

MINUTES OF THE NOTHRA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY AT 8PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ATTENDEES: Michael Maddox, Robert Murdoch Roger Ponsford, Simon Pearse, Rajen Shah, Anne Odams, Tony Hewlett, Sonja Angel

APOLOGIES: Mark Hetherington, Dave Trotman, Roz Warren

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: accepted.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: the structure of the committee was agreed as follows:-
Acting Chairman – Michael Maddox, Secretary – Sonja Angel, Members – Roger Ponsford, Tony Hewlett, Roz Warren, Rajen Shah, Mark Hetherington, Simon Pearse, Dave Trotman, Anne Odams

MM to get confirmation from Sharon Smart that she is resigning . RS offered to take over as treasurer.

VILLAGE HALL OPEN DAY: MM gave his thanks to those who were able to help on the day. It had been a successful and encouraging event.

Mailing List. 60 to 70 new names had been collected for the emailing list database. More ways to collect email addresses for contacting residents were discussed, such as through the NML welcome packs, during social events, and through the website. NOTHRA would need to be mindful of Data Protection whilst collecting and using this information. Late Note: RP is collating the list for Mark H.

Activities . Residents had shown interest in a number of activities. It was decided to set up meetings at which those interested could get together and hopefully form a club/group. MM will prepare a programme of meetings and flyer etc. SP will help coordinate.

- Badminton (strong interest)
- Yoga/Pilates (strong interest)
- Football – indoor or outdoor
- Table tennis
- Mothers and Toddlers/ Soft Play
- Pre-School club
- Youth Club for teenagers
- Residents keen to offer help with social event
- Activities for older residents

There is an urgent need to make the under-stage area available for storage and open up the stage area, so permitting more than one activity at a time. NML expect the stage to be available soon but it is likely to be 2012 before money is available for the under-stage works. RP agreed to draw up a specification.

YOUNG PEOPLE:

Mothers and Toddlers – this was considered a priority. Ideally all interested parents would come to the appropriate meeting and come up with ideas on how this can be self-run. Late Note : A Soft Play demo will take place for interested parents on 17/24 May 10am organised by Michelle Martin, former Soft Play Group Leader.

Pre-school – MM had contact with a group wishing to use the hall for a pre-school. We would need to be careful to balance the pre-school use with other people's requirements during the day.

Mothers and Toddlers, and the Pre-school would be able to use the hall at the same time.
Youth Club – Lucy McAlpine was still responsible for the youth club assets, but does not wish to run this club. Teenagers in the village desperately need somewhere to meet and socialise in safety. The Cricket Club are unable to permit their clubhouse to be used being a licenced premises. Youth Workers from St Margaret's Church, and the local Police are interested in helping, but a Committee of parents is required to take responsibility. Hopefully, resident volunteers will come forward at the forthcoming meeting.

FUTURE EVENTS:-

A QUIZZ NIGHT will be run on Saturday 4 June. SA would meet with RW to start the organisation, calling on members at the meeting who offered help on the day. MM would source some tables for the event. This event would be promoted on the leaflet being designed by MM and RS.

A Table Top Sale was discussed, and RP agreed to formulate an event plan for October, possibly involving the Scouts.

SA would talk to Mark Goddard about the viability of running an Elvis Night with his band.

Additional events will be planned if offers of help are forthcoming at the meeting of social event helpers.

THE VILLAGE PLAN:- This is to be posted on www.netherne.village.org members are asked to study it and pass comments/suggestions to MM.

THE COMMUNITY BUS:- TH and MM were progressing a Permit 22 application and developing the business plan with NML, with a view to starting a 12 month trial in September. TH considered that it would be possible to purchase a suitable second hand 12-seater within a £15,000 budget. Paid drivers will be required. NML will own the bus and employ the drivers. A volunteer Bus Committee will manage the project; Lovell Respond will provide administrative services, costs being met from Community Bus fund. It would be important to promote this service affectively. Potential parking for the vehicle would be behind the shop.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:- none.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:- Wednesday 8 June.. to be confirmed

Note from Mark H

Website Update

I am in the process of adding Nothra minutes etc. On the admin front I am currently setting up a logon to the website for each Committee member so you can update and add items to the site should you so desire. I'll need to give everyone a brief run-through of how exactly this can be done -I am writing up a short 'how-to' document that will take us through the step-by-step process of publishing a new item on the site. That way between us we can probably keep everything up to date and properly looked after.

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