

Shalfleet Village Hall Management Committee

AGM Committee Report - on 2020 Activities

Presented at AGM on Friday 23rd April 2021 at 3.00pm

Financial.

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic on our hire income was severe as income fell from £12,131.00 in 2019 to £1,822.00 (net of refunds for cancellations) in 2020. Thankfully, due to an approach made to the bank and the local authority, our income has been bolstered by a government backed "Bounce Back Loan" of £2,924.00 (which was repaid in March 2021), and a (non repayable) grant "Local Restrictions Support Grant" of £1,334.00 as compensation for the November lockdown. We were not eligible for the original £10,000.00 compensation grant during the first lockdown in March as at the time we were not registered to pay any business rates. During the summer we were assessed with a rateable value of £2150 which triggered our eligibility to receive the LRSG grant associated with the second November lockdown. This has made us eligible for further grants in 2021.

Our annual expenditure for 2020 was abnormally large at £16,661.92 due to the completion of the carpark project. The bank balance fell from £11,872.91 to £1,290.99 at the year end. Without the BBL loan our bank balance would have gone overdrawn at - £1,633.01.

Maintenance.

The carpark has been resurfaced and upgraded. The 25% increase in area has resulted in an increase in capacity from around 16 cars to 30 cars. Peter Carter and his contractors did an excellent job during the November lockdown. This stretched our budget as we improved the specification for the extended area, and decided to include the resurfacing of the existing car park and installing a drain from the field directly into the rainwater gully in Church Lane.

Other improvements included the installation of outside electrical sockets, the replacement of the fete signs, the renovation of the Hall's floor and the painting of the Hall's walls.

Bookings.

In 2020 bookings were dominated by the impact of Covid-19. The Hall was closed from Monday 16th March 2020 to Thursday 27th August and from 5th November 2020 to 2nd December. The Hall was closed again on 26th December and will remain closed until used as a Polling Station on 6th May 2021. Our regular hirers have been absent since March 16th with only a few returning briefly during late summer. All our birthday party bookings and lunch clubs have been cancelled since 16th March. All wedding receptions for the whole year were cancelled, although a few have rebooked for 2021. The Fete was cancelled in 2020, but will return in 2021. Sadly, not all our regular hirers are expected to return to the Hall when restrictions are lifted.

On a positive note, we have secured two new regular hirers due to the closure of West Bay Leisure Club in Yarmouth. They will bring a new yoga class and an exercise class. The Ningwood & Shalfleet W.I. have also decided to use the Hall for holding their meetings when restrictions allow later in 2021. The government's roadmap currently will allow socially distanced exercise classes to restart from 17th May 2021, but parties will not be allowed until the end of restrictions on 21st June 2021. The committee is planning to start an afternoon tea and cake get together as a new social activity for the village later in the summer 2021.

Committee.

The Committee continued to meet as scheduled during the year, making use of Zoom to enable virtual meetings. Meeting notes are shared with the PCC and placed on the Hall's website. Both Hilary Waitt and Ros Freeman resigned in March. The committee, currently three members, will be actively recruiting once social distancing is relaxed.

Brian Mead (Chair)

Catherine Powell (Secretary)

Michael Beavis (Treasurer, Bookings & Maintenance)

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