

Bishopton Community Centre Association

Minutes of committee meeting held in the Centre on Monday 24th October 2022.

Welcome: L Hutchinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: L Hutchinson, S Arrol, A Russell, R Dukes, F Gunn, J Johnston, M Norton, W Scott, E Stevenson, P Prior.

Apologies for Absence: L Smith, 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 L Hutchinson.

Correspondence: 1) Thank you card received from Miss Litlejohn, who was delighted to receive the flowers.

2) Public Information Notice received from Renfrewshire council highlighting the dangers of button batteries.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance at end of August was £95,343.12. Outgoings: £2,909.97. Income: £1,910 (September letting income).

Further to last month's discussions on changing bank signatories, E Stevenson said she had sent letter to I Smeaton to change to her address. S Arrol offered to speak to I Smeaton and ask him to contact the bank to progress this.

Letting: Letting Requests:

Several one-off events for a "sound bath" yoga, 2 hours: Sunday 20th November 1-3 pm, Saturday 10th December 1-3pm, Saturday 17th December 2-4 pm.

14th January – 30th Birthday party 5pm to 1 am. Cleaner required.

18th February – Guiding Coffee Morning.

Bishopton Week Requests: Chess tournament date tbc, 10/6 Big Vern and the Shootahs, fun run 11/6, Above lets agreed.

Cover arranged for the following lets:

Halloween Event 29/10 and 30/10 (2pm access and lock up 10pm) Saturday and Sunday 4-8pm. L Hutchinson will obtain spare key from P Prior and liaise with N Jinks.

5th November Model Bus Federation set up and 6th November show. M Claisse.

19th November Art and Craft Fair – R Dukes.

Yoga 10/12 – S Arrol. Cover for 20/11 and 17/12 still outstanding.

14th January Birthday Party L Hutchinson & E Stevenson

Christmas lights switch on –

R Dukes reported that he, L Hutchinson and M Norton had a meeting. Switching on has to be midweek and from a limited choice Tuesday 29th November chosen. Doors to open 6.15, event starts at 6.30 and lights on at 7pm. Car park has to be closed by 5.30. P Prior will notify Pharmacy, Health Centre and Cairellot and put up signs on electric vehicle charging points. 3 good citizens to switch on lights. Santa will be there. S Arrol to ask L Hill if she and Ian can lead the singing. M Norton will get words of carols printed. Juice/tea/coffee with mince pies and shortbread will be available. No charge, but any donations will go to EBI unites. Committee agreed purchase of a new Christmas tree. Arrangements and duties allocated and still more volunteers required. L Hutchinson has list of duties and will circulate appeal for more help. Further discussion on sourcing high viz vests and booking first aiders.

Property Report:

1. Garden shed - now removed by TDH Landscapes and £200 invoice paid.
 2. Car park flooded - the blocked drains have caused regular flooding after periods of heavy rain. Emergency call raised with Council on 7th October for jetting lorry to clear drains and will now be chasing Council since on weekly basis!
 3. Dyson hand driers - invoice received for £3057.12 incl VAT for 3 new Dyson Airblades and passed for payment. Guarantee for 5 years registered with Dyson Business. Dyson guarantee and user docs in office with Alexander's Electrical white manual.
 4. Gents changing room leak in roof - fixed by Council contractor in September. No further leak despite heavy rain until Oct 20 when minor leak seen in the same place. If gets worse will raise call again!
 5. BCC Website updates required - delete Tai Chi on Friday, new choir class on Thursday and choir contact to be added, also add August and September BCCA minutes.
 6. Heating - Mon-Fri now set later to 0900-2100 but kept weekends at 0900-1200.
 7. Rear garden - guide price for landscaping from TDH to be obtained for Spring 2023. Suggestion is paved area for tables plus new grass for use by Rainbows, etc. To be discussed at future meeting.
 8. Xmas lights switch on 29 Nov - investigate turning off car park floodlights to enhance the effect! Need to let Cairellot, GP and pharmacy know that car park will be closed from 1730 that evening so vehicles need to be moved by then.
- P Prior – to receive cheque for £207 for hut removal and spare key purchased!

AOCB :

J Johnston reported that Rainbows have been successful in their community fund bid, and although this will not be received until October 2023, they wish to work with BCCA in obtaining planters and flowers for the girls to get involved with. Alterations to the outdoor area were considered. Committee favour a square slabbed area and the remainder grassed. P Prior will contact TDH to assess and cost. Request for additional storage space for Rainbows – A Russell and J Johnston will discuss.

S Arrol stated that there had been 5 girl's winter jackets hanging in the cloakroom since last year and asked permission to put them in the clothing recycle bin. Agreed. She also intimated that she was told that any organisation who have been in existence for 50 years could have a civic reception and stated that the centre opened in 1974 so committee may want to consider this for 2024.

R Dukes asked about purchasing a back screen projector and sound system. After discussing, committee were in favour of this. He suggested that the centre could be used as a warm space location during the winter. He also requested we schedule more defibrillator training which could also be open to members of the public.

F Gunn stated that quite often, hall heaters had been left switched off. Hall cold. P Prior stated that timer is set for 9 am to 7pm weekdays and 9 – midday at weekends. After consideration of evening lets, he will now alter timings to give more heat for the winter evenings. He will also turn off the one heater which is very noisy.

J Johnston asked about policy on allowing members of the public coming in to use the toilet. She has strong concerns for child protection. It was suggested that meantime door should be kept locked when in the centre.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21st November at 8pm.