interior of the hall and a meeting to take place with Harold, Julie, Bryony and the assessors.

1. **Opening up the hall and Proposed events**

Hall plan is to open on Monday 21st June under current legislation.

The committee will decide at the next meeting, following the issue of the government guidelines, if the Coffee Morning will go ahead on Friday 2nd July.

Bryony has circulated the current government guidelines for opening up of public spaces. Discuss the requirements at the next meeting.

Creation of a unique QR code for the hall. **Albinas**

Have a list of all attendees to keep for 21 days after the event for Track and Trace.

Remove cloth towels in WC and use paper towels instead.

Send out a letter to regular hall users to ensure that they are aware of their responsibilities with regard to the covid regulations.

**Proposed Monthly Coffee Morning (Friday 2nd July)**

Charity: Beaumont Parish Hall

(Next charities are to be: Kidney Research Fund, Jigsaw, Watchtree NR, North Cumbria Air Ambulance)

**Proposed Sunday Afternoon Teas during August.**

Get the marquee back from the Drovers Rest and use as an alternative to the inside of the hall during August.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

At 30th April the balance was £69709. A further opening up grant of £8000 has been received.

1. **Booking secretary’s report**

Bryony has circulated the provisional bookings for the next two months.

1. **New Hall Plans**

The National Lottery assessors have asked for further information about the hall constitution, the new plans, consultations, design and access statement and sustainability and renewable energy planning. Bryony has supplied this information via ACT and is waiting to hear back from Hellen Aitken.

Bryony has spoken to the architects about the next stage of their work. There will need to be further consultation with the committee.

1. **Wildlife garden**

Malcolm has cut a new path. If anyone gets any feedback about it, please let him know. It's quite flexible. If it all looks positive, he might see if we can get a further seat along it.

1. **Maintenance**

The Hall was cleaned last month and the front flower bed has been weeded. Mike is to stain the front door in the next week.

Teasels need to be killed. Bryony will speak to Malcolm about this. **Bryony**

1. **Fundraising and Grants**

See New Hall Plans.

See Play Equipment.

1. **Correspondence.**

None

1. **Any other Competent Business**

Ask the new people in The Coachhouse if they would wish to join the committee. **Harold**

The meeting was closed at 20.14 pm.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7.30 pm on Zoom**