

Bishopton Community Centre Association

Minutes of committee meeting held in the centre on Monday 20th February 2023.

Welcome: L Hutchinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and said S Arrol would be taking the minutes.

Present: S Arrol, L Hutchinson, P Prior, E Stevenson, W Scott, B O'Shea, J Johnston, F Gunn, M Norton, P Lengyel.

Apologies: A Russell, G Irvine, I Smeaton, L Smith, R Dukes.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the January meeting had been circulated and were proposed by W Scott and seconded by E Stevenson.

Correspondence: L Hutchinson stated that the only correspondence she had received was notice of polling dates in 2026 and 2027. The committee at this point digressed into talking about trying hard to find a replacement for our letting convenor who has been wanting to retire from the post for the past year. We discussed options like further appeals on social media and perhaps on the noticeboard here. None of the committee present wished to step forward for this role.

L Hutchinson asked if there should be a Whatsapp group for communicating with all the committee, as well as the one for office bearers. The committee were in favour of this and she will check that everyone is happy to be part of this group before setting it up.

Treasurer's Report:	Income	£ 2,445.03
	Expenditure	£ 10.68
	Bank bal	£94,342.01

L Hutchinson stated that the bank seemed now to have accepted the change to signatories. P Prior suggested some money could be put into a bond or interest generating account as interest rates rising. This can be considered again in the future.

S Arrol stated that Bonnie Bishopton group had again appealed for an outside tap to be fitted to assist their planting and watering of the large flower bed at front of car park, around Christmas tree and at side of centre. R Cox had supplied further information about the feasibility of putting a tap onto pipe from gents toilet and that it could be secured against again potential vandalism by fitting a box over it. This was looked on more favourably by the committee and P Prior will refer this to Renfrewshire Council for approval. A Bonnie Bishopton member had asked to have a temporary book stall in the centre as she has many good books to dispose of and would like to donate any money raised for their group funds. This was agreed after identifying space and a table will be set up in the foyer for this temporarily.

The potential upgrades to the centre facilities suggested at last meeting were further discussed. The committee were in favour of exploring quotes for refitting the rear showers and changing rooms facilities, also for new kitchen sinks and potentially

further kitchen refurbishment. P Prior will research names of companies and consult Renfrewshire Council. A suggestion was made for flexible staging so that groups particularly with young children would not be on a high stage, however the committee felt that there was not enough potential use to justify this at present. Garden area still to be upgraded, TDH to be consulted. S Arrol suggested we could ask Bonnie Bishopton for help with this.

Letting

Requests for lets:

18 March 8.30am – 4pm, Full Centre – Art Group Fair - approved

25 March 1pm – 4pm, Main Hall and kitchen – Lynne Griffiths, 6th Birthday Party - approved

26 March and 30 April 1pm – 3pm, Main Hall only – Lynne McKechnie, soundbath, approved

6 May 2.30pm – 5.30pm, Full Centre – Sheena Stewart, children's birthday party approved Lynne H covering

13 May 1pm – 5pm, Main Hall only – Kevin O'Donnell, 5th birthday party approved

20 May 12.30pm - 1.30pm, Main Hall and Kitchen - Petra Lengyel, Pilates, approved

28 October 1pm - 10pm Full Centre – Nicola Jinks, Halloween event, approved

Cover required:

4 March, 9am – 2pm – Guide Coffee morning – NO COVER NEEDED

11 March, 6pm – 11pm Race Night - Elaine and Shirley.

25 March, 1pm – 4pm kids Party - to be confirmed at next meeting on 20th

26 March, 1pm – 3pm Soundbath - to be confirmed at next meeting on 20th

29 March, 12.30 – 8.30pm Blood Transfusion Service - Barbara to open and Elaine to close

Property

1. Purchased 3 x footstools at £23.97 to make it easier for children to use hand driers. Recently we ran out of toilet paper as people were using this to dry hands instead.

2. Purchased blue rolls as some kids were frightened by hand driers at £33.98.

3. Purchased 2 x wide brooms at £33.98 for people to use when clearing up especially in main hall.

4. Boiler kept overheating then switching itself off. The cause has now been found and a new pump and temperature sensor have now been ordered by the Council engineer for installation this week over 3 days. The boiler will be out of service to do this work so no heating or hot water will be available. Let contacts have all been advised by email today.

5. Issues with flat roof - ongoing with Council but no apparent leaks into rooms despite recent wet weather. (Whole flat roof may need replacing if it happens again and we continue to get serious damage.)

6. Website - Dec and Jan BCCA meeting minutes to be uploaded to website this week.

7. Bonnie Bishopton lady requested table in reception for surplus books she has available with donations to BB from any who take the books. This was agreed at the meeting provided it is for short period of 1-2 weeks.

AOCB: L Hutchinson gave an update on defibrillator training. She is still awaiting a reply from St John's Scotland, and had received a quote from St Andrews Ambulance. It was felt this would be expensive as we cannot only have defibrillator training, it includes first aid automatically. We discussed accessibility to defibrillator and it was decided that as instructions for use are given if the need arises, that we should share the access code on our noticeboard and make all groups aware it is there.

S Arrol enquired about timings of external lighting whether they were constant in darkness hours or controlled by us or council. She had been notified that lights were out one evening and area very dark. Timings not known. P Prior will make enquiry.

F Gunn enquired about review of letting charges, he was assured this would not take place until potentially June.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 20th March at 8.00 pm.