BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies Cathryn McGurk Graham Slater Sean Starkie Tina Walker

Also Present: Councillor Peter Britcliffe

	Action
1. 100 PLUS CLUB – DECEMBER 2023 DRAW	
The December draw was overseen by Committee member Cathryn	
Winner of the 1st prize of £58.45 – ticket number,116 – Terry Holden	
Winner of the 2 nd prize of £33.40—ticket number,160 – Sharon T	
Winner of the 3^{rd} prize of £25.05—ticket number,166 – Andy T	
Winner of the 4 th prize of £16.70 – ticket number, 125 – Terry Hurst	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
Yvonne Brown and Leslie Dunn submitted apologies for absence.	
3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
Tina Walker, as a member of the Dog Inn Board submitted a declaration of interest but there was no contentious items on this month's agenda.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 1st NOVEMBER MEETING FOR APPROVAL	
The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES	
Recreation ground grass cutting. Councillor Britcliffe reported that the Council had issued invitations to tender for Hyndburn's grass cutting service as they were unhappy with the work of the current contractors this summer.	
Grant funding Funding had been applied for and received from County Councillors Peter Britcliffe's Members' budget £200 and Hyndburn Council's Leaders budget towards the village Christmas parties.	
Councillor Britcliffe reminded the Committee of possible funding available from Hyndburn's Community Chest. Deadline for applications - Friday 15 th December.	
Agreed - Marianne to submit an application for funding for Summer 2024 village social events from the Community Chest budget ASAP.	

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically for information and questions. The Annual Report had been added to the Charity Commission web site.

8. PROTECT OUR GREEN BELT FIGHT - UPDATE

Marianne and Graham provided updates.

- All residents had been provided with sample responses to the Monte (for ISSA brothers) questionnaires to be submitted before the deadline. Marianne had submitted a response from the village committee.
- Fundraising Calendars showing photos of local wildlife were now on sale to buy in all local outlets at £8.50 each and various raffles and events held. All profits will go towards fighting the Issa brothers plans to build on our Green Belt.

9. YOUTH CLUB / DANCE CLASSES

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

10. CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

Final arrangements were discussed on who was doing what for the events.

Children's party will be held on **Saturday 9**th **December** between 2-4.00 pm. All tickets sold and presents bought thanks, as usual, to Collette.

- Over 60s party on Sunday 17th December from 2.00 pm onwards.
 Marianne will again be taking names of those attending. Messages tel: -1254 262125 or to her e-mail address.
- School Christmas meals will be delivered to the Over 60s listed on Wednesday 13th December afternoon.

Cathryn agreed to make the buffet again for both parties.

• Carols around the tree will be held on **Saturday 23**rd **December** at 6.00 pm. Phil Cornell's band will be present.

New Year's Eve at the Dog Inn – tickets priced at £10 with a free drink or food tickets at £20 each. Popular performer, Hoddlesden's Jo Jo had been

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING—The next meeting will be held a week later than usual at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 10th January 2024 in the Dog Inn. All villagers are welcome to attend.