

Committee meeting Hillstown Village Hall
Wednesday 5th October 10.30am

Present: Peter Coombs, Kevin Bates, Jean Hassall, Wendy Lines, Steve Holloway,
Gary Hewitt, Jen Sykes

Apologies: Gill Daly

Minutes of last meeting approved & signed Matters arising:

Tree plaques still to be mounted by Gary

Baton Relay went very well and everyone seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the event. The whole committee send thanks to all involved in the event.

Web training remains to be sorted to ensure that more than one person can update the web.

Quilt: The pieces are now it and Gary will organise people to help assemble.

Chair report: All seems to be in order at the moment.

Treasurer report: Jean will go into the bank for an update on the problems adding signatories. Bank transfers are now possible and the membership forms for the upcoming year will need to be updated accordingly plus we need to make sure that any payments have the senders name otherwise money will be credited without knowing where it came from.

Membership Secretary report: Data submitted to National Office for magazine and acknowledged. We now have 120 members.

Secretary report: Nil of note.

Newsletter/Website/Publicity report : Kevin to find out how to get information on the notice boards of Library and maybe needs to get in touch with the County Council, he will also try Morrisons, Tesco and the Town notice board. It was decided to reduce the number of Newsletters to Bi-monthly.

Kevin to put into the newsletter that the committee is always open to suggestions and help.

A.O.B.

Speakers: It is understood that Gwen has speakers booked for most of next year. November might still need to be sorted. December will be a social.

Sequence Dancing: Only 3 signed up therefore it has been dropped.

U3a Bolsover tour/members to greet: Peter has only one person from another u3a but he has 4 from the history group and himself. So Bernard will have a reasonable audience.

Encouraging members to mix at Monthly meeting was discussed, we were not sure how to achieve this but need to remain vigilant and ensure new members are suitably introduced.

The yard event was a success from attendance of members and the display. However it was thought that it was too late in the year and probably should be in the market place to get more attention. Hopefully an opportunity will come along to do this.

Stagecoach have not responded to the application, so we must assume we were not successful.

Petanque update: Peter has established the rules and size needed for the court (4 X 15 meters) and is hopeful to find a place at Hillstown for playing.

Feedback from Group leaders meeting: Attendance is currently variable, with this in mind groups should perhaps consider calculating costs and charging in advance.

P.A. system has a fault in the playback system. This does not currently affect our use. Repair of this part would probably not be cost effective. The on off button is a bit hit and miss, Jean knows someone who might look at it for us.

Charity/collaborations were discussed and it was thought appropriate to collaborate and promote where appropriate with other charity groups. We may not however donate funds.

Christmas lunch was suggested and it was thought the Christmas period was already busy enough.

It was suggested that some members might benefit from pension advice to ensure they were getting their proper entitlement. Gary to contact Freedom Project/C.A.B/ Benefits Advice service to see what can be arranged...possibly a talk or drop in service.

Winter is sure to arrive with higher covid infections. We must advise members to ensure good ventilation and to wear enough clothing to keep warm.