



Silverdale Village Institute

Established 1908

Registered Charity No. 1014665

Spring Bank, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 0RJ

Meeting 6th November 2014

Attending: Mike Woodbridge, Claire Kettlewell, Amy Burrows, Jeanne Holden, Chantel Greenall, Tim Stothert, Tony Houghton, Angela Woods, Phil Craxford & Alex Finch

Apology for absence: Terry Bond, Andy Fletcher, Shelley Hackett.

1. Hand bell ringers - Hand Bell Ringers ground rental charges proposed and agreed: 'The monthly rent for the land upon which the Hand bell ringers hut stands is to be increased to £10 per week with effect from October the 1st 2014. The rental will be reviewed on an annual basis. Requirements to quit can be given by either side with at least 3 months notice.

Proposed by: Jeanne Holden

Seconded by: Amy Burrows

The Treasurer has written to inform them and explain to them the need to increase the charges to include correct amount of insurance cover, power etc. Jeanne instructed by the committee confirm power meter readings, inform them of the amounts via a letter and then to charge accordingly.

2. Snooker Club - Snooker club fees proposed and agreed: 'We propose to charge each of the players £30 per year for using the Hall and its facilities, commencing January 1st 2015.

Proposed by: Jeanne Holden

Seconded by: Amy Burrows'

3. Auditor – Ray Mason has come forward to act as an auditor. He provides a similar service to other Silverdale societies on a voluntary basis. The committee agreed that he should act in that capacity. It was agreed to purchase a suitable gift from the committee as a mark of gratitude. Wine was suggested.
4. Rural Arts Lancashire – Communication has been had with RA Lancs. They have informed us that although the Institute was of interest the current space did not lend itself to use as a venue as they required a larger floor area.
5. Community Payback – The community payback team have attended to the field. Areas have been strimmer and tidied. They are to return to repaint interior areas of the Institute building. There has been some interaction between the Community Payback workers and local residents. It was noted that the committee were keen to

both acknowledge the opinions of the local residents along with allowing the CP team to make redress.

6. Survey Results – The committee discussed the results of the survey. Noted that other than one or two of the items all the options surveyed received a positive response. It was decided to seek further help on good practice on how the project might proceed with such an overwhelming positive response to so many potential uses. A more solid proposal, along with visualisations will be drawn up to help in feasibility and moving the proposals forward and to help with planning and project management. A further report back to the community will be planned once the above actions have been undertaken.
7. There has been a very kind donation of £344.00 from the estate of Allan Parkinson, Committee agreed that a message of thanks will be placed in the Parish Magazine and on other media.
8. Any Other Business –
 - a. Gaskell Hall Representative still sought.
 - b. Proposal to get community Wi-Fi via the B4Ys project. Further information on what's involved is being researched. It was thought that buildings with a social / community focus may be able to get free connections. Committee has no objection to the field being used for fibre or for location of other hardware. It was thought that the availability of excellent data connections would be very much in line with the Institute's remit.
 - c. The need for a window cleaner was discussed. Tim to approach Alex Peach.
 - d. Request of way leave for connection to the electrical substation is likely to be sought due to development of a neighbouring property. Will be discussed when a formal request is made.
 - e. Halloween party was very well attended. Noted that it drew in many non-residents of the village. Booking is being marked in the diary to repeat the event next year. Suggestion that drinks may also be provided if licensing requirements can be satisfied. Shelley or Martin Kettlewell to be approached to assist with licensing.
 - f. A bonfire event was suggested. There are insurance implications with fireworks but as long as regulations are followed this shouldn't be a problem. A bonfire may prove to be an issue as there will be damage to grass. Use of a large brazier was suggested as a work around. The booking has been marked in the diary with further details to be worked out. (Chantel / Patsy)
 - g. Silverdale Bake-off – Thought to be a good fundraiser. Volunteers will be sought and Shelly will be consulted as an instigator of this idea.
 - h. Bookings have been increasing recently with the resultant increase in funds as noted by the treasurer. Alex will publicise more on the website.
 - i. Some committee members attended and noted how interesting this was.
 - j. There are still a number of legal issues in process. Tim Stothert will report back at the next meeting on release of deeds and movement of the AGM to a date in April.
 - k. A gift of chocolates or flowers will be presented to Shirley, Debbie & Lynne for their recent kind volunteering.

Next meeting 11th December 2014

Signed - Chairman: _____ Secretary: _____ Date: _____