

LEONARD STANLEY VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES of Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 15th December 2022 from 7.30pm.

APOLOGIES Phil Herbert (T) Chris Connett (LSPC) [T Trustee] [Tr Treasurer] [To Toddlers]

PRESENT Chairman Richard Hubble T, Jan Bogdiukiewicz T, David Pearson T, John Webb T, Bobbie Ireland TTr, Julie Cull (5V Dog Training), Ali Harrison Supporter, Byron Fry SC + Jane Roberts Secretary.

MINUTES of the mtg held on 18th October were circulated shortly afterwards & again with the Agenda for this mtg after several amendments. Accepted as a true record tonight.

MATTERS ARISING:

Toilet heating panels installed and now connected and working, on a timer initially then thermostatically controlled.

Metal gatepost has been straightened (grateful thanks) and some reflective strips applied to make it more visible, especially at night.

Kitchen radiator not yet sanded and painted. Hoped to sort it out very soon.

Booking Conditions revised to clarify/advertise our position on Bouncy Castles. Notices displayed in hall and on website.

Warm Hub idea to be discussed later (see below)

Freezers of Love idea – NFA

Kitchen Door Issue - Notice displayed

Faulty Electrical Socket - sorted

Back Corridor Clutter – unresolved. Manager to contact dancers again to stop this.

Unstable Tables – all marked up now. Replacements to be ordered very soon.

All Statutory Notices are now available/displayed in the Social Club as required.

VH and SC Chairmen met and agreed a rent increase to £900 per month for an unspecified duration. So far two payments have been received.

Chairman had been researching heat saving ideas from Charity Excellence. A number of these were run through but at present there is little further improvement that can be made. All lighting in the building is L.E.D. He also wants to keep a very close eye on meter readings. The hall has a smart meter but it now seems that it is not working properly.

Turning down heating by 1° discussed but difficult to do & keep a decent temperature for different users. High ceiling is an issue. Shutters could be closed. No roof insulation and this will need to be addressed when roof is replaced, possibly installing a suspended ceiling.

Several reports of the kitchen light being left on overnight – a mystery yet to be solved but a prominent notice would be put up to ask people to turn it off.

WARM HUB Manager & BI proposed hosting a hub for one or more days, (Tues 27th 12 – 2 initially, maybe Thurs also) in the week between Christmas & the new year as the hall is not booked. Secretary volunteered help on Tuesday. It seems that SDC will cover likely costs iro £100. It would be a pilot, just contacting friendship group & others (no social media) to gauge interest & to see how it goes, although both local churches are already hosting hubs. The main hall would have to be used as the Social Club will be open during that week. This initiative approved so PS & BI would pursue it. **ACTION PS/BI**

TREASURER'S REPORT Copies of the Profit & Loss and Report are appended to the Minute Book and previously circulated to Trustees, with paper copies on the table. The Balance at 15.12.22 stands at £22,269.09 and the Fundraising balance is £7343.86.

Chairman et al are urgently examining the energy costs (gas & electricity) to compare with last year and will look in finer detail. Gas bills are a particular concern as they are not clear and it appears that the smart meter has not been working and bills not coming in as regularly as expected. It would be better if they come in monthly to smooth out costs.

The cleaner should also send in her claims monthly. ACTIONS TRUSTEES/PS
Government funding should also still be available to help with energy costs.

MANAGER'S REPORT Circulated previously, copy in Minute Book. A lot of maintenance issues recently which has tailed off. Watery pools in kitchen are still mysterious; not a leak but probably overspill from the drainer by some washers up. Cleaner now has mops to deal with it and a notice nearby should raise awareness. Similarly, there are occasional spills from basins in the ladies' loos so perhaps a notice/cloths there would help. ACTION PS
The Chairman proposed thanks to Penny for all her hard and conscientious work over the year – all agreed heartily.

SOCIAL CLUB Asked how it's going (especially after closure of the two local pubs), BF remarked that it is chaos at times. SC is more popular and the usual hard working volunteers have worked harder/longer to keep up, often not finishing until midnight. They have taken on a barmaid for several sessions which helps and LSVH Chairman has also been trained up. BF himself is in most days. They intend to continue their extended opening hours, 2.30 start presently to see how it goes. They have 150 members now and charging is a legal requirement, with no plans to increase charges from 2.50 adults, 1.00 pensioners.

SC opens as always on Christmas Day 12 – 4 & 7 – 11pm. NY Eve open until 3am. PS & BF to liaise re heating switch on times. 2.15pm until shortly before closing time 11.30pm.

Recent snow & icy weather highlighted the need for a filled salt/grit box so icy patches can be treated. Quick research revealed that a box could not be got before the weekend when the weather gets milder. No stocks of salt/grit available locally either. Bin must be lockable and positioned to prevent misuse/stealing as has happened locally elsewhere. This must be obtained ASAP so it is available as/when needed (with shovel too). ACTION ??

FUNDRAISING UPDATE Over £300 was raised at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, the total balance is £7343.86. Footfall was fairly low & disappointing with a lull in the middle but the amount raised was higher than the last event. Leafletting households was questionable and not enough children came but it was enjoyed by all who came and the tombola, lucky dip and sales stalls were very popular. It was also very pleasing to have raised over £7300 in year one so a target of £15000 is set/do-able by December 2023.

3 Events are being scheduled: Quiz on 4th February, Band Night involving SC on 22nd April (ticketed) and a Stanleys Day ~~25th June~~ 4th June now hopefully involving Boho Bakery & Playgroup. Penny will liaise with BB & P. ACTION PS
Hall is booked so a zoom meeting will be held early January at RH to run through Quiz Night arrangements. ACTION RH

ANY OTHER BUSINESS Julie reported that the hall lights went out recently & it turned out the relevant fuse box was in the SC. PS was on holiday but fortunately Jan was home and has a key. It had just tripped but this highlights a problem as SC might not always be accessible if their door is locked. PS to get more keys cut/post up list of keyholders. ACTION PS

Bobbie remarked that the front door looks rather sad & could do with a re-furb. Hall precinct could also do with smartening up, and Notice Board. A Saturday am working party would solve these issues. ACTION ALL FAIRLY SOON

Someone has trimmed the front hedge but no-one here knows who did it. Dancers are still leaving clobber in the back hall; PS will contact them again ACTION PS
Radiators are still being turned off in the hall and corridor which is a real mystery. Disabled loo has also been flooded – another mystery to solve.

TRUSTEES' MTG to be held January, 10? to urgently discuss heating/energy use. ACTION ALL

Meeting closed approximately 8.50pm. Date of next Committee Mtg not yet fixed ACTION ALL