

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 10 October 2022

	Item	Action	By
1	Present: John Bugeja (JB), Jacquie Bugeja (JacB), Mark Pidgeon (MP), Howard Morris (HM), Kevin Bishop (KB), Ingrid Ridley (IR) and Pauline Plant (PP)		
2	Apologies: Simon Gidman (SG) and Nick Carter (NC)		
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting: Agreed and signed		
4	Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SG has spoken to Bob Chilcott (BC) regarding a possible Christmas event. Unfortunately, BC is not available so this will not now take place. It was agreed that we should liaise with BC regarding a date in Q1/Q2 2023. • MP membership of the committee has been confirmed. • MP is in the process of preparing a costed proposal for new, more efficient stage lighting. Once received we will consider the potential benefits (eg increased bookings of Tiddy Hall as a 'venue' for live events) and the need for fund-raising activity to support the cost. • Mini music festival idea deferred to 2023. • Online banking set up for HM and JB. • HM has spoken with Mr Greatbatch regarding water supply concerns and will investigate further with the supplier. • SG advised JB that he had spoken with James Wilson (the plumber) regarding the leak in the disabled toilets. He has made some adjustments but advised that a new cistern might be required. PP noted that the leak was still there and also that the urinals appeared not to flush. 	<p>Costed proposal</p> <p>Provide update</p> <p>Liaise with SG re remedial action</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>HM</p> <p>JB</p>
5	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund-raising dinner dance agreed for 28 January 2023, subject to availability of suitable act (supporting 3PS) 	Determine budget for	IR/all

	<p>and Ceci (catering). IR subsequently confirmed Ceci's availability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Craft Fair booked for 26 November 2022. 14 tables booked at £10 per table. Entry will be free but revenue will be generated from sale of refreshments/food and a raffle. MO suggested using 5 raffle books of different colours as this generally results in people buying more tickets. • Possible Caleigh night in February 2023 • Flix in the Stix – always popular in the past especially with themed dinner. Film suggestion: Fisherman's Friend (original and sequel). Screening licence required. IR suggested sharing with Shipton to reduce cost of licence. 	<p>catering</p> <p>Confirm availability of opening act.</p> <p>Post on Ascott Facebook group</p> <p>Add to Tiddy Hall Website</p> <p>Post on 'Next Door'</p> <p>Investigate & advise</p> <p>Investigate screening licence.</p> <p>Ascertain interest in collaboration with Shipton</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>JacB</p> <p>MP</p> <p>HM</p> <p>MP</p> <p>JB</p> <p>IR</p>
6	<p>Pricing Review:</p> <p>Agreed pricing was too low, given massive increase in energy and other costs. Comparison undertaken with other village halls supports this view. Simple hourly rate (published) suggested with discounts for frequent users (not published) and where revenue is being generated for Tiddy Hall from bar/food sales and raffles.</p> <p>Existing users with long term bookings will need notice of any changes. New pricing for new ad hoc booking can be implemented as soon as agreed. Any bookings taken at current pricing will be honoured.</p> <p>It was noted that some existing users are paying very low rates (e.g. Post Office and Pauline Carter's Piano Lessons) that have never been reviewed. These will require sensitive negotiation. Also noted that the Pre-school and the Folk Nights are regular bookings which will need to be reviewed and increased.</p> <p>We need a better understanding of the split between fixed and variable costs to avoid pricing at a level which discourages business that covers variable costs and makes a positive contribution to fixed costs. HM to undertake analysis of costs and determine profit margin on bar sales.</p>	<p>Populate new pricing matrix and distribute for comments</p> <p>Analysis of costs to support pricing decisions</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>HM</p>

	Total costs average £1,200 per month.		
7	Bookings and Marketing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Tea Dances booked Jan 8, Feb 5, March 5, April 2 - 1pm – 5pm Pauline Carter booking summer concert for Sat June 10 Children’s Party Sat Dec 10 - 3-5 Stand in the Park Xmas Party Sat Dec 10 - 6pm – 11pm Juliet Hesselwood Talk, Sun Dec 18 - 7pm Tap Dancing (Children in Need) Sunday Nov 20 - 12-2pm Children’s Party Sun March 26 2023 - 10am – 1pm 		
8	Treasurer’s Report: Summary of cash income and expenditure (1 August 2022 to 10 October 2022) distributed to committee members in advance of meeting. Income £1,874.09 Expenditure £2,387.20 Net -£513.11		
9	Bar Duties: Current schedule updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers required for Folk Night on 17 December 2022. KB volunteered. It was suggested that JacB replaces SG on 22 October Folk Night if SG can then accompany KB 17 December 	Check availability for 17 December	SG
10	Any Other Business: Car park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that the van (James Wilson) has permission to park and moves out of the car park whenever an event is taking place. Other cars use the car park (without permission) and often leave their cars in the car park during events. MP suggested we lock the gate and share the combination with those that have asked permission to park. A small voluntary donation might be suggested. Subsequent to the meeting, it was noted that this would restrict access to the defibrillator, so would not be practical. Alternative suggestions invited. PP requested a copy of the fire risk assessment undertaken some years ago. KB to provide. PP noted that a large conifer was overhanging the building, interfering with overhead cables. PP has arranged for someone to trim the conifer free of charge. 	Suggestion re control of car park Provide copy of fire risk assessment	All KB
11	Next Meeting: Monday 5 December 2022 at 7pm		

