

Bishopton Community Centre Association

Minutes of committee meeting held in the Centre on Monday 21st November 2022.

Welcome: L Hutchinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: L Hutchinson, E Stevenson, P Prior, A Russell, L Smith, F Gunn, R Dukes, M Norton, W Scott, E Waters, Barbara O'Shea, M Peden

Apologies for Absence: S Arrol, I Smeaton, G Irvine.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were proposed by E Stevenson and seconded by R Dukes.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report:

Bank balance £91,1515.

Outgoings: £3665.12 Income: £426

Invoice for curtain repair still due.

Letting:

Letting Requests:

Sun 5th Feb – Birthday 2:30-5:30

Sat 22nd April – Family Function – 5pm-midnight (R Dukes)

20th Aug – Cycle race 7am-2pm

Blood Transfusion Service dates for 23/24: Thurs 27th July, Mon 13th Nov, Wed 6th Mar

All above requests agreed.

Cover arranged for the following lets:

Sat 26th Nov Birthday party 1-6pm – A Russel/ L Hutchinson

Mon 28th Nov Blood Transfusion Service – 12:15 – 8:30pm (BO'S to open, M Peden to close)

Tues 29th Nov – Christmas lights switch on

Sat 3rd Dec Birthday party 1-4:30

Sun 4th Dec Moo Music Fun Day 1-3:45pm M Peden

Sat 10th Dec Yoga class 1-3pm S Arrol

Sun 11th Dec Choir concert (Grace Notes) 3-10pm

Sat 17th Dec "Sound bath" event 2-4pm L Hutchinson

Sat 14th Jan Birthday party – E Stevenson

Nursery Nativity

Wed 14th 11:30-3pm; Thur 15th Dec 8:30-1pm; Fri 16th Dec 8:30-1pm (BO'S to open Thurs/Fri)

Property Report:

1. Rear garden - met with Tom from TDH and Gillian/Julie for Guides/Rainbows and agreed work to be done by next Spring 2023. Small paved area to be made where the old hut was removed, grass a small area near where the hut stood and remove the existing old slabs. Also apply weed killer then jet wash clean all paths round the side and rear of centre and in rear garden. Total cost to follow but will be modest.
2. Changing room roof leak - not yet fixed so contacting Council to request new contractor or council surveyor to assess the issue.
3. Flooded car park area - Council has cleared drains and all ok despite heavy downpours since then.
4. Notice on door of Stores (where cleaner keeps bins and stock) saying "stock for use by Caretaker only"
5. Fallen curtain now put up by Andrew Millar joiner - awaiting invoice from him.
6. Boiler reset twice over last 3 weeks - call Council poss loss of pressure?

AOCB :

Arrangements for Christams lights switch on were discussed. Doors will open at 6:15pm with light switch on at 7pm by Bishopton 3 good citizens. Car park and charging stations to be closed from 5:30pm. Co-Op has donated tea, coffee, mince pies and shortbread. Any donations for these to be donated to EBI Unite.

Helpers to come from 5:30pm onwards; St Andrews Ambulance will provide first aid cover; carol sheets and visit from Santa have been arranged. Tasks were assigned to varios committee members. Posters are up around Bishopton to advertise. Voucher to thank Rebecca Russell who designed the poster.

Bank signaturies – arrangements are being made to amend these: B Arrol and I Smeaton to be removed, S Arrol and P Prior to be added.

Discussion about wi-fi in the Community Centre. R Dukes had identified a mini router that could be obtained from Argos. M Norton mentioned an article in IBE local magazine which indicated that all community centres were to get wi-fi. Post meeting note: M Norton shared the article from IBE local – Renfrewshire Council are putting in place a contract for wi-fi which will include community centres. Timescale not clear – P Prior will check with our Council contact.

R Dukes proposed investing in a new projector/screen/sound bar system (approx. cost £1000). There was some discussion about who might use this and insurance. Before going ahead with this it was suggested that we ask the groups using the centre if they might use this.

The state of the office furniture was raised and it was agreed that a new desk would be obtained for the office.

A Russell mentioned a guitar tuner found on the stage – does anyone know the owner?

F Gunn raised the issue of public using the toilets in the centre. Advice was that groups should lock the front door to prevent public entering unknown to groups.

Issue of radiators being turned off on Wednesday nights – this has resulted in the centre becoming cold – reminder to all groups to turn radiators back on if they turn them off.

W Scott asked what was happening with seat in memory of B Arrol. Plan is to do something in the garden once work has been undertaken.

Discussion took place about whether the community centre could be used as a “warm hub”. This needs to be investigated further to see what would be involved.

E Stevenson proposed making a donation to a “toy bank”. This created some discussion about current level of funds and whether BCCA could make donations without consulting with the groups who are regular users as they generate the income for the BCCA.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 19th December at 8pm.