

Bamburgh Pavilion Association Committee Meeting

Monday 13th January 2025 at 11.00am in the Pavilion

Present: Gillian Bardgett, Barbara Brook, Bill Brook, Dave Carney, Jamie Edgar, Susan Gibson, Alison Kingston, John Mackey, Dave Miller, Claire Whitfield.

1. Apologies for Absence

Linda Kirby, John Lamb.

2. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024

Agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Jamie reported that Penroses have sorted out the TV cables and retrieved our TV link. Jamie has also updated our website and obtained a new trolley for us for moving chairs. St. Aidan's church is grateful for the old trolleys. Thanks to Jamie for all his hard work.

Bill and Barbara have obtained 42 sets of new cutlery for the kitchen and we thanked them. Gill has taken some of the old knives, forks and spoons to top up the church supplies, which of course if needed in the Pavilion for a social event will be returned.

Susan confirmed that the Bird Club still needs the cloth covered board in the store room. The store room is in a mess and Bill requested help to sort out and tidy the chairs.

Thanks were recorded to the WI for supplying the new wall clock.

4. Treasurer's Report

As of 11th January there was £9734 in the current account. Linda will be back for the next meeting so will give a full report then.

5. Booking Secretary's Report

Susan reported that the organisers of the charity runs later this year have been informed of the price increases and are fine about them.

There are 14 'family style' picnics organised for this year; each one is for 3 hours and there'll be 2 or 3 per week in the summer.

There are 5 weddings booked in, 3 marquee ones and 2 Pavilion only.

The Pavilion will be used as a polling station on 1st May.

Thanks go to Susan for assisting in our obtaining the food safety and hygiene certificate.

6. Maintenance Report

We're nearly out of oil so Bill has ordered more from Johnston Oils.

Claire reported that the guttering over the canopy was leaking, so will ask Ali Gilhome to sort it; she was also asked to remind Ali that he still hasn't come to repair the flagstones near the front door.

7. Pickleball Update

Claire and Ali Brett tried unsuccessfully to take the net down; they have now sorted it to keep it off the ground and will put it back in place in the spring. Claire has taken home the box with the paddles and balls, and has told the Vic not to take any more bookings until the spring.

Kenneth Lillico (George's son) will look at the uprights on the tennis court this week. John M queried whether there was something wrong with the structure and Jamie wondered if it was metal fatigue. Can the uprights be strengthened? Claire offered to be there when Kenneth visited.

8. Replacement Water Boiler for Kitchen

The boiler has passed its PAT test but isn't working properly. Dave C recommended that we get a new one, but suggested that we ask Malcolm to check it out. After some discussion Bill agreed to ask Malcolm to disconnect it. There's a replacement boiler (PAT tested) in the changing rooms if needed until we get a new one.

This led to a suggestion for replacing 3 items in the kitchen. The kitchen was refurbished in 2012/13 and, apart from the boiler, the dishwasher needs fairly regular maintenance to fix the faulty spinner and some shelves are broken in the fridge. If the fridge, dishwasher and boiler are replaced we estimate the cost to be around £3k and we wondered if any grants were available. Bill is to ask Tracy Morgan, Louise Curry's successor in CAN, for advice on available grants and we wondered if Linda would be prepared to look into this too? Alison offered to get quotes, probably from Nisbets, for the replacements.

9. Final Update on Resilience Project

Jamie gave us a wonderful demonstration via the TV screen on how the new batteries are working in providing both backup and actual power (we had the lights and heating on in the hall using battery power). The system is working well; should there be another storm Arwen the Pavilion will have limited

power for 2 or 3 days. We have 13 months left on a contract with British Gas which charges us very high prices but after that our bills will be much more reasonable.

John M and Bill co-signed a letter between the Parish Council and the Pavilion Association to agree the transfer of the rights and obligations of ownership of the Tesla batteries from the Parish Council to the Pavilion. A copy of the acceptance letter from Northern Powergrid (who financed the batteries) was sent to Allied Westminster. Representatives from Northern Powergrid would like to inspect the batteries, which we would agree to.

10. Kitchen equipment/curtain rehanging

The new cutlery has already been discussed and it was agreed not to pursue rehanging the curtains.

11. Social Committee

Claire has a few ideas and will meet up with Linda and Ali Brett in early spring.

12. Any Other Business

Bill circulated the rota for checking the Pavilion this year.

Dave M introduced a discussion on the list of chairman's duties and suggested a transition of roles so the members of the committee would agree to take on extra duties; this would ensure a new chairman could step in with fewer duties. Dave will look at the list and circulate a document with the duties and tasks separated. Jamie suggested, for example, that instead of physically checking the level of the oil in the tank we could arrange with Johnston Oils to get an oil monitor linked directly to their company; one less task to do.

Alison asked if there was any more news on the mice – none seen and none caught in the traps.

Date of next meeting: Monday 17th March, 11am in the Pavilion