

Bishopton Community Centre Association

Minutes of meeting held in the Centre on Monday 16th December 2019

Present

L. Hutchinson (Chair), A Russell, W Scott, L Smith, P Prior, L Miller, I Smeaton, B Arrol, S Arrol, E Stevenson, M Norton

Apologies: M Roxburgh, R Dukes, G Irvine, F Gunn

Welcome:

L. Hutchinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of meeting held on 18th November 2019 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by W Scott

Seconded by P Prior

Action Log:

Date set	Action	Outcome
17/06/19	Form a small sub-committee to address issue of person covering let not being present for whole time.	Ongoing – rather than form a sub-group it was decided that L Hutchinson would draft some instructions regarding this for the whole committee to discuss.
17/06/19	L. Hutchinson to investigate obtaining an entertainment licence for the Community Centre.	Ongoing – some information has been received from the Council
19/08/19	A Russell to dispose of broken equipment and identify owners for other equipment in storeroom.	Ongoing.
16/09/19	A Russell to respond to the email from Gryffe Advertiser.	Complete

Correspondence

Email from Alison MacBride, Engage Renfrewshire Development Officer.

Action: L. Hutchinson to invite to one of our meetings in the New Year.

Development Trust:

P Prior report:

I resigned as Trust director on 3/12/2019 for 2 reasons so this is my last report.

The Trust board is effectively run by 2 individuals whose dominating style I could no longer tolerate.

But the key reason was that I felt that the Business Plan was unrealistic with a very high financial cost of over £12m for the new sports and leisure hub building and associated rugby, football, tennis and BSSC social club facilities. I contacted the funding advisor to the Trust (Community Links Scotland) and he confirmed this was the case and drastic cost cutting to the business plan was needed. The Trust was not prepared to cut costs so I felt the whole project was not going to be successful in getting funding. I felt any more limited facilities that were provided in the future would be for rugby, football and tennis users rather than any sports hall type requirements for the other 90% of people in Bishopton/Dargavel.

Note: The Development Trust AGM will be held on Wednesday 22 January in the BSSC at 7:30pm. All are encouraged to attend if possible.

Treasurer's Report

Letting income in last month was £1677.00

Expenditure was £3933.95

Balance in bank £89,416.11

Following a discussion about the yearly income and current balance the Committee agreed that the Treasurer (B Arrol) should look to invest £60,000 in a 1-year bond and £20,000 in an easy access account with Charity Bank. This would leave approx. £9K in the current account.

Action: B Arrol to investigate opening a 1-year bond and easy access account to gain a better return on our funds

Letting Report

Dec - New requests:

- a) Sunday 12th January – 4th Birthday party 2-5pm cover to be arranged.
- b) Art Group – dates for 2020: 21st Mar, 14th Nov
- c) Yoga – Mon/Wed class dates for 2020 submitted; workshop on 29th Feb, 1st Mar
- d) Saturday mornings – Fitness group (J Cairns) 9:30-10:30 from 6th Jan 2020

Cover agreed

- a) Nativity Thurs 19th Dec 10-1pm – S Arrol, B Arrol, Gillian Irvine

Property:

P Prior reported as follows

1. Car park floodlights failed on Nov 19 as fuse blown, possibly because the lights were left on overnight and overloaded the fuse. Fixed on Nov 20 under call ref 71688 by Council engineer who has now put the car park floodlights on a separate fuse to make a recurrence less likely. However, I suggest we should remind all let's to turn off car park floodlights at office light switch when locking up so they are not left on all night.
2. Hot water and water pressure in sinks in toilets now fixed. Engineer said the water pump in ladies' cloakroom just needed resetting.
3. Sharp wooden edges on stage front edge have been sawn clean and sanded down.
4. Potholes in council owned car park reported under Camis call ref 71791 on Nov 21. Repairs now completed by contractor Dec 4 and it seems they have not just filled in holes but tarmacked a wider area. The potholes were last filled in just 12 months ago so let's hope this repair lasts longer!

AOCB:

S Arrol mentioned spare cones in the car park – it was agreed these should be brought into the hall.

A Russell was asked to remind all hall users to put on the floodlights (for safety reasons) – these could be left on for later groups if appropriate.

R Dukes had emailed to say a big thank you to all who helped at the Christmas light switch-on. The event went well despite the late arrival of the Council for the switch-on. Donations for the tea/coffee/mince pies raised £67 for the local foodbank.

I Smeaton also thanked Karen for decorating the hall and for all her hard work in looking after the hall

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 20th Jan at 7:30pm

Dates of future meetings: 17th Feb, 16th March, 20th April