

Royal Four Towns Hall Association

Minutes of the meeting held on

Monday 9 March 2015

Those present: Nick Bass, Anne Fairn, Jenny Campbell, Margaret Byrne, Ellen Hyslop, Peter Barlow, Malcolm Wade, Dick Byrne, Gill Fraser, Graham Anderson, Jeanette Carmichael, Lorna Bell

Apologies: Teresa McColl

Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted as read; proposes by DB, seconded by MW.

Matters arising: None

Treasurer's report: MW reported that the basic net inflow is £4000, £2200 of which is from the Under 5s, and £1000 from a donation. The present operating inflow is £800. £609 spent on insurance, £276 spent on an electrical inspection.

At the half-way point of the year, the first half shows the best income streams; with clubs and activities suspended over the summer, the 2nd half there is less income.

Property convener's report:

- * Community Council's cheque for rent/donation passed to MW.
- * Curtain refitted
- * Radiators bled and valves opened
- * Oil checked, delivery due this week
- * Fire alarm checked
- * Window sills; Alan Pettigrew to be reminded to assess
- * Suggestion to install a visual red light fire alarm in disabled toilet turned down as advisory rather than mandatory, and costing £250
- * Reminder of 'house keeping' for hirers requiring 2 stewards

Hall bookings: Despite Council block cancellation, school booked 10/2; invoice sent

23/2 Taise service (informal service for families; may be held monthly).

Racenight fundraiser: PB has researched various forms including 9-horse racing and pig racing. He considers the horseracing option too long, requires a large attendance to be profitable, requires sponsorship/ownership for each race, costs £195 to be administered, and cannot be advertised due to Gambling Act. Needs to be combined with supper/raffle and bar, and needs a large number of volunteers to run the event.

Pig racing costs £170 (operator in Edinburgh).

PB suggests we might consider a joint venture with the school. General reaction was to monitor the Show Committee's Quiz Night numbers, then delay the Racenight until either Oct/November or February 2016. Logistics of the future event to be revisited at the next meeting.

50/50 update: JC was pleased to report 11 new members. She accredits this with the Newsletter.

Response to the Newsletter: There has been minimal response, although there may be a second art group in future, enquiries suggest. An evening group has been suggested. Suggestion proformas to be available at Coffee Stop and the forthcoming Art Exhibition.

Table-top sale debrief: JC reported only two phone inquiries leading to the cancellation of the event. PB suggested local people might be unhappy to sell goods to neighbours.

AOCB: DB announced the planned Dance on 28 March. New members of the committee were unaware that this event requires members to volunteer to help run it. AF, JC, GF, MW, EH all volunteered to help out with supper, raffle, etc.

MB announced that planning for the Burns Supper is well underway, with most of the main 'acts' already signed up. To be held on 23 January 2016.

PB suggested 3-4 October as the date for this year's Craft Fair. This was agreed. He also proposed a ticket system for the crafters' refreshments, as this has been abused by some in the past. Three tickets per crafter to be collected by those on duty.

PB also asked that his vice-president office should be elected at the next meeting, rather than its present ad hoc situation.

GA reported that he is to update the RFT Website; any Hall information and minutes to be sent to him as a PDF file.

Date of next meeting: Monday 27 April 2015 at 7.30.