

Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee

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The Meeting of Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee on Wednesday March 16th 2022 will take place in Slaley Commemoration Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Agenda

1.Members & apologies –

Announcement the Management committee report the sad death on Saturday February 19th 2022 of Bobby Johnson, long-time supporter of Slaley Commemoration Hall. The committee held a minute's silence in memory of Bobby.

2. Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday January 19th 2022, attached as pages 105 - 108 with appendix 1, page 109, appendix 2, page 110 & appendix 3, page 111.

3.Matters arising.

- a) The **Paintings of Charles Samuel and Agnes Mona Hunting** refurbished by staff at the Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle, were returned and rehung in Slaley Commemoration Hall on Friday 18th February 2022. Thanks go to Trustee, Debra Taylor who got the grant for the work, arranged for their collection from the Hall, visited the Laing, made decisions about the refurbishment and replacement glass. Arranged for their transportation home and rehung-inside the Hall. Thanks to Debra we have a photographic history of the paintings being taken down, inside the Laing and being returned. Ana has agreed to give a talk about the restoration on 26/9/22 at the History group.
- b) 12 19/1/22: **Finance & Reserve's Policy** Treasurer SCD asked that this policy be deferred to March.

4.Correspondence

20/1/22: Ann Wright emailed to say outside lights had been left on.

21/1/22: CAN Village Hall week 24-30 January

24/1/22: CAN 'Do Something Different Celebration' on line 2 p.m. PW attended

17/2/22: **PW emailed information on Strawberry Banners suggesting we need something similar for the quarterly Artisan Markets – action?**

21/2/22: SCH secretary asked if anyone had made a grant application towards new curtains to the Community Chest (email to committee of 21/12/21 gave suggestion)

4/3/22: WNCBC Bulletin Energy-CAN Scheme etc.

8/3/22: Sarah Hallberg – COVID Briefing (last for the moment)

5.Financial Report – SCD (attached as appendix 1/160322), page ??

a) 19/2/22: RD emailed Trustees to inform them that the sub-committee had looked at the price increase for electricity and gas with the result that the hourly rate had been increased by £2 per hour. Price had gone up by £1,000 this equates to £20 per week or £84 extra each month. The hourly rates will be relooked at once the second meeting room is completed.

6.Bookings Report - SCD

a) Email 18/2/22: Hexham Book Festival wanting to hire chairs June 10-19th. The 2018 hire charge remains at 40p per chair on the web site.

b) Email 24/2/22: Sub Committee raised the hourly charge by £2 from March 1st

c) Reminder: full day First Aid Course includes how to use a defibrillator Thursday April 7th 2022. 1 place left.

7. Emergency Welfare Hub (also known as Emergency Rest Centres *see CAN email of 10/12/21*)

Solar powered Community buildings ZOOM meeting on Wednesday 16.2/22 at 2 p.m. attended by RD, DT, PW, HS & SD. Liz Gray from Rural Design Centre emailed a link to the session 17/2/22.

8. Phase Two of Centenary Improvements

SCH officials and Kevin Doonan had a meeting 14th February at 11 a.m. when a price increase for the stone was advised. We agreed to go with the revised price of £116,030.04

9. Caretakers Report – ICS (attached as appendix 2/160322), page ??

20/1/22: Caretaker emailed photographs of toilet flooring

10. Building maintenance

a) PW emailed committee 1/3/22 re cooker and a button missing from setting the timer. IS replied by email and gave a copy of his inset to 'Using the Cooker manual'. ME (Film Club) replied by email do not use the timer. MR replied that cooker works without timer. RD tried to order the button part or service the cooker 9/3/22. RD asked when the cooker was purchased? Annual Report of May 2009 states the kitchen refurbishment was completed successfully.

b) PW reported by email 3/3/22 all outside lights not working at Healey PC meeting 2/3/22: Caretaker mended.

c) Jon Storey reported the drain at the front door blocked during Bobby Johnson memorial tea 7/3/22 at 2.31p.m. PW contacted caretaker

d) 10c 19/1/22; 10f 17/11/21: Martin Kennedy, roofer, does intend to re-roof the north section of the toilet block. Martin quoted £1,170 to do the work (May 19th2021 minutes agenda item 8a(i)). Pressure of work is to blame.

11. Fundraising Phase Two (attached as appendix 3/160322)

a) Fourth Artisan Indoor Market on Wednesday April 27th

b) Fire and Dough mobile Pizza Van have confirmed the fourth Wednesday of each month during 2022

c) Gone to the Wall performance March 4th of HW190. £484.51 profit. Thank you letters to Terry Douglas for sourcing recipe and ingredients for beef Stew. Also CF for providing the Veggie Stew.

d) 11c 19/1/22, 15b 17/11/21: Karen Melvin & Claudia Sacher have an exhibition at Gibside entitled 'Breath of my Garden' they also have a 'Large and Small' exhibition in London. The Large and Small exhibition could be displayed inside SCH over a weekend in Spring. First dates suggested in April not convenient. Second dates suggested Friday May 13th – Sunday May 15th are free on the web calendar. (see separate page)

e) Slaley Wander Sunday June 12th – Karen Melvin doing lots of different designs for newspaper adverts

12. Heating in Hall.

PW emailed a request from RD on 1/3/22 asking how comfortable the Hall is once the heating has been running for 30 minutes and what the outside weather conditions are.

CF replied – chilly when open up at 9a.m. on a Monday.

ME replied that most people expect to be able to remove their outer clothing as they do at home. Jean is sensitive to the cold.

PW cold at Healey PC on Wed 2/3/22 – damp and cold outside, Radiators warmed up by 30 minutes but did not give out any heat to warm the air. Even PW kept coat on.

13. Northumberland Village Hall Heritage Project

14. How can the Hall be more environmentally aware / climate friendly?

15. Queen Elizabeth 11 Platinum Jubilee

a) Slaley PC Letter emailed to 23 separate parish organisations, on January 24th, asking for any plans they had to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee event. A general request was also printed in February's Slaley News. Ladycross NR planting an oak tree

Slaley WI would like to see a self-catering event – thought best at school or R&C. Take a parish photograph at a set time. Maybe afternoon tea at Hall. Maybe parish royal scarecrow trail.

Slaley R&C think it is a great opportunity for a parish event.

FOSS: Paint 70 stones around the school grounds. Also thought of a Scarecrow Festival.

Church: Flower displays in Church + Local artist to exhibit paintings of flowers and gardens.

NCC allocated £70,000 to non-profit making voluntary groups.

Slaley Parish Council: Jubilee Mugs samples emailed Central Design Ceramics.

Jubilee Bench from Fabrications North East. All the Councillors liked the idea of a Jubilee bench (or two) – one at the Commemoration Hall and one elsewhere in the parish.

b) A Second PC Letter sent to the 23 organisations asking for update by March 14th

Slaley Show: A Royal theme to the show and competitions.

Film Club: show a comedy film about Rex the Queen's Top Dog who ends up in a London dog's home.

Healey Parish Council considering an Installation of some kind. Iron artwork (Philip Hubbuck). Tree Sculpture A wooden 'something'. A kissing gate at a popular footpath entrance. Commemorative Mugs for children was also suggested. Hope that Healey residents could join in any Slaley celebration/party event.

St. Mary's Church: Flower displays in Church – ask local organisations to provide window displays + Local artists to exhibit paintings of flowers and gardens. Jubilee weekend and Wander Sunday.

Local History Group has agreed to provide a window display at St. Mary's for the Jubilee weekend.

16. Any other business

17. Maintenance Log Book –

18. Date of 2022 meetings: May 18th (AGM); July 20th; September 21st; November 16th 2022