



Kaber Village Hall

Friends of Kaber Village Hall

Monday 30th October 2023

7.30 pm

Inaugural Meeting Minutes

Present

Sarah Lofthouse, Malcolm Duckett, Louise Duckett, Julie Lane, Damon Green, Rachel Green, Alan King, Charlotte Hinks, Wendy Besley, David Leathes, Mary Leathes, Margaret Brassett, Christine Colson.

Apologies

Lillian Fisher, Liz Staley, Adam Tracey, Diana Denney.

Chair

Sarah expressed her thanks to everyone for attending and their ongoing support, explaining the purpose of the meeting was to provide some background, generate support and ideas that will bring the use of the Hall back to pre-COVID times.

Malcolm took everyone through a slide show, available on the web site.

History of the Hall – How the Hall originated and developed over 300 plus years to where we are today.

New Structure – outlining the two different strands to the support structure, Trustees and Friends. The Trustee will oversee the Legal, Charity and Financial Stuff. The Friends group will enable those people who do not want the legal responsibility of Trusteeship to still be able to contribute and help with the organising and grafting needed to run events to achieve a fun and inclusive building environment.

Handover Process –

The Trustees to undertake the

1. Finalising and signing of the Hall lease with the Education Trust
2. Manage the finances of running the building, utilities, insurance, safety inspections etc.
3. Investigate the statues of current and potential grants.
4. To be part of the Friends team



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The Friends to undertake the

1. Initiate and support events.
2. Promote the use of the Hall.
3. Utilise skills to maintain and clean the Hall.
4. Caretaking, cold weather support for heating and water. Security, key holders.

The aim is to make the Village Hall self- sustaining, as is the case with Winton and Brough, by keeping costs down and make use of volunteer labour, donations, and sponsorship from local businesses, etc.

Communicating – Malcolm ran through the different communication mediums, The web site KaberVH.com, the WhatsApp groups, Facebook Page, the Notice Boards and the hand delivered notices of events. These are to provide information on forthcoming events, Committee and Trustee News, Funding etc.

The May Event List – at the meeting in May a number of ideas were put forward some of which have already been held.

- *Coronation Butty Morning - £125 profit.*
- *BBQ – Income not known.*
- *Music Night - £237 profit.*
- *link into the national historical themes. Income not known.*
- *Soup and Sweet - £147 profit – TBC*
- *Apple Juicing - TBC*
- **Domino and beetle drives – Games Night**
- *Craft evenings – weekly rent - £6*
- **Coffee morning/afternoon – games and crafts**
- **Pie and Pea evening with quiz -**
- **First Responder – Defibrillator Use – Adam has agreed to arrange this event.**
- **Bible Discussion – David and Mary**
- **Christmas Carols -**

Positive feedback was provided on all the events – with some small learning points. It was agreed that notes of each event would be made in order to learn for any repeated event.

A discussion commenced on the delivery of the other suggestions to both utilise the Hall and raise funds to cover Hall costs.



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- A Faith discussion “Questions of Life” is scheduled for Monday 27th November at 7.30 to include an introduction to the faith, possible films, discussion supported by coffee and cake. David to provide Malcolm and Charlotte with detailed information for the web site.
- A Quiz night with food schedules for Friday 26th January 24 – date and details to be confirmed by Wendy.
- Family Bingo for February 24 half term – Christine and Louise to liaise with Ann.
- Pilates – a local providers contact details to be passed to Charlotte to look into the option.
- Village Show 24 – the aim would be to start small, gain an enthusiastic show secretary and identify those within the village with previous experience – Sarah to look into this further
- Christmas Craft Fair – possibly hire out tables.
- Christmas Eve or Family (Adult and Children) parties – music, games, raffles, food etc – David L to check on the Santa Clause outfit.
- Easter – celebration – March / April
- Plant Swop April / May
- Gardening Club – Margaret has been involved in a previous club and Damon to get some information for discussion as this could encompass all the gardening ideas.
- Village in Bloom and Garden Open Days
- Menssheds – Damon and Malcolm to look into. <https://menssheds.org.uk/>

Any Other Business

Charlotte suggested a greater understanding of the demographics of the area could help identify the types of events that would meet the interest of parish residents, together with local events in the area.

Margaret suggested that The Way publication could be used to promote events and would supply a copy with contact information.

Alan suggested the KS Parish Magazine lists community events – Alan would identify the process for inclusion.

Alan highlighted that we should be aware of the dates for Carols in the Mart and KS Carol Concert on the 14th and 17th December.

Next Meeting

Monday 20th November – 7.30