

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2023
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies Yvonne Brown Judith Hamilton Cathryn McGurk
Tina Walker Sean Starkie

Also Present: Councillors Peter Britcliffe and Zac Khan

	Action
<p>1. 100 PLUS CLUB – NOVEMBER 2023 DRAW</p> <p>The November draw was overseen by Councillor Peter Britcliffe</p> <p>Winner of the 1st prize of £58.45 - ticket number 137, B Boyes</p> <p>Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.40 - ticket number 115, D & M Giblin</p> <p>Winner of the 3rd prize of £25.05 - ticket number 43, P Matthews</p> <p>Winner of the 4th prize of £16.70 - ticket number 51, D Woods</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Graham Slater and Leslie Dunn submitted apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>Tina Walker, as a member and Yvonne as Secretary of the Dog Inn Board submitted declarations of interest but there was no contentious items on this month's agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE 4th OCTOBER MEETING FOR APPROVAL</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES</p> <p><u>Village Teenagers' Youth Club</u> – The October meeting was again poorly attended. The meeting discussed the future of the project and, following the agreement of Dance Teacher Amy to take lessons on a Tuesday evenings, it was agreed:</p> <p>A flyer to be produced advertising teenage Dance Classes starting in January.</p> <p>Discussion held with a village teenager suggested that free dance classes would be welcomed. The next Youth Club meeting will be held on Saturday 18th November.</p> <p><u>Foundation Stone</u> – Cathryn reported that the stone was on the wagon ready</p>	Judith/ Yvonne

<p>for delivery to the school. Heather Nuttall to be asked to chase up its delivery.</p> <p><u>Recreation ground grass cutting.</u> Sean advised that, despite what the contractors said, the grass had not been cut as often as they stated. Councillor Britcliffe offered to speak to Leisure department officers about it.</p>	Cathryn
<p>6. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Marianne informed the meeting of an e-mail just received from Councillor Britcliffe regarding possible funding available from Lancashire Environment Fund which she would circulate to committee members for info.</p>	Marianne
<p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>The Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically. Judith reported having banked cash of £270 and she had £300 cash for Clive Carroll towards fireworks.</p>	
<p>8. PROTECT OUR GREEN BELT FIGHT – UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some residents had received questionnaires from Monte (property arm of the Issa brothers) for our views on their proposals to build industrial units on our moorland/green belt in the Council's emerging Local Plan. The Plan is due to be finalised and adopted in January 2024. Monte are due to submit an outline planning application before the end of 2023. Cal Mulligan is advising all residents not to complete the questionnaires yet before advice is received from experts involved. Fundraising - Calendars showing photos of local wildlife were now on sale to buy in all local outlets at £8.50 each. All profits will go towards fighting the Issa brothers plans to build on our Green Belt. 	
<p>9 & 10. SOCIAL EVENTS TICKET PRIORITISATION</p> <p><u>Halloween</u> -- The Halloween Trail was very popular again this year with a Holiday Club member the winner.</p> <p>A children's party was held on the 29th October. The event was over-subscribed and very busy. It was therefore agreed to hold two parties next year.</p> <p><u>Ticket Prioritisation</u> – With limited space available in the function room, discussion took place on the popularity of social events with some regular villagers and Dog Inn supporters missing out on attendance owing to tickets sold to outsiders.</p> <p>Agreed: To be fair to regular Dog Inn Community pub/restaurant and village supporters, all social events to be advertised internally before opening up to everyone to buy.</p> <p><u>Remembrance Day, Sunday 12th November at 11.00 am</u> – Judith has organised a wreath to be laid from the village and Roger had agreed to again give a talk at the service. Comments were made on the improvements to the</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Judith</p>

<p>Memorial garden thanks to Bernadette and helpers.</p> <p>11. FIREWORK DISPLAY AND CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p><u>Firework Display</u> – Date set for Monday 6th November. Hot dogs, Potato pie and cheese pie supper, provided by the village school, will be available from 6.00 pm. All local farmers and horse and cattle owners had been informed that quiet fireworks will be used again this year.</p> <p><u>Christmas Dates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual Tractor Run of the area will be held on Sunday 3rd December arriving at the Dog Inn around 6.00 pm. • Christmas Tree lights switch on – Date tbc. • Villagers Over 60s Meal on Wheels, provided by the school, Wednesday 13th December • Children's party to be held on Saturday 9th December between 2 – 4.00 pm. A limited number of tickets will be available to buy at a cost of £8 each. Villagers will be given early priority for bookings. • Over 60s party on Sunday 17th December from 2.00 pm onwards. Marianne will again be taking names. Messages tel: -1254 262125 or to her e-mail address. <p>Cathryn agreed to make the buffet again for both parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carols around the tree will be held on Saturday 23rd December at 6.00 pm. Phil Cornell's band will be present. • New Year's Eve at the Dog Inn – tickets £10 with a free drink or food tickets at £20 each. Popular performer, Hoddlesden's Jo Jo had been booked to entertain. 	Marianne
<p>12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Grant Funding</u> - Hyndburn's councillors informed us of possible project grant funding available and advised that we could apply for funding from Councillor Britcliffe's pot of LCC funding and possible funding from Councillor Marlene Haworth's Community funding. The Community Payback Scheme was also suggested.</p> <p>The possibility of buying a sit-on-mower for the recreation ground from grant funding was suggested to help solve the football pitch issue.</p>	Marianne
<p>13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 6th December in the Dog Inn. All villagers are welcome to attend.</p>	