



Langford Village Community Association

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st February 2022

8pm - Virtual Meeting

Attendees	Carole Hetherington (Chair), Noel Hetherington (Treasurer), Elaine Whittaker, Chris A'Court, Sandra Davies, Lis Penhearow, Apologies: Christine Fisher (Secretary)
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Agenda Item and Actions	Owner
Approval of Minutes January 2022: Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Rates from April 1st published on website, and all Regular Bookers notified• T&C's being amended to incorporate No Ball Games allowed in the hall• A CO2 monitor purchased, to now be installed hopefully this week	Chair Chris
Treasurer's Update: We are now forecasting a £(10.0)k overall deficit for the year, which is £7.0k better than budget and £(0.3)k worse than the prior forecast. Normal Operating income is unchanged, and expenditure is £0.2k better than prior forecast, due to a credit from our previous energy supplier. Hall Improvement income increased by £2.7k due to receipt of a new Covid-19 Omicron grant. However, Hall Improvement expenditure is forecast at £(3.2)k higher than prior forecast. This factors in the following additional agreed improvements: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New signage• Re-roof shed• New planters• Repair to windows	

<p>New investment accounts have been opened, as agreed in Jan. However, there were technical difficulties in opening a new interest-earning instant access account, so these funds have been retained in the Lloyds account.</p> <p>British Gas smart meters to be installed, and scheduled for 16th March.</p> <p>Sandra and Noel have been trialling Sandra taking on more of the admin of casual bookings which seems to work well, both saving time and enabling customers to be dealt with more quickly. This could be further improved if Sandra had access to bank account to see payment status. Committee unanimously agreed this.</p> <p>Hall Bookings:</p> <p>Weekend bookings per year prior to the pandemic averaged at 65 per year. Currently 61 for the period June 2021 to March 2022. The committee would like to thank Harry for his sterling work, ensuring each booking is admitted and explaining what is required of them and checking them out post their booking to establish a refund of deposit is authorised.</p> <p>LVCA have received a grant of £600 to put towards new classes at the hall, this now totals £900. The availability is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 3.30pm to 6.00pm • 12.00 – 1.30pm 1st Wednesday of the month • 12.00 – 6.00pm remaining Wednesdays in the month • 1.30pm – 4.00pm on Thursday <p>Suggestion for activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art class- painting or drawing • Photography • Gardening group • Bingo • Chair Pilates/ yoga • Knit and natter • Zumba Gold <p>Chair and Sandra to discuss further</p>	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Chris</p> <p>Treasurer/Sandra</p> <p>Chair/Sandra</p>
<p>Hall Maintenance:</p> <p>No new reported problems or major issues. Heating has performed as it should throughout this month. Heating the Hall from cold to near target is being shown to take at least 3 hours, this is being built into the thermostat settings and no complaints have been received.</p> <p>Fire extinguishers were serviced 21/2 – no issues</p>	

<p>Communication and Marketing:</p> <p>Thanks to a few more positive reviews, the Hall's rating on Google has moved up to 4.6/5 – this now makes it the highest rated of any Bicester Hall and even above Kingsmere Community Centre (4.5/5). Our website has published more information of local interest with posts this month highlighting the latest EWR newsletter and the proposals to make a 40mph maximum speed limit over most of the Bicester ring road. A post on this matter has become our most viewed since June 2020, top day was 1st Feb when nearly 500 visitors visited the site. The marketing of free dates for weekend bookings started on Facebook during this month, both via the Langford LVCA and Langford Community pages. A new graphic has been created for this purpose which can be updated regularly with available dates information.</p> <p>We could also ask some groups to share photos (with appropriate permissions) showing Hall in use.</p> <p>Update website with photos to reflect newly refurbished Hall</p>	<p>Chris</p>
<p>Hall Improvements:</p> <p>To confirm the works completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shed reroofed • Guttering, soffits, external entrance lobby all completed • Dado rail, installed and painted • Gravel boards in garden replaced • Blind on garden door replaced <p>The outstanding items are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cupboard within the alarm cupboard design to be confirmed • External signage above windows awaiting consent from CDC • New planters booked to arrive in March • LVCA logo and name to go above door <p>To finalise the hall improvements after an inspection of the hall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blinds for the kitchen and storeroom • Replace lights in kitchen and storeroom with LEDs • Paint the garden fence • Consider an electrically operated roller shutter for the kitchen • Consider additional tables • replace any old power sockets in hall • If necessary, Install an additional external light over the new signage 	<p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p>
<p>Caretaker Role:</p> <p>A finalised description of role and advert was discussed and finalised. There will be a retainer and hourly rate – to be within budget agreed.</p>	<p>Chair</p>

<p>Community Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Flooding Plans for Langford – likely to sit with remit of new Town Clerk • Lake Paths – Phil Evans BTC in discussion with Thames Water • Gavray Drive development/ improvements to junction Peregrine Way/ Wretchwick Way – could this be included with Gavray Section 106 – discuss with Callum • Dr's surgery move to Graven Hill – building work due to commence July 2022 • London Road Underpass – Dan Sames actively pursuing – complicated land ownership issues. GP surgery is supportive • London Road Crossing – no new information available • Langford Sign area – no new information available • Outdoor gym – Cllr Sames following up with Dale Hoyland CDC • London Road Pavement – no new information available • No cycling signs near railway line - footpath no 5 – Cllr Sames following up with OCC • Bus Shelter – Dan Sames following up with BTC – would be useful with re-siting of GP Surgery 	<p>Chair</p>
<p>AOB:</p> <p>Treasurer to open/close hall for Casual users during weekend 5/6 March</p> <p>Gigaclear damage to grass verges – BT also due to do work, so no action at this point</p> <p>Proposed funfair at Langford – BTC have agreed not to pursue this due to strength of opposition, on grounds of disturbing wildlife habitats, noise and light pollution and making the entrance much easier for travellers to access the area</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>

Next Meeting: 21st March 2022