

# Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee called for Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss hire charges - these were last discussed at our March 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting. See minutes: **5.Financial Report – 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 from March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. Price had gone up by £1,000 this equates to £20 per week or £84 extra each month. The hourly rates will be reviewed once the second meeting room is completed.**

**Present** – Chairman, Rosaleen Doonan, Debra Taylor, Stella Douglas, Catherine Myers, Margaret Rowell, Carol Ferguson, Helen Savage, Janeen Smith & Pat Wilson. **Apologies:** Ian Stevens

Discussing Hall hire charges is always a contentious subject and there is always a difference of opinion from members who represent struggling small groups to Hall Officials who must make sure that hire income covers operating expenditure.

HS started the ball rolling with a proposal of an hourly rate of - Main hall £15, New room £10. Den £5 with a whole building charge of £25.

Events being of social value to the community v balancing the books. Winter prices v summer prices. Groups fed up with fund raising v Hall fund raising. Affiliated v Private.

Hire Charges at community buildings in Whitley Chapel, Snods Edge, Edmunbyres, Riding Mill, Corbridge & Torch Centre in Hexham were all looked at for comparison.

Eventually it was agreed that SCH would have an Affiliated Hire hourly price of - Main hall £12, New room £8. Den £5 with a whole building charge of £20 per hour. All the rooms would have free use of the kitchen unless it was a large catering event when a kitchen surcharge of £12/£15 Affiliated/Private would be added.

The Election rate to be increased to £250.

Wedding 48-hour booking remain at £250

Northumberland Men's Group increase to £250 in 2023

Whole Building 9 a.m. – 11.45 p.m. 15 hours £150

Evening Event 5 p.m. – 11.45 p.m. 7 hours £70

There will be a review in December when the winter use of the heating should indicate any increase and any insurance or running increases.

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The Chairman then said there were a couple of pressing decisions which had resulted from the fortnightly meetings with Ryton Construction on which a decision was needed.

The west wall of the new room is the original external east wall of the building.

Some members of the committee would like to break through immediately. The treasurer gave a breakdown of funds. Providing the builder has no further price increases we have sufficient funds to cover the build and leave £10,000 for hall running costs. A lengthy discussion followed about the pros and cons of breaking through. Finally, HS said if the funds are not there the work has to wait.

Do you want it left as stone or do you want it plastered? Being plastered was already written into the price, therefore, it was agreed that the wall would be plastered.

RD further explained that decking outside the new north doors would be the first fund raising priority to make opening the doors safe.

CM announced her fund raising Christmas Fayre on November 6<sup>th</sup> – this would be ring fenced for curtains.

RD talked about her Sport England grant for table tennis tables.