

Bamburgh Pavilion Association Committee Meeting

Friday 18th March 2022 at 1.30pm

Present: Gillian Bardgett, Barbara Brook, Bill Brook, Dave Carney, Jamie Edgar, Susan Gibson, Barbara Jackson, Linda Kirby, Derek Mallinson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Joan Miller, Billy Wright.

We minuted our thanks to Tony Baldwin for all his help over the past years on the committee, especially with the maintenance work. We welcomed Billy Wright, in his absence, on to the committee.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 14th January 2022

Agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

The 'Private Event' sign is now in the kitchen drawer.

The Bamburgh Festival will possibly go ahead in September, but Susan is going to release the 20th August date.

The issue of the free days given to the Castle for their use was again discussed.

Jamie and Susan talked about croquet competitions, especially in light of a possible conflict between a marquee erection vs croquet on a Friday afternoon.

4. Treasurer's Report

The bank totals were discussed in more detail in item 7, but we are delighted to have received another grant of £2,667. The tennis court repairs will cost £1.5K and the resurfacing will cost £3K. All user groups have paid their fees and we hold around £2K/£3K which are deposits in advance.

5. Booking Secretary's Report, including overnight stays in the Pavilion

Susan reported that we have 8 weddings booked for this year and 2 weddings have been cancelled. There is an art and craft exhibition organised by Alexa's Animals. The 2023 calendar is live with all user groups on as well as the anticipated cricket matches from April 2023. There are 5 weddings so far booked for 2023.

Overnight stays were discussed. There have been several queries and Susan has referred them to Seahouses Youth Hostel as that is far better equipped to house groups overnight. The Madrigal group from St. Andrew's University has stayed in the Pavilion in the past but this year they would clash, at least in the evening, with the Bird Club. Again we would recommend Seahouses Hostel.

6. Maintenance Report

Tony has done a fantastic job with maintenance, and recently has organised the boiler servicing, but we feel it is fair that someone else now takes over this role. Bill will check the sewage tank and will liaise with Tony to find another 'maintenance' person.

The Bird Club reported a problem with the dishwasher and Scottish Country Dancing reported a problem with the hot water boiler but these have both now been resolved.

We need someone to look at the steps up to the Pavilion.

7. Refurbishment Project Update

We have been informed that we will qualify for a Lottery grant of £31.5K which is marvellous news. At the moment we have £93K in the bank and if we deduct £3K for deposits, less £5K for the tennis

court we have £85K. Add to that the £31K from the Lottery and we have £116K. If we spend £100K on the project then, with the addition of the 100 Club money, we are still left in a healthy position.

The project has gone to the Planning Dept of NCC and only the AONB has raised concerns. They agree that the Pavilion needs the refurbishment but would prefer timber to Cedar cladding. We disagree, as timber will rot in the salty air. Bill has enlisted the help of Guy Renner Thompson to help sort it out and we are in touch with an officer from the environmental and design team. The Pavilion has been painted white since 1979 but this is deemed unsuitable now so we are choosing another, off white, colour. On the NCC portal our application has gone from 'Registered' to 'Pending Decision' so we are fairly confident that we will get the permission we want.

Cladding and Accessible Toilet Project Costings:

Fees - £6000 (inc VAT)

Cladding - £27636 (£5K repairs and VAT inc)

Internal - £60807 (£5K repairs and VAT NOT inc)

External Painting Lee Hope - £1850

Contingency - £3000

TOTAL = £99293

Bill to check timings once the successful tenderer has been selected. We need to tell our user groups that the Pavilion, or parts of it, will be closed in January/February next year.

Bill would like a sub-committee to be formed at our next meeting with the aim of choosing new flooring, sanitary ware, colours etc.

We thanked Bill for all the hard work that he has put into this project.

8. Broadband Installation Update

Jamie has kept us all up-to-date with his emails and we thanked him for that. Over the next 2 weeks the electric work and installation will be completed, using Openreach and BT. We are waiting for the router and the phone to arrive. We discussed webcam streaming and the connection to the main internet line. Ideally, we would like the pole outside the Pavilion removed and the connection to go underground but we aren't very optimistic that this will happen.

Linda will discuss with Jamie and Bill the possibility of online joint bank accounts which would make her job easier. We have until 4th April to sort this out.

Linda also suggested that we could buy a 96" TV for the back wall, possibly replacing the pull down screen or in addition to it. Jamie observed that TVs are very cheap at the moment. We will discuss this more fully at our next meeting.

Linda has contacted Barclays Bank to ask for advice about a payment machine to be used in the Pavilion when people don't have cash. We would own this machine, which would cost £29 + VAT and we would be reimbursed if the machine was used 7 times. The bank would take 1.6% on each transaction. We have slight concerns about it but after much discussion it was agreed unanimously to order one and try it, especially when we are involved with cricket teas for various charities in the coming months.

9. Feedback following cupboard/locker clean up

The new electronic cricket score board is bigger than first thought so basically it needs more storage space. We talked about an extra storage shed or the expansion of the existing one. James Bolton from Castle Estates will hopefully advise us soon. Joan has done a super job of organising the clearing of cupboards and hopefully the cupboards in the locker rooms will be emptied eventually. Derek is getting a new table tennis table and we agreed that he can put the

new one in the corridor (getting rid of the older green one) until the extra storage space is sorted out.

10. Pavilion Rota

List circulated.

11. Discussion of NTC plays - Macbeth and the Wind in the Willows

We decided at once that the Wind in the Willows is unsuitable for our audiences and we would recommend the Hub in Seahouses for this play.

We were rather unsure about Macbeth. Gillian said that she felt it was good for the community to be seen to support the NTC and also that villagers enjoyed their productions. We all felt that something 'lighter' would have been preferable. Barbara J is to check with NTC - if they are happy to accept door money of £250 (25 tickets sold at £10 each) then we would probably go ahead. If they wanted more then we would decline and hope they would return next year.

12. Any Other Business

We decided unanimously to increase Lesley's pay by £20/month from May while keeping the Sunday wedding cleaner at the same amount.

We decided that latent/electric heaters wouldn't be suitable for the Pavilion.

We discussed 'Challenge 25' training which we can do in-house. We have to keep a log book of the times we 'challenge' someone about their age when serving alcohol and believe it is 3 people per event.

The date of the next meeting was not decided - probably on a Friday afternoon in May.