

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Entering the last quarter of the financial year, the accounts are currently showing a surplus of £2,984.

We have ordered 80 chairs and 3 trolleys which should be delivered in the next couple of weeks. The entire cost has been funded by donations and the Committee would like to thank all those who so generously made a contribution.

The wine safari was a big success and Caroline Jack has donated proceeds of £605 to the Chair fund. The Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to Caroline for all her efforts and for making such a generous contribution to the Hall funds.

BG volunteered to now look at potential replacement tables and will report his recommendations to the next meeting.

BG

4.3 Restoration Fund

KJ and CF met with Minerva Fundraising specialists to discuss possible assistance with Fundraising. Jimmy James is a specialist in fundraising and was very positive about the project. He agreed with our current thinking that a phased plan of works would be the best way forward to attract funds. If appointed he believes he would be able to raise funds to start phase 1 later this year. He charges £510 per day + expenses (no VAT as he's not registered.)

The planning group is to meet shortly to discuss the phasing options and whether to recommend engaging Minerva

BG has also been recommended the make of a specialist fundraiser. He agreed to carry out further checks on his suitability and pass on contact information to CF/KJ if it is felt it would be worthwhile for them to meet with this person.

BG

4.4 Caretaking

- New bench - awaiting donor to organise installation
- New chairs received, 2 chairs have minor damage to the back of the backrest and 1 has a mark on the seat. The supplier has agreed to send 2 new backs and 1 seat as replacements. In addition one of the trolleys is warped and needs replacing by the supplier. The final balance payment is not due to the supplier until these items are successfully resolved. The committee agreed to purchase a 4th trolley and BG will order this to be delivered with the replacements. BG
- Any old chairs that we want to be rid of can now be transported to the Harborough Rubber Company, these will be stored until the next container leaves for Malawi. BG to identify which chairs can be got rid of. SH and DT will arrange to transport these. BG/SH/DT
- The ceiling in the corridor continues to sag, although no drips have come through. KJ suggested the sagging ceiling be punctured to remove the water before the ceiling collapses, MG will do this.
- A quotation of £400 has been received from Harry Chapman to replace the damaged/broken glazing in various parts of the building. In addition the 'one of the flower shaped' windows at the top of the front needs replacing and this can only be priced on-site when the job is done. The committee agreed to get the work done and CF will apply to the Parish Council to help with the funding as they still have spare funds to distribute to worthy causes in the village. BG/CF
- The internal window broken by one of the cubs will also be replaced and is being funded by the cubs. There was concern expressed that the Village Hall may not be suitably indemnified from any breakage/accidents caused by hirers of the hall. It was agreed that the current policy would be re-checked and any suggested amendments would be brought to the next committee meeting BB/MG
- Robinia Tree replacement: The Amelanchier tree will be planted in the spring. DT will enquire about the possibility of utilising the metal frame tree support that was recently offered on the village email. DT
- MG has purchased some new tea spoons for the kitchen
- The broken toilet seat has been replaced
- DT will fill the vent in the small hall to reduce the cold draft DT
- Community Garden - The David Ross Foundation are due to discuss the possibility of funding this at their meeting in February
- MG reported noticing some small chunks of masonry on the edge of the playground beside the building, though there is no obvious indication from ground level where these have come from. The situation will be monitored.

4.5 Bookings

- The Children's Yoga group will stop in March due to maternity leave
- BB is stepping down in April and we will urgently need a new bookings clerk. BB agreed to write a brief job description and SH agreed to produce an advert requesting new volunteers to join the committee. BB/SH

4.6 Defibrillator

- Checks up to date.
- The initial training was carried out over 3 years ago. A new training course is to be offered. The Sports Club are in a similar position. SB has said she will liaise to offer a joint training session.

SB

5 Forthcoming Events

18th January – Ceilidh evening with food and bar - 22 tickets have been sold to date. CF generously donated a hamper for use in a raffle

7th February – Wine Tasting evening hosted by Duncan Murray of Duncan Murray Wines - tickets are on sale in the village shop and further publicity will be sent out

SH

8th May - VE Day village picnic. MG will check this will not clash with any other events planned in the village. If there are none then she will start to publicise and start to make initial plans

MG

9 Any Other Business

No items were reported this month

10 Public Question Time

No items were raised for discussion

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on 17 February 2020 at 7:45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:16pm