

# The Tiddy Hall

## Ascott-under-Wychwood, Oxon

*Founded and given to the village by  
R. Tiddy, Esq., in 1912*

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ADMINISTERED BY LOCAL TRUSTEES

Minutes of the meeting of the Tiddy Hall Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

1. Present:
  - a. John Bugeja (JB)
  - b. Jacqueline Bugeja (JacB)
  - c. Paula Lewis (PL)
  - d. Chris Lewis (CL)
  - e. Pauline Plant (PL)
  - f. Mark Pidgeon (MP)
  - g. Lynn Mueting (LM)
2. Apologies:
  - a. Anne Smith (AS) was not in attendance.
3. Conflicts:
  - a. Noted that MP and PP are also significant hirers of the hall, but there are no items on the agenda that would cause either to have a potential conflict of interests.
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:
  - a. Approved and signed
5. Matters Arising:
  - a. Conifer tree has been cut down. It will cost a further £200 for the stump to be completely removed.
  - b. There have been no volunteers for the role of secretary so the Chair will continue to fulfil this role until further notice.
  - c. The Charity Commission Register has been updated. If AS continues to be unavailable, which is probably inevitable as her house is now on the market, her name will be removed from the Register.
  - d. The water meter needs to be read so that an up to date reading can be provided to Castle Water.
  - e. All bills are now up to date except for the energy bill (Opus) which will be paid as soon as they send a statement.
6. Banking update – PL provided the following:
  - a. The complaint with the ombudsman is still being progressed. Barclays have communicated with Howard Morris, our former treasurer, despite the fact

that he no longer has anything to do with The Tiddy Hall. PL has identified herself as the contact point but has received no communications from Barclays, following the complaint.

- b. Now that the bank account has been opened and the majority of bills paid, the accounts to December 2023 have been brought up to date. There was a surplus of £7,386.99 during the period. As noted at 5(e), there is a large energy bill outstanding which will reduce the surplus in January 2024. This is expected to be around £3000. In addition, the revenue includes a large payment from The Ascott Pre-school (£3232.50). A monthly analysis of income and expenditure will be prepared to give us a better understanding of financial situation over the longer term. Initial impressions are that the finances are looking a little healthier than was the case previously.

7. Booking Clerk's Report:

- a. There have been no significant one-off bookings.
- b. The weekly Qigong booking has been terminated.

8. Upcoming events:

- a. Simon Gidman has advised that the planned Spring Music Festival will not now go ahead due to Bob Chilcott's unavailability. Instead, it is proposed that we organise a classical music festival in September including opera and traditional English folk music as well as some lighter pieces. We need to establish a small working group to investigate artist availability and undertake planning, marketing and promotional activities. It should be noted that the artists we are keen to attract are all professional and will demand a fee so this will not be a charity fundraiser as such. We would, of course, need to ensure that the event generates a modest profit. JB to follow up.
- b. MP advised that Eddie Gripper is keen to run a jazz event at Tiddy Hall along the line of our regular Folk Nights. We will run a bar and a raffle and will share the net profit from ticket sales 80/20. A provisional date of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 has been agreed. MP to follow up.
- c. Nicola Coldstream will be doing a talk entitled 'Angels and Artists' on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. JB to organise the use of the projector and screen and MP to support with marketing and promotion.

9. Capital Expenditure:

- a. The quotes for solar panels have been shared with trustees. It was agreed that Option 2 should be progressed (subject to funding). This involves a total cost of £9562.50 with an estimated payback period of 6 years and 10 months.
- b. The quote for LED lighting to replace the existing sodium and fluorescent lighting has been shared with trustees. It was agreed that this should be progressed (subject to funding). The total cost will be £5736 with an estimated payback period of 4 years.
- c. We await a quote for the work needed to address the patio flooding issue.
- d. The existing double oven is not fit for purpose, with the thermostat in the larger oven not working resulting in the oven being unusable. It was agreed that a new, large single oven be sourced. CL to action.

- e. A quote from a local supplier for a storage shed has been obtained. A further quote for a more cost effective alternative (e.g. a used shipping container) will also be obtained. CL to action.

10. Fund raising/grant funding:

- a. Grant funding applications will be made to WODC and The National Lottery. PL and JB to progress.

11. Bar Duties:

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| a. 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024  | Folk Night – Kiki Dee                | (JB and JacB)                 |
| b. 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 | Folk Night – Show of Hands           | (JB and JacB)                 |
| c. 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024    | Folk Night – Silver Blues            | (PP and RP)                   |
| d. 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2024     | Folk Night – Fay Hield               | (SG and NC – to be confirmed) |
| e. 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024       | Folk Night – Steve Ashley            | (tbd)                         |
| f. 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2024      | Folk Night – Ian Giles/Oakstone Trio | (tbd)                         |

12. AOB:

- a. A quote for the removal of moss from the roof to be obtained. MP to action.
- b. The gutter above the patio appears to be leaking. A quote for replacement to be obtained. JB to action.
- c. It was agreed that an Easter Craft Fair should be organised. JacB and LM to action)
- d. New trustees who have never run the bar (LM, PL and CL) are invited to join JB and JacB during the next two Folk Nights to first-hand experience of what's involved.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

- a. 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

14. Summary of Actions:

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| a. Read water meter   | (JB)          |
| b. Settle energy bills  | (PL)          |
| c. Investigate artist availability for September Music Festival | (JB)          |
| d. Jazz event to be finalised.                                  | (MP)          |
| e. Angels and Artists talk to be organised                      | (JB and MP)   |
| f. Chase for quote re patio flooding repair                     | (MP)          |
| g. Source replacement oven                                      | (CL)          |
| h. Obtain alternative quote for storage solution                | (CL)          |
| i. Prepare funding application to WODC                          | (PL)          |
| j. Prepare funding application to The National Lottery          | (JB)          |
| k. Easter Craft Fair to be organised                            | (JacB and LM) |
| l. Quote for moss removal to be obtained                        | (MP)          |
| m. Quote for gutter repair to be obtained                       | (JB)          |



John Bugeja  
Chairman  
19 February 2024