

Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee

Minutes of A **SPECIAL** Meeting of Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee held on Monday February 4th 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Invited guests: Sue Vaughan and Louise Currie. Rosaleen Doonan, Michael Elphick, Bobby Johnston, Debra Taylor, Ann Wright & Pat Wilson.

RD welcomed SV & LC and reported on the Open Weekend – most written reports had been forwarded to all. The disappointing result was the Parent & Toddler session – need to look at other angles “singing babies” perhaps. Business Plan identified the need for two new regular groups to cover the WiFi cost – achieved by Pilates on a Wednesday and a new Whist group + evening Badminton session.

The unsuccessful Garfield Western grant was discussed.

Space for community events and activity groups was in 1923 just the Commemoration Hall gradually over the years, a new school 1965, Slaley Hall hotel 1995, Pews out of St. Mary’s 2010, Community owned Rose and Crown 2013, Community owned Village Shop 2017 with its soon to be opened coffee shop.

Consultation with public – what do they want – grant applications must be people led:

2017 Parish News questionnaire – focus group discussion with Hall user groups (reported in BP)

2018 May Presentation to Slaley Parish Council at its Annual Parish Meeting.

2019 Booklet delivered to all properties in the PARISH and beyond into Healey and Hexhamshire parishes

2019 Jan 19/20 Open Weekend when planning application maps were displayed and discussed.

2019 Jan 28 Power Point presentation to Local History Group of Commemoration Hall

LC said that a project needed to be agreed at the moment we are struggling with the toilets on the north and moving the toilets to the south. **Have you considered a unisex disabled accessible toilet at the east?**

That would give access for Kitchen staff and a group in the Committee Room. LC went on to say that she attended a meeting in the Committee Room at Slaley and had to walk through the Holiday Sport group in the main Hall – this was a disruption for the group and a potential health and safety risk with a group of children

SV explained that we must give evidence of need by giving quotes from the public. We must write about what we are doing to talk to the community and how the improvements will make their life better.

Impact on environment - Toilet dual flush feature of using less water - Change lighting (separate phase) - Lights on timers in toilets. Change strip lights

Geographically disadvantaged – mental health – loneliness – isolation – lack of facilities - buses, doctors, hospitals – carers – dentists – opticians – banks - fuel

Explain that (*400 people*) walk through those doors every week and the facilities need improving

Show our current fundraising and what we are doing to raise more.

Update our Business Plan to include our Action Plan.

LC explained the Lottery grant of £423,000 for CAN to distribute to several groups. There will be £300,000 in the next two years for well thought out applications. We should talk to Clare Watkins and Stephanie Willis at The Lottery.

Grants: explain the other funders we are requesting money from.

Boast about our success Hallmark 1 working towards Hallmark 2 (shows good management)

Update your costings and break down all sections.

LC gave us a list of potential funders and advised a spread sheet of what they fund, when they fund, maximum they fund. **DT to produce and make accessible through a gmail account**

Look at local business, Egger, Killfrost at Haltwhistle, Slaley Hall (already said no funds raffle prizes only)

Go-Fund-Me and own fundraising current total £9,500

Barley Hill Community Fund through the Community Foundation (manager Su Legg) £5,000 tbc

County Councillor Small Schemes grants – Colin Horncastle £5,000 tbc

Slaley Parish Council grant for decoration £2,000.

SV and LC were thanked for their time and guidance they both offered to look through any grant applications we proposed to submit.