

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2022
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Cathryn McGurk Marianne Davies Collette Riding
Yvonne Brown Judith Hamilton and Tina Walker for part

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – DECEMBER 2022 DRAW</p> <p>The December draw was overseen by Barmaid Paige.</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £59.50 - ticket number 26, Maureen H</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £34.00 - ticket number 44, Claire B</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £25.50 - ticket number 133, Mrs D Wilkins</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £17.00 - ticket number 19, A Mattison</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Following recent months' discussions about poor attendance at committee meetings and lack of support and attendance at village social events, it was assumed that Sean Starkie and Andy Harwood no longer wished to be involved with the village committee and would therefore be removed from the Charities Commission website.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>As Secretary of the Dog Inn Board, Yvonne Brown submitted a declaration of interest but there was nothing contentious for discussion on this month's agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 2nd NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING FOR APPROVAL</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>Hyndburn Garage Site</u> – Following discussion at recent meetings regarding rumours that the Council had sold off part of the garage site land, Marianne had contacted Councillor Judith Addison to investigate. Following a chase-up e-mail to the Council, officer Ian Marfleet confirmed that there were no plans in place to sell of any of the Council garage site land.</p> <p><u>LCC Funding Update, Dog Inn Notice Board</u> – The quote received was considered expensive by both the Dog Inn Board and the Village Committee therefore more quotes would be sought but it was proving</p>	

<p>difficult to find someone able to make a suitable notice board. Ongoing.</p> <p>Agreed: to consider Googling manufacturers and consider buying a re-cycled plastic board.</p>	All
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No correspondence had been received.</p>	
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Judith's circulated to the Committee her Treasurer's report covering November and December figures to date. There are currently 170 members of the 100+ Club making a profit to the Committee of £359.40 for the year. There will be a one-off prize draw at the Dog Inn on New Year's Eve. Names were due to be collected for next year's membership of our 100+ Club.</p> <p>Tina had received confirmation that £500 grant funding she had applied for would be granted to spend on capital or other village projects.</p>	
<p>8. WINTER SOCIAL EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Children's Christmas Party Feedback</u> – Well attended event, entertainer excellent and all children enjoyed themselves. Father Christmas will be covered by Tony Booth next year as our current Santa is due to leave the village. • <u>Over 60s Christmas Party – this year on a Sunday, 11th December</u> from 2.00 pm onwards. All arrangements are in place. A buffet would be served and prepared by Cathryn and served by the village committee. Owing to holidays, illness and sadly the loss of some members of our village, numbers to date are down on last year although as usual some villagers will decide to attend at the last minute. • Rather than a free raffle, this year a nominal charge will be made, proceeds of which to go towards the Protect the Green Belt group fund, fighting to keep our Green Belt free from the building of industrial units. • <u>Carols around the tree</u> accompanied by a Brass band arranged by Phil Cornell, will be held on Saturday 17th December between 6 – 7.00 pm. • <u>Christmas Eve Church Service</u> organised by St James Church, Lower Darwen, will be held in Springfield Barn, Belthorn Road starting at 3.00 pm. 	
<p>9. GREEN BELT FIGHT UPDATE</p> <p>An update is available on the Protect our Green Belt group web site regarding the report to the January Council hearing. A calendar has been produced of locally taken wildlife photos to raise funds to pay the environmental consultants. They are professionals employed by the group</p>	

<p>to help fight Blackburn with Darwen Council's proposals to release land from the Green Belt for the erection of industrial buildings around Guide and the M65 area. The calendar is now available for sale from the Dog Inn and various local and other venues at a cost of £7.99 each.</p>	
<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Village Teenagers</u></p> <p>Following Yvonne's announcement that the village could be eligible for funding from Morrisons supermarket, Marianne suggested that since we hold social events for village children and Over 60s villagers, maybe we could bid for something to cater for village teenagers, ie possibly one evening a week to use the Dog Inn's upstairs room for them to meet up, play table tennis etc or simply to socialise. The idea was discussed and Yvonne agreed to put it to the Dog Inn Board for consideration and report back.</p> <p><u>Overgrown Hedges</u></p> <p>Following recent discussions around the problem, Cathryn advised that a colleague she knows had checked the problem overgrown hedges at the top of the village, on Belthorn Road since they've grown out into the road making it difficult to pass. He had agreed to cut them back as soon as he was able to within the set period allowed to take account of nesting birds.</p>	Yvonne
<p>11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 4th January 2023 in the Dog Inn.</p>	