

Minutes of Levens Village Institute on Wednesday 10 January 2018

Present Stephen Read, Alan Miller, Helen Miller, Sheila Watson, Hugh Connor, John Wood, Wendy Mobbs and Mary Orr

Apologies Susie Bagot, Chris Riley and Kathleen Dawson

Meeting 11 October 2017 the minutes had been viewed and were approved.

Matters arising the problem with the gutters had been noticeable during the bad weather. Hugh pointed out a new problem with a slipped slate above the frontage. He hopefully will have his ladder back in Levens next week to view the problems and effect repair. Stephen offered to foot the ladder

Chair's Report Stephen said he had not attended the recent P.C. meeting but had been contacted asking that the Institute complete the joint venture agreement. This committee has previously agreed that the Institute should not incur legal costs in agreeing the document until such a time as the Sizergh Fell land had a confirmed purchaser, and thus the project to build a new village hall could proceed. He saw no reason to change that view, which was further agreed. Therefore, no immediate action on the agreement, nor the constitution and Charity Commission documentation would take place at this time.

Secretary's Report Alan had a list of people the thank.

- 1) Peter & Shirley Smith for organising the Domino evening, which was a good night for those attending
- 2) Councillor Helen Burrows for calling in person at 22.30 hrs to inform Alan that water was coming out of Institute entrance door
- 3) Helen Miller and son David for attending, mopping up and stopping the flow of water from a broken toilet cistern
- 3) Sheila Watson for contacting the plumber, who attended during the holiday break to assess the problem. (Hugh's has offered a complete replacement toilet if the plumber's order for a cistern has not yet been placed)
- 4) Simon Doddrell for donating wine glasses

Bookings are good, e.g. all day booking of 3rd May for SLDC election, but Levens W.I. has cancelled their bookings as they are now closed.

Treasurer's Report

Current Account £10,714.12

Monthly Draw £604.00

COIF £33,911.35

£500 had moved from Monthly Draw to Current account

The energy contract has remained with EON as there was insufficient time to obtain alternative prices, and their increase was only from 16.23 to 16.755 p/kh. Similarly, the insurance remained with Comm Links with a small increase of £33.40 to £509.67

A.O.B. The date for the AGM was discussed - either possibly 12 or 19 February. Stephen is to ask Simon Doddrell if he can attend to speak about the present position of the B4RN project.

Data protection -new regulations commence in May 2018, which may affect the way the Institute retains and uses details of the members and users. John has a guidance paper and he and Stephen will prepare a note for the next full meeting after the AGM.

Hugh reminded us that LAFS would be showing the film "The Zookeepers wife" on Saturday 27 January

Date of next meeting: after the AGM in February

Meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.