Minutes of Beaumont Parish Hall Committee Meeting on Wednesday 22nd May

**Present:**

Committee: Harold (chair), Bryony, Julie, Tom, Michelle, Geoff, Gill, Maria

Non-committee: Albinas,

**Apologies:**  Malcolm, MaryAnn, Henry,

1. **Welcome and Apologies.**

Harold welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of last meeting.**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Harold to retain his signed copy. **Harold**

1. **Matters arising**.

Electricity

Electricity supplier to go to British Gas Lite from 14 June 2019 on a 3-year contract, when the current contract with Eon expires.

Readings were taken around the local elections on 2nd May.

Reading on 1.5.19, polling on 2.5.19

Before After Difference

Nights: 4290 4312 22

Days: 10454 10542 88

Eve/Weekend: 10088 10096 8

Total cost based on current tariff £25.01. On new tariff after May 2019 it would be about £19.61.

City council pays £250 per day for election days.

1. **Recent Past Events**

Monthly Coffee Morning: Friday 3rd May

£84.50 made. Charity: Penrith Mountain Rescue Team. Also £1.50 pens, £13.50 Books, £3 Jam.

Car Boot Sale Morning Sunday 19th May

Profit: £300. Receipts: Entry £18.70, Stalls £63, Food £242.15, Jam £6, Books £2.50; Expenses £32.35.

(£108 bacon rolls @£2, £70 drinks £64 cakes)

The feedback overall was very positive, location was liked, as was the friendly atmosphere. Most stallholders made a profit. Advert went into the Cumberland News and on Radio Cumbria.

1. **Forthcoming events.**

Monthly Coffee Morning: Friday 7th June

A new Charity to be decided on at the coffee morning. Michelle to be informed for Fb page. **Albinas**

Afternoon Teas in August

Details to be sent to Parish Magazine, Cumberland News and Facebook. **Albinas/Michelle**

Send a rota of work days to committee. **Bryony**

Organisation on day. **Discuss at next meeting**

Auction of promises: Saturday 19th October 2019

Proceeds will be shared between the Hall and Eden Valley Hospice (Jigsaw).

Gill has already received 143 promises so far.

Children’s Christmas Party 8th December

Albinas spoke to MaryAnn who is happy with the date. Date sent to claiming date list in the Parish Magazine.

1. **The New Hall Plans**

Meeting with Ray Tait and Grant Long from Hyde Harrington on May 2nd

The minutes were issued previously by email.

Bryony has spoken to Mike Collins of English Heritage who has approved the concept above ground. Archaeology for site needs doing to decide whether either a raft or piling could be used for foundations. Bryony has also had conversations with Jeremy Parsons, including changing the position of the proposed new hall, away from the Wall, as this less likely to require Scheduled Monument Consent. Other advantages of rebuilding the hall in front of existing would be that the hall would remain in use during building.

We need to measure up the proposed new site, to see how the building would fit, and also make proposals for a new entrance further along the hedge. **Bryony/Harold**

Harold informed the committee that there was a possible donation for the preparation of plans, archaeology planning applications and development of hall drawings.

Malcolm has said he would help if there was a need to submit an application for Scheduled Monument Consent for the test pits as he has experience of preparing the one for the Tennis Courts.

1. **Wildlife garden.**

Malcolm has spoken to Chris Bolton, who has very kindly said that he will still help us to remove the fence. Malcolm will work with him on a suitable date to do it. Malcolm has not heard from Eric (grass cutter) about levelling the slope on the back footpath, but he will meet with him if necessary and see what we can sort out.

1. **Booking secretary’s report.**

Bryony has previously circulated the report.

Bryony mentioned that the Dance Group wanted to swap their night to Tuesdays. It was agreed to allow them to move after the current Young Farmers bookings ended. Inform Dance Group. **Bryony**

A discussion was also had about consolidating the once-a-month meetings to a single night. Decided to leave things as they are at present.

Bryony will work with Michelle to transfer over the role.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

Cheque of £300 received from Parish Council

A deposit of £500 grant for the summer playscheme from the County Council which is to be forwarded to PC.

Cheque for £100 to Penrith Mountain Rescue.

No invoices from Eric regarding grass cutting. Email Eric. **Albinas**

£47190 in hand.

1. **Maintenance**

Creosote walls

Await better weather. Liaise regarding best date.  **Malcolm/Harold/Geoff/Tom**

Creosote to be left in the shed. **Bryony**

Shed: Felt missing

Now re-felted.

Coat hook and toilet roll damaged in men’s WC, New

New one may be needed. **Harold**

Baby Swing

Malcolm has installed the new baby swing.The old one was in a pretty poor state and was well rusted, so he

has put it in the bin. One of the main brackets was just about rusted through so not safe to reuse.

Outside Front Entrance

Malcolm has made some planters for the front as requested and are in situ. He has also sprayed the front gravel

area and paths; they will take a couple of weeks to start to show an effect on the weeds.

Some discussion as to plants and watering. Purchase some compost and plants. **Julie**

Water planters when visiting the hall. **All**

1. **Fundraising and Grants**

Malcolm mentioned that Bryony had sent some material out about playground grants. He has spoken to her briefly

about it. He thinks we were thinking, 1. Repair the climbing frame. 2. Possibly seek funding for two further items,

a Youth Shelter (we do get older children using the area) and as previously mentioned a Zip Wire.

At the last Coffee Morning, Bryony and MaryAnn had conversations with Naill McNulty, Community Development

Officer, Cumbria County Council, who is responsible for funding for youth provision. He wants to have funding

over 2-3 years to include the Play Scheme, Play Area and Youth Club. He also may be able to access old play equipment from other City Council parks that the hall may be able to make use of.

1. **Correspondence.**

None.

1. **Any other Competent Business.**

Hire of the Hall

A discussion was had regarding the charge for the hall as prices had not been changed for some time. Possibility of charging £25 per session dependent on the charges at Burgh hall and remove special condition prices.

Determine the current hall charges at Burgh. **Tom**

Issue notice to hall users following next meeting to allow six months’ notice. **Julie**

**Discuss further at next meeting.**

Risk assessments

Review risk assessments. **Geoff/Harold**

Email existing assessment to Geoff and use as this as a guide to review the assessments. **Bryony**

Add the risk assessment as an item on futures AGM agenda. **Albinas**

Insurance renewal

Premium is £747.09, slightly cheaper than last year. It was confirmed that there were no changes that the insurers

need to be informed about.

The meeting was closed at 9 pm.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26th June 7:30 pm**