

MINUTES OF HALL MEETING. MAY 17th. 2022

Present : chair D Bourne, , M Duthie, M Kinlay, G Williams,
Sec. K.James.

Apologies : treasurer A Price, Booking Sec. S Waters, B Jones.

The committee discussed our response to Mr Christian Rogers moving our new boundary post in order to increase size of his land.

This post (£400) was sited and cemented in position, 3.2M from hall fence, and against edge of his wall. He has now moved it and cemented it approx .7M nearer hall. He has failed to respond to a request for any reasons for this action. The committee felt as the boundary has been a protracted problem we will need to move in a way to remove, as far as possible, the risk of personalities clouding the issue.

After a discussion it was decided the trustees should look at this and vote on a way forward.

Painting outside wood frames etc. Mr K.Pike will be asked for a quote for it.

Quooker instant water heater, this is now isolated and a notice explaining its use for events where instant hot water is required. This should help reduce electricity cost

The problem of cooling hall in warmer weather was looked at and as activity bookings feel, even with doors open, hall still very warm. The extraction fan, mounted at ceiling height, far end of hall might help but controls for this are in locked bar. Bonner contacted to see if moving same an option.

It was noted the bar bottle coolers are still in use, D.B. to check cost using our smart meter as it might well be insignificant.

Blackwood fire services have submitted a £144.02 invoice for inspection etc of hall. K James to look into options for this service.

As some events in the winter leave both doors to foyer open it was felt a notice should advise best practice not to do this as it only serves to cause heating system to activate and waste electricity.

In order to provide privacy for events the access gate to pub play area will be locked and the key made available for bookings where required, it might be worth noting use of this facility should really include use of pub or pub supplying bar facilities in hall.

After meeting the history group asked to meet with Chair (D.B.)

They would appreciate a commitment from the hall committee to honour the first Tuesday of the month as a fixed booking for them, the reasoning for this is to enable them to plan ahead for visiting speakers etc.

This could actually help us (hall committee) as arranging meetings has become very problematic, so knowing this date will be available on a regular basis would be useful. The same would apply to community council meetings.

We can discuss this at next meeting, as Sharon's knowledge of bookings and income will need to be taken into account.

The group also asked if Wi-fi could be installed again in the hall. I explained the reason we ended our contract with B.T. was solely down to expenditure, and although we split the cost with community council we felt the £30/ month it was costing us could best be spent elsewhere.

I did suggest a dongle option but agreed we would be more than willing to look again at Wi-fi installation.

History group to look at suppliers and costs prior to our discussion.

This is another item that will need Sharon's help, e.g. Have we lost any bookings due to lack of Internet ?.