

Howgate Village Hall Association Minutes

Date. 10/08/20

Place. Howgate Village Hall

Time. 7.00pm

Present

Tom Schofield Sarah King Alistair Proctor A McConnell Pat Gordon Irene McConnell

Apologies

Business

- 1 Chair Tom Scofield opened the meeting and proposed a discussion regarding the continued existence of the HVHA and the re – opening of the village hall for social use. He intimated that he had approached the regular users of the hall and both the Bridge Club and the Pilates Group were still keen to use the hall but not under present “Covid” conditions. Pat Gordon on behalf of the SWI intimated they were not likely to require the hall in the immediate future. No reply had been received from the Art group. He also informed the meeting that the Church representatives were not particularly keen to have the hall re – opened.
- 2 Sarah King (treasurer) gave an account of the HVHA spending since our last meeting in February. Funds had depleted to £1500 due to normal running costs. The largest outgoing being liability insurance for the hall. It was felt that this was perhaps not required given the present dormant state of the hall. Sarah agreed to assess the requirements and cover of the policy and take into account the Church’s liability of the hall’s insurance. The expense of purchasing PPE and cleaning materials etc. to cover safety requirements for the hall’s use was felt to be prohibitive to re – opening the hall.
- 3 Further information received from the Church official states that their insurance policy covers the hall and this would allow the HVHA to cancel their policy until required.
- 4 It was also suggested that the insurance for the musical instrument (harp) the HVHA rent out be cancelled and the renter approached regarding a possible purchase.
- 5 Despite the lack of recent activity it was felt that it was important to retain the HVHA as a community group but in the interest of safety and to preserve funds the committee unanimously agreed to “mothball” activities and review the situation at the AGM on 5th October at 7pm.
- 6 The Community Council have contacted T.S. looking for support regarding a recruitment initiative for members. It was agreed that the HVHA would share a flyer with the Council in September to keep the area informed of our situation.

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