

Bamburgh Pavilion Association Committee Meeting

Friday 14th May 2021 via ZOOM

Present: Gillian Bardgett, Barbara Brook, Bill Brook, Jamie Edgar, Susan Gibson (for part of the meeting), Barbara Jackson, Linda Kirby, Christine Hutchinson.

Bill welcomed Christine Hutchinson on to the committee as the WI representative and thanked Lorna Colligan who has stepped down.

1. Apologies for Absence

Tony Baldwin, Dave Carney, Derek Mallinson, Joan Miller.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 18th February 2021

and interim meeting held on 10th March 2021

Agreed and will be signed when we can meet up again.

3. Matters Arising

The new roller has arrived and Tony and Andy have keys. It should be noted that it is owned by the Pavilion.

4. Treasurer's Report

Linda said that we have £91k in the community account. The roller cost £13½ k with £500 coming from Bamburgh Castle Estates. We have £3k from weddings and we have received almost £89k in grants. James asked if the grants had swollen our accounts over what we normally made and the answer is definitely 'yes'. It was noted that we have been extremely lucky with the grants as they also covered the sports field and the tennis court.

John Mackey has agreed to check the accounts and as soon as they are signed we can hold our AGM.

5. Booking Secretary's Report

Susan said that our first wedding is on 22nd May; it is a Castle wedding so they will only be using the electricity and toilets. There is a Pavilion wedding on 6th June. Maggie the cleaner has been informed and knows when she is needed.

There are art fairs in June, July, August and September. Most weddings have been moved to next year but there is one in August and another in September.

6. Maintenance Programme

No report.

7. Covid update and re-opening the Pavilion on 17th May

We expect to open on this date but people should still wear masks and have the doors and windows open as much as possible. The Parish Council will hold its AGM on 18th May and the WI will hold their first meeting in June. Lesley has given the Pavilion a thorough clean and has run the water. Jamie asked if the notice on the side door should be changed to allow more than one person in the changing room at a time. It was felt that the present arrangement should remain in place until 21st June with the exception that ladies should again be able to use their own toilets.

8. Rota for checking the Pavilion after events

We will be asked to fill in the rota form at (hopefully) the AGM at the end of June. Until then, if in the Pavilion, please check around.

9. Refurbishment project update

This was discussed at length. We have money to spend on the Pavilion owing to the grants we have received. We have several options including the provision of a disabled loo (not mandatory but desirable) and upgrading the external and internal areas.

Architects Jane and David Darcy drew up plans for the Pavilion 11 years ago but as the projected cost was £600k we didn't proceed. The Darcys met a few of us last week and gave us their views. They also suggested an architect, Paul Taylor, who has expert knowledge of pavilions and he could draw up detailed plans/elevations. We agreed his fee of £450 for the drawings.

Bill is very keen to improve the external appearance, not least as some rot has been identified. He believes the outside should look as good as the inside. We agreed to investigate external cladding, either horizontal or a cement board. We hope that an expert will come to give us ideas and a quotation next week.

Putting the showers in the changing rooms was discussed (to give more space for the disabled loo) but after consultation this is not possible for safeguarding reasons for young players. No-one from the croquet club uses the showers but 4 or 5 cricketers usually have a shower after a match. However as even the away team uses the home shower only one is needed. Bill reminded us of the constitution which states that the Pavilion and sports facilities are for the use of the villagers in the parish of Bamburgh so whilst a disabled loo is desirable, we have to provide good sports facilities too. We also have to hire out the Pavilion to raise funds so there is a fine balance with weddings and art fairs being important too.

In summary: a disabled loo is a priority; we have to keep one shower; any improvement to the outside would be sensible and a general upgrade to the loos is desirable for wedding/other bookings.

Bill, Barbara and Linda are going to a CAN meeting in Felton on 30th June to learn more about the National Lottery giving money for grants for major projects. We could possibly get £30k to go with our £80k which would be wonderful.

Bill then talked about other options.

If we put an extension on to the Pavilion it would mean a lot of work with planning permission, NCC, Castle Estates and the Charity Commission. It would also involve a new lease and whilst Jamie asked about the viability of doing this, Bill said that he wouldn't want to be involved with it.

Bill's suggestion would be to remove the sand dunes at the back of the Pavilion and put a storage box outside. This could hold everything from the storage cupboard, the croquet equipment, the new cricket sheet and the table tennis table which is stored in the corridor (and doesn't look very good there). Bill envisaged a size of 8'x8', probably brick or breeze block. This was discussed, with Christine expressing a fear that WI members couldn't carry tables from the storage unit into the hall. Bill thought the distance would be the same as from the back of the present storage cupboard. A door could then be knocked into the back of the current storage room to make a separate shower room/dressing room for the home team/gents. So the changing rooms for ladies and gents would be swapped around to allow for the shower within the gents.

Andy B has offered to be on a team to project manage the plans and the ladies are to be asked for their input into plans for their loos.

10. Website update

Jamie has taken more photos and they look amazing. A suggestion was made to give the tabs more of a wow factor and Jamie is happy to look at this. He will also add the art fairs after checking the dates with Susan. He can add the theatre dates too. Bill will talk to Karen at the Castle about a video they have which was taken from a drone. The Castle might let us use it but will probably want some acknowledgement.

11. Any Other Business

Linda reported that around 100 people were coming to the Fish and Chip Supper at the Pavilion to celebrate the end of lockdown on 21st June.

The 100 Club letters are coming out soon – please encourage people to join.

The Vic will hold the key to the tennis court from the beginning of June. Charges – residents: free and visitors: £5/hour. Jamie asked about the income from this and Linda reported £1300 in 2019 and £800 in 2020.