

Minutes of Mellis Memorial Hall Management Committee held 20th of July 2023

Registered Charity no 1081393

1. Present

Doug Rogers – chair (DR)

Ruth Slack

Penny Bullock

Tracey Russell

Helen Timmons.

Rowland Warboys.(RW)

Alan Cross

2. Apologies: - Robbie Russell.

3. Minutes from the previous MMH committee meeting on the 20th of April 2023 agreed as correct and signed.

4. Chairman's report

- MMH's current broad band contract has expired. DR will sign up with an alternative broadband provider, after seeking various quotes.
- MMH's electricity contract with SSE will expire on the 12th of July 2023. A new 12 month electricity contract with EDF will take over at a reduced price.
- MMH's projector has been ordered and deposit paid. The projector will be installed very soon, approximately in the next 2 to 3 weeks. The cost of the projectors will be £4k (£2K from mid Suffolk council, £1400 from Parish Council and £515 from the bequest of Dave Towell).
- A blind is still need for roof light.
- A laminated sign needs to be pinned to the table tennis table requesting that if moved, they should be returned to the usual place
- MMH's current banking options were discussed with a possible switch of banks possible to a local branch of Nationwide or the Co-op.
- DR informed the meeting that there is funding of £2.5 k available as part of the Eye Turbine project.
- RW also mentioned that there are certain grants available from County council's to upgrade village halls. There is a THRIVE grant that MMH could apply for re lowering energy costs. The grant application needs to be submitted by the 21st of Sept 2023 with an accompanied survey.
- RW also mentioned that there are grants available for installing EV charge points and solar panels in village halls/ community spaces.

- Discussion took place re the installation in the hall of low energy devices including, a remote heating control and low energy bulbs, and possible solar panels. Discussion also took place re firms that could potentially install low cost energy equipment. Both Green energy and STYNE net zero were mentioned

5. Financial report.

Tracey Russell's outlined MMH financial accounts including income and expenditure account for the year ending 31/03/2024 , which are in the attached document

6. Booking sec

- Helen Timmons gave a report of the halls bookings, which have increased due to the addition of new Pilate's sessions. Discussion took place re giving a key to the Pilates instructor who uses the hall twice a week (more than any other hirer). Following discussion it was agreed that a key could be given to this hirer, but a deposit would be needed.
- A possible quiz night at the hall in Oct was discussed

7. AOB

- The cupboards in the hall need painting. Helen Timmons will discuss with her husband, who is a painter and decorator to see if they are worth painting and potential cost.
 - The ditch at the front of the hall needs digging/ dredging. Alan Cross pointed out this was the responsibility of the Parish council, not MMH, as the Parish council are responsible for the maintenance of grounds outside the hall.
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- Date of next meeting Thursday 21st of Sept