

- Present: Margaret, Dorothy, Terry, Beth, Christine, Tony, Suse, John, Amanda, Karen
- Christine opened meeting and welcomed all.
- Minutes of last meeting 8.12.20: proposed as correct by Margaret, seconded by Terry
- Correspondence: John had passed on email and phone contact/email to Dorothy
 - 1) utility-aid.co.uk an Energy Broker. Focus to reduce utility rates and make savings on energy bills. They would do an Energy Audit for the Village Hall then advise. After a discussion about the energy improvements made in 2012 following an energy audit through the Climate Challenge Fund, it was agreed that the previous Committee had carried out several improvements and the Hall is being currently managed as energy-efficiently as is possible. We agreed to reflect in a year's time on this matter.
Dorothy to decline the offer of the audit by utility-aid broker.
Margaret gave a brief outline of the improvements that were made. Energy rating was D before 2012 and is now C. The water tanks in the loft were removed following a burst (cold weather) and the cold-space roof was replaced with a warm-space roof (funded by the Climate Challenge Fund). We now have direct-feed water. New external doors were fitted. Solar panels were fitted (funded by Community Council fund) and we benefit from the Freisdale Windfarm Trust electricity discount scheme. External cladding had been suggested but the cost was too much to consider.
 - 2) John had contacted Bear Scotland re potholes at junction of A83/ Arivore road but they declined to help.
John then contacted the Water Board(who has a Pump Station beside the Village Hall) and they did come and repair some of the potholes. John was thanked by the committee for his successful efforts.
- Pothole opposite VH access / front car park- the potholes are worsening and people have been seen to drive onto VH carpark to avoid the holes. We do not know who owns the road, so cannot do anything. Review the situation in 2 months time.
- Matters arising from last Minutes:
 - Kitchen hatch- current pandemic regulations- NO access allowed to Hall
 - Picture-hanging system- has arrived and is on the floor in the small meeting room .
 - The hall needs painted internally and this should be done before the picture rails are fitted. Karen and Dorothy to inspect the paintwork and report back at next meeting.
 - Airing of Hall- Dorothy had put several heaters on for about 3 hours during a cold spell then dried condensation from inside of windows. Hall seems to be fine.
- sub-committee reports
 - Communications sub-committee
 - Tony had emailed all re website considerations to which all present agreed to:
 - the ownership of domain. upgrade from Wix free to Business- this will have a monthly cost of £4.80 (?plusVAT?). no need for the Wix Booking app.

Terry- for the Website would like to know costs for rental of Hall. The rental costs need to be discussed and reviewed. Dorothy will speak to Tan and this will be an item for discussion at next meeting.

- are there any photos of past events available to put on the website?

Privacy/permission issues were raised about using past photos.

Tony- is ready to roll out the email accounts for committee members @whithousevillagehall.org. There are 10 licences, Trustees will be invited as a guest rather than having an email address

- the Draft Handbook is ready for inspection and will be available to read by committee and Trustees. There are several points to be clarified and feedback is requested.

*Marketing Sub-committee

Margaret and Karen have drawn up an extensive list of suggestions which all present had received and read.

Karen had received an offer from a local website Market Argyll that we could advertise the Hall free for one year. We agreed to accept this offer. When we can reopen the Hall, the post lock-down event should be a grand re-opening of WVH and to include the wider Community. We could showcase aspects of the Hall. An event such as a Drop-in Soup+Sandwich; Bring a bottle/ share a bottle; Photography exhibition (Terry has wonderful wild-life pictures); Tech Nights?...but no Internet access(might be possible to set up a linked connection??

Perhaps a local Taxi service could be used to bring people to the Hall thus increasing attendee numbers at events??

The planning of events should be high on our Agenda, so that we are ready for the reopening of the Hall.

- Key Holders

The current Hall door keys are held by: Rob Reid (Fynesiders group), Margaret, Dorothy, Tan, Christine. There is a 6th key which may still be in the possession of the past Chairperson, Zof Sloan. Zof to be asked if she has a key and for it to be returned.

- The Grow and Show event may be allowed to happen this year, the Sub-Committee agreed to meet up virtually and discuss a possible date.
- Date of next meeting: Monday 15th February 2021 8pm. To be intimated via Teams and video-linked on the Teams platform.