

WVCA Minutes Thursday 25 th April 2024

Prepared by Roz Blacklock

Committee members present

Mary Stastny, George Stastny. Roz Blacklock. Fred & Jane Robineau. David & Christine Catterson. Liz Treadway. Howard Haughton. Joanne Davey.

Volunteers

Rodney Dawson

Apologies

Ann Young. Andrew Knox.

Minutes of meeting of February 29 th . Agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

FR confirmed that the Electric Report had been found and was valid and current.

DC indicated that the domestic form had been used but it was necessary to change this to a Commercial form, although this would incur further expense.

DC

FINANCES

The Fuel Tank had been filled. DC was also negotiating a new tariff for the Utilities Bill, and confirmed that he had received a new HSBC debit card for purchases for WVCA.

JD asked if the provision of an extra card machine would be of benefit for use at larger events, this was agreed. Treasurer agreed to purchase.

DC

PUBLICITY

a) MS had been approached by Living Magazine with the intention of including Whorlton Events in their calendar section highlighting Open Gardens, an item on Castle Players was also to be included.

b) It was agreed that adverts were still to be included in Teesdale Mercury Magazine,

JD

Open Gardens to be advertised on VHC, "Where can I go?" Website, Ticket Source, Flyers and Posters, which were to have "Pay On Day" stickers to be applied by

MS & GS

JD also said that website "Hits" would be reported 4 to 5 days prior to the event providing useful information.

PAST EVENTS

a) DIXON COUNTY

This brought in £530 profit and the evening was deemed a success though it was agreed that the food offering should be more substantial,FR proposed following the model of The Jazz night providing more substantial food which would enable us to charge more and increase profit on the event.

b) RIVER LINE

The Chairman apologised for losing control of the numbers attending on the last night of the production due to high demand for tickets. There was some discussion around “free provision of wine for VIPs on Sunday Matinee,DC suggested in future we stuck with The Bar as opposed to afternoon tea. Hospitality to be agreed in advance of the event.

JR applauded the success of the production which all agreed had been first class.

DC queried whether it was worthwhile as a Fund Raiser for The Village, following on from financial breakdown detail provided by CC.

RD emphasised that the role of WVCA was to entertain and that small profits or even a break even situation in the long term was acceptable.

DC stated that it was necessary to make profits to remain viable.

There was discussion around the work load expected of the volunteers and it was agreed that more volunteers to be encouraged to share the responsibilities.

MS said unfortunately The Castle Players would not be using Whorlton Village Hall for productions in the future as they required a bigger venue.

JD suggested further promotion of the village hall was necessary.

c) PROJECTOR

FR was organising a working demonstration date TBA , he had been approached by a company promoting film nights, the costs for showing films to be investigated.

MS thanked Fred for his work in concerning The Projector. FR

FUTURE EVENTS

a) COFFEE MORNING

Continued to be successful,LT felt that the numbers could be increased,suggested that “Open to everyone” be included on posters which could be placed in The Post Office and Morrisons in Barnard Castle. LT

b)ELECTION DAY

HH to open the hall,the signage to be provided by the council. The charge made by the hall provided a good income.

c) OPEN GARDENS Sunday 9th June

FR stated that variation in cost £5 on line £6 at the door was to encourage early booking and use of Ticket Source, advertising to be “tweaked” accordingly.

There was in depth discussion of modes and place of payment in the village.The decision was made to have adequate manning at the entrance to the village in front of The Pub,taking payment and distributing tickets and bracelets. GS to purchase these.

GS

3 Floats & Card Machines to be provided .

DC

4)A well signed Gazebo to be set up and there would be two cash points available.
MS suggestion “Funnelling“ traffic from public to car park in field,(which Keith had made available) was agreed.

It was decided to Cone Off area in corner in front of Village Hall to enable siting of flower stall FR to confirm provision of plants with Doug.,HH requested that discretionary Disabled Parking area should be made available .

There would be a raffle in village hall, MS to ask Peter Bigge to make up a planted container and a Garden Themed Hamper to be provided JR kindly offered to provide the hamper/ basket. Contents to be £25 value to be coordinated by LT. JD & RB.

MS. JR. LT.JD.RB

Food for the event to be coordinated by JR.

Enquiries would be made concerning

a) timing of performance Morris Dancers

b)Collecting money for themselves?

c)An article on Morris Dancers to be sent to Teesdale Mercury.

MS

The issuing of food vouchers for Morrison Dancers to be implemented to ensure payment by supporters.

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e) A map of gardens to be provided for the day, adverts on back for Morris dancers,Outdoor Theatre Raffle etc.

GS

It was agreed to promote event 2 weeks before FR to place board at on top road and JD to use Facebook and Website.

FR .JD

Stock check and replacements where necessary.

LT&HH

f) Saturday Night walk around for workers and volunteers (with Wine.) 5.30 pm.

g) Sunday set up 1 pm.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Organisation of rotas, food provision etc to be confirmed at special meeting on 6 th June at 6.30 pm. Volunteers and all involved invited to attend.

AS YOU LIKE IT

16th July to be advertised in the T.M and Living Magazine.

AOB

COPPERBEECH

1.Surround of Copper beech tree, MS awaiting reply from Peter Bigge as to status.

2.JR raised discussion on the subject of Hall Cleaning falling to same individuals.

3.MS was holding many years records concerning WVCA ,DC happy to file and organise

them. He stated that any paperwork he received electronically was filed electronically.

4. Receipt of request by Go Compare to link their website to ours was turned down.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Open Gardens Meeting 6 th June 6.30 pm

AGM Thursday 11 th July 6.30 pm.