

Bamburgh Pavilion Association Committee Meeting

Friday 6th May 2022 at 12 noon in the Pavilion

Present: Gillian Bardgett, Barbara Brook, Bill Brook, Dave Carney, Jamie Edgar, Susan Gibson, Barbara Jackson, Joan Miller.

1. Apologies for Absence

Christine Hutchinson, Linda Kirby, Billy Wright.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 18th March 2022

Agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Challenge 25 training was discussed. We should/must keep a record book and challenge anyone to whom we sell alcohol who looks under 25. Barbara J to buy an A4 book.

4. Treasurer's Report

Linda sent in some details: our net balance is £92,959 and our disposable income is around £15k. Our claim with Powergrid re. Storm Arwen is still active on their system.

5. Booking Secretary's Report

Susan reported 2 new bookings of note: 8/9th June Joe Brown and 27th July Rural Us, which is drop in chat and tea.

She has had a query for a Pavilion wedding where there are only 30 guests and they don't want to use the Pavilion for all of their allotted time. Will they be able to have a discount? We decided no, as we advertise a complete wedding package.

There is a wedding booking for 18th May, from midday Wednesday through to Friday clear up. Susan is to email the wedding group to see if they can do without the changing room and Jamie is to notify the croquet players.

Susan is changing our website to say that we now have WiFi and anyone can log in as a guest.

She also mentioned that parties have now been separated into 'children' and 'adult' with the children's parties at a lower rate.

6. Maintenance Report

Bill will check the sewage (holding) tank. He will also mention to Mick Courty the poor state of the steps up to the Pavilion. The handrails are very rusty and he will ask Lee Wire from Beal to give us a quote to replace them. We will keep Tony in the loop as he is still keen to be involved with maintenance.

7. Refurbishment Project Update

Our £31.5k grant has been confirmed in writing by the National Lottery. We have agreed the cedar cladding colour and we have had confirmation of our planning permission. We have to ask Mick when he will start the work and for how long we can still use the facilities. Other questions included the storage of the cladding and our payment

schedule. We are still hoping not to be charged VAT on the accessible toilet and everything else stems from that presumption.

We still need more storage. Bill has met with James Bolton of Castle Estates to ask if we could build on or put a structure in the sand dunes by the Pavilion. James wasn't keen on another structure (and probably the AONB would have been unhappy too) but was fine for us to build on, up to and including the wall which is our boundary. We'll need further planning permission for this but we are happy to proceed. Bill will ask Paul, our architect, and Mick for advice.

The internal work is planned for Jan/Feb next year and user groups have been alerted.

8. Broadband Installation Update

Success! The system is working well. Open reach haven't got back to Jamie with regard to putting the pole underground but no one seems bothered by the position of the pole now. Online banking should be sorted soon. Linda was happy with Sum Up which was used successfully for an event last Sunday. We would consider the possibility of live streaming in the future.

9. Feedback following cupboard/locker clean up

There are still some items to check in the lockers, eg jigsaws/games/cricket stuff, but otherwise all done.

10. Pavilion Rota

Going well.

11. NTC play - Macbeth

We have agreed to pay NTC £250, ie 25 adults at £10 each. If we make more we'll give them the extra money. We should make some money on the bar but have agreed not to have a raffle.

12. Caroline Burrows - cycle tour

This lady is an ecologically minded poet and has offered to give us a poetry reading in the Pavilion on Wednesday 21st September from 7.30-8.30pm. She will do all the sales through her website and will stay in the Pavilion for 2 nights. She will do a free poetry and nature workshop in the afternoon from 2-4pm.

13. Any Other Business

Dave Carney has been offered a modern rosewood piano FOC for the Pavilion. We are grateful for the offer but sadly we don't have room.

Jamie will remove references to COVID from our website and Barbara J will remove the COVID box from the changing room.

There was a 999 call from the Castle and the ambulance crew said that the nearest defibrillator was at the Vic. What about ours? Barbara J to check.

Can the electronic cricket scoreboard be moved somewhere else when there is a wedding in the Pavilion (not using a marquee)?

The date of the next meeting is Monday 18th July at 12.30pm in the Pavilion.

