

Minutes of management committee meeting held on Thursday 3rd January 2008 at 7:30pm in Croyde Village Hall (CVH).

Present:- Bill Patten, Margaret Patten, Paul Watkins, Douglas Owen, Vikki Worthington, Richard Windsor, Paul Cole, Rose Cole, David Tebbutt, Mary Tebbutt, Lionel Pettit, Christopher Burrows, Rosemary Littlewood.

Apologies:- Paul Petrides, Amy Freeman, Isabelle Bromham, Kim Watkins, Mary Stonehouse, Mike Harrison (Parish Councillor), John Symonds (Parish Councillor).

Matters Arising:-

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct.

Happy New Year to everyone.

A big thanks to Douglas Owen for putting on the Christmas carol concert.

Fundraising:-

The Christmas Fayre and was a good village occasion a real community event.

The Christmas carol concert went very well, thanks again to Douglas.

Johnathan Marshall (bird man) will be asked to attend and put on an Eagle show / demo.

Many thanks to Jenny Jenkins from Devon county council who has donated £753 towards the cost of the disabled access ramp to the side of the hall.

Thanks again to Mr and Mrs Norman Humphries their garage sale raised £110.

David Tebbutt to continue to write a short monthly update to be published in the local Crydda magazine and if relevant the North Devon Journal.

Treasurer Report:-

Current account:~ £ 3,499 and Reserve account:~ £ 24,885 Total:~ £ 28,384

Bookings:-

Richard Windsor reported, the Hall's hire prices have not really changed for a couple of years. During this time the price of OIL for heating has DOUBLED, the price of ELECTRICITY has gone up 50%, our water bill has also DOUBLED in price. And as Croyde village hall is now VAT registered this extra 17.5% should also be passed onto the hirers.

To just cover all our increased costs and to break even it is estimated we should increase prices by at least 50%, that would just cover our increased costs, no extra money to Croyde Village Hall.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that overall, it's expected that hall hire charges will increase by approximately 20%. The committee agreed that the final decision would lie with Richard Windsor on what he feels suitable for each user group and one-off hire.

"Croyde Players" is still the hall's best customer!

The Film club has booked the second Thursday in every month, 10th Jan, 14th Feb, 13th Mar & 10th Apr and if popular will book future dates (always expected to be the second Thursday of the month).

User group reports:-

Film night

Starts Thursday 10th Jan 2008 @ 7pm. Please see bookings report above.

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Friday evening SK8 night and Youth club

The Youth Club is planning another Musical Youth event at Croyde Village Hall, it is currently pencilled in for the weekend of the 7th / 8th of June 2008. The committee could see no political or moral reason why it could not happen on Sunday the 8th.

The local police do regularly come by and visit the Youth Club on Friday evenings (often staying a hour or so and having a cup of tea and chatting to the young people). They also often drive by the hall and the Skateboard area as part of their regular patrols.

We have arranged with the local police for a DOG HANDLING demonstration to take place during one of our Friday night sessions, Date TBC.

New fencing for rear area has been delayed due to the new skateboard ramps & the extension project.

Our new children's skateboard ramps have been delivered and installed, they are amazing. All the local kids giving them 10 out of 10 !!!!.

Georgeham parish council have agreed to pay for the ROSPA annual safety check of our skateboard area due in March 2008.

We are waiting for official confirmation of a few other small grants that we have applied for.

Extension Project:-

Contracts have been signed with Anderson and Evans to build the shell of our new side extension.

Construction is due to start on Monday Feb 4th 2008.

Contracts have been signed with South West Waster (SWW) for the design stage of the sewage pipe relocation. SWW have put out to tender the construction work, tenders will be returned by 18th Jan 2008.

Paul Cole (project manager) is liaising with South West Water (and their selected contractor) and Anderson and Evans (our selected contractor) to try and schedule the groundwork efficiently. Hopefully the costs can be reduced by good liaison between all contractors.

David Tebbutt has had encouraging communication with SWW, they have implied a possible review of costings, a meeting of all contractors so that work is not duplicated, a possible donation towards our costs from their charity board and a phased payment schedule to help us with our cash flow. David Tebbutt has also had very encouraging communication with another village hall who after a lengthy campaign received a large rebate / refund from SWW.

It is hoped we could also get a refund / rebate from SWW. To get a refund / rebate every committee member together with every user group and every councillor (Parish, District and County) would have to write a letter to SWW.

Paul Cole asked for suggestions of local trades men and women who would tender for the finishing touches e.g. floors, plastering, electrics, plumbing, painting etc.

General Maintenance:-

Thanks to Paul Watkins for all his work about the hall.

Brambles and rubbish clearance, Mary Tebbutt to chase Bruce etc.

Our water bill is now £141 per month.

It was suggested that we should look into rainwater collection from the roof to flush the toilets. There may be possible grants from DEFRA (may be also AONB) and other water saving based grants etc.

David Tebbutt will look into this.

Christmas decorations will be taken down on Friday 4th January 2008.

Is there any oil in the oil tank?, Richard Windsor to arrange oil.

David Learmont (from Chapel Farm) is sorting out the Village Hall's notice board (12th Jan)

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Any Other Business (AOB):-

Chris Burrows is getting together all the documentation so that we can apply for the Hallmark level I and level II award run by Community Council of Devon.

The clear out of the Toddlers cupboard and the rear storage area will take place on Wednesday 16th January 2008.

Date of next meeting(s):-

Thursday 7th February 2008 @ **7:30pm** in Croyde Village Hall.

Thursday 6th March 2008 @ **7:30pm** in Croyde Village Hall.

A.G.M. ~ Thursday 3rd April 2008 @ **7:30pm** in Croyde Village Hall.

End of meeting.

AGENDA

Management committee meeting for Croyde Village Hall on Thursday 7th February 2008 @ **7:30pm**.

Apologies:-

Richard Windsor, Vikki Worthington

Matters arising:-

Treasurer report:-

Fundraising:-

Bookings report:-

User group reports:-

Skateboard club

Youth club

Film night

Others ?

Extension project report:-

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