

MINUTES OF ARKENDALE COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2025 AT 7.00PM IN ARKENDALE COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Gavin Holman (Chairman) GH, Malcolm Howe (Vice Chairman) MH, Jean Cox (Treasurer) JC, Caroline Houseman (Bookings Secretary) CH, Jane Watson JW, Judith Howe JH, Pauline Ward PW and Jane Mortimer JM.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Sarah Brophy, and Sharon Thackray has decided to resign from the committee

2. Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2025 and Matters Arising. There were no matters arising and the minutes of the previous meeting were then signed by the Chairman GH after a proposal for acceptance by CH and seconded by JH.

3. Correspondence

We received a card from Arkendale W.I. thanking the committee for our assistance in replanting the tree commemorating the Platinum Jubilee in the graveyard.

4. Financial Matters

JC stated that the Building Society deposit account has a balance of £14768. The London deposit account has a balance of £75826 and the current account a balance of £8727. After a minor revision requested by our auditor the accounts were deemed ready for signing off by GH & JC which has been done and future uploading to the Charity Commission.

5. Maintenance & Health & Safety

DC confirmed that new longer shackle locks had been fitted to the outdoor store. Scotton Park Ltd finally returned to fix the issues that became apparent after they replaced the mains distribution board. Whilst the engineer was at the hall he fitted a new fused spur serving the water boiler. We were not expecting an invoice for the remedial works but received one for £232, DC will be speaking to the MD at Scotton Park challenging the invoice. Varnishing the hall east face and veranda will be scheduled for the better weather. During the latest storm a ridge tile was dislodged and the rest of the ridges need reseating/checking before the solar panels are fitted. CH has confirmed the longevity of a single application of fire retardant to the acoustic panels and will now order sufficient for us to apply. JW advised that there was difficulty locking one of the middle windows, GH checked and found a splinter of wood trapped in a channel which was the likely cause. PW & MH discussed the planting of a strip of wild flowers on the slope frontage. They said it was important to add Yellow rattle to the seed mix and would take further advice before seeding it. We would continue to rely on the 'graveyard team' to cut the grass, but if unsatisfactory MH would possibly review bearing in mind the safety aspect. Front doormat still to be sourced by JC.

6. Booking Secretary's Report

CH said that the cycling group (VTTA) were really pleased with the hall – the best of any of the venues they use! She also said that both of the baby ballet enquirers were time wasters. JC passed on details of a different Yoga teacher for a potential Friday hire and JW said she would follow up.

7. Future Events

The next film showing is 'It Ends with Us' on 14th March, with Paddington in Peru, La Chimera and Wicked to follow. The next Wine Club is on Friday 2 May and will be on a 'call my bluff theme'. JH gave an update on progress with the theatre evening fixed for Sat. 22 March which was already a sellout and the 'sub committee' had already made arrangements for the light supper. She had

also purchased some After Eight mints to follow the chilli jacket potato. There was discussion whether tea and coffee should be offered in addition to normal bar drinks and the consensus was not - keep it simple. MH proposed the idea of a 'Race Night' and it was agreed that he would pursue with a target date in the autumn.

CH thanked the committee for the support received for her St Michaels Hospice fundraiser which had raised £9300.

8. Any Other Business

It was thought that we had run out of the small paper bin liners – a new supply to be obtained by JC.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was set as Monday 19th May at **7.00pm**. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Agreed: (Chairman) Date: