

## **Bamburgh Pavilion Association Committee Meeting**

Monday 19th May 2025 at 11am in the Pavilion

*Present: Gillian Bardgett, Bill Brook, Dave Carney, Jamie Edgar, Susan Gibson, Alison Kingston, Linda Kirby, John Lamb, Dave Miller, Claire Whitfield.*

### 1. Apologies for Absence

John Mackey.

### 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 17th March 2025

Agreed and signed.

### 3. Matters arising

We were very disappointed that no visitors turned up for the Open Day and only two to hear Jamie's excellent and very informative talk on the resilience hub.

Thanks go to Alison for sourcing our new dishwasher and fridge and to Andy for disposing of the old fridge.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Linda reported that we have £7,363 in our account. She hopes that John Woodman will find time between now and the AGM in July to audit our accounts.

### 5. Booking Secretary's Report

Susan reported that the first of the 'Backroads' family picnics will take place on 29th May in the Pavilion. This is an American family adventure holiday company and they have booked the Pavilion for 10 events, each one bringing in £100.

The Castle to Castle road race (Bamburgh to Edinburgh) will start from the Pavilion on 18th July. We will need to check for parking as the croquet club will need parking too that day.

Bamburgh Castle Estates have booked the Pavilion on 12th July as one of their 'free days'. They will host a meeting for the 'potential launch of a big sporting event' which is not a charity as such but is nevertheless a good cause.

The first wedding of the year is 7th June and Lesley will clean after each one.

We have been asked again by Budle Hall to borrow chairs for two recitals, one on 1st June and the second on 22nd June. We see no problem as there are no special charity-involved cricket matches on those days. In future, we will ask Budle Hall for a contribution towards the chair 'hire'. Ralph BC always collects and returns the chairs in his own van.

#### 6. Maintenance

Dave reported that Dan Patterson has the felt cover for the oil tank and plans to do the work in early June.

The 5 year electrical survey was done in April 2023.

Jamie has been in touch with Johnston Oils and an automatic sensor for the oil tank level would cost £214 to install with a £5/month standing charge. The minimum contract term is 24 months. Jamie was asked to proceed with ordering this.

There was a discussion with Bill regarding various compliances and licences, eg, Gaming Act, Premises, Fire Officer, TV, Rating Agency (even though we don't pay rates we are always notified of any re-evaluation) and all correspondence previously sent to Bill should now be sent to Linda.

Bill is to ask Malcolm to check out the drip on the hot water boiler.

#### 7. Chairman's Duties

Dave talked us through this, especially 'external relationships'. Linda queried the contact with NNVHC and once we've held our AGM in July and hopefully have a new chairman we can alter our records with them. We agreed that we were happy with the new sharing of responsibilities.

Bill isn't going to do PAT testing anymore but other NNVHC volunteers will do this for £30. He will talk to George Courtice. The testing is done every December/January and we have to simply put the heating on for the volunteer and get all pieces of portable electrical equipment out for them.

Jamie now has a copy of Tony Baldwin's maintenance programme and Tony says that he's happy to continue with it. Bill stressed that the monthly fire extinguisher and lighting checks were the most important.

#### 8. Addition of internet backup to broadband

The price has risen to £8/month but we now have a hybrid connection which in the event of a power loss would flip us to the 4G network. We are committed to this contract for 10 months. Jamie said that the signal is weak and for the moment the receiver is on a windowsill. We have to look for a more secure place, but it has to be on the perimeter of the Pavilion. Dave

questioned an external box and this was discussed; also if we upgrade the electrics we could run a spur for the new device (see discussion in item 10).

#### 9. Safeguarding

John L and Linda are our safeguarding contacts. As John does courses through the CAB Susan, as another possible contact, went on a safeguarding half day course in Belford with Linda. They reported that it was very good. The Vulnerable Adult and Child Protection Policies on the Pavilion website and the booking website are different, and are out of date, so Bill is to send Susan and Jamie an updated policy.

#### 10. Surplus money from the resilience project

Representatives from Northern Powergrid are coming on 30th May to look at the resilience hub, to see where we have spent their grant. John Mackey had to respond with an update and reported previously that we have a surplus of £1200 and plan to use the money to replace the sockets with ones containing USB charging points; also Jamie mentioned that we could upgrade the distribution boards from 2 to one. At the same time we could link in the wiring for the modem (see item 8).

Jamie will get a quote for this work from Pickards, Oswald Hughes and Alan McFarlane. He will show his resilience hub presentation to the team from Northern Powergrid on 30th May, from 1.30pm.

#### 11. Social committee

Claire reported that Fool's Gold, a duo singing sea shanties etc, are now booked for Saturday 28th June. She, Linda and Ali Brett are working hard to organise decorations etc for the hall and will soon be selling tickets, priced £15 to include a glass of wine and nibbles. Maximum number 80 tickets. We talked about advertising this and it was decided to give it a few weeks on the Googlegroup and Facebook plus local posters before advertising further afield. There will be a raffle of one big prize only.

Thanks were given to Linda for organising the fish and chips for VE Day. Some people had asked why we didn't have a raffle but Linda stressed it was just a celebration and not a profit making event.

#### 12. Any Other Business

We talked about people playing football on the tennis courts, croquet lawns and by the cricket wickets. Some people are fine when asked to leave, others rather objectionable. Bill suggested for the tennis court that they should be asked to leave straight away and get their money back from the Vic.

Jamie had produced a poster to encourage people to try pickleball, offering a 50% discount on production of a 'one use only' voucher to the Vic. There was a discussion around this, wondering if it was worth contacting all the holiday let agencies to distribute the posters, (possibly sent as a pdf), then the logistics of replenishing them once used. Claire and Susan offered to put them through the doors of known holiday lets in Bamburgh but John L queried whether this was worth it, bearing in mind a saving of only £4 per booking. It was decided that for £20 Jamie would print off the posters and we would discuss at the next Pavilion meeting following the AGM. Claire reminded everyone that the pickleball rules are laminated and are in the storage box on the court.

Date of AGM - Monday 28th July at 11am in the Pavilion