

**Minutes Tynninghame Village Hall and Community Committee
Meeting
Wednesday December 15th
(Via zoom due to Covid)**

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Present

Daniel Wight (Chair, DW), Erica Wimbush (EW), Carol Crowther (CC), Shireen Green (SG), Alison McGregor (AM), Barbara Schofield (BS), Tim Harper (TH), Chris Gunstone (CG), Eric Martin (Hall Keeper EM), Georgina Weston (Galbraiths)

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Apologies

Yvonne Cartwright

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Galbraiths - Georgina Weston

EW presented list of current problems with the exterior of the building - chimneys leaking, kitchen roof leaking, windows rotting and letting in water - and a history of what has happened to date.

GW discussed progress by Galbraiths in sorting these matters -

Chimneys- the west chimney is unsupported, and new coping is a problem to fit, due to weight constraints. A structural engineer, Galbraiths building department and the council Heritage officer have all been involved. A solution has been found and Galbraiths are getting quotes. (The option of removing the chimney was discussed but the Heritage Officer was very much against this). There may need to be internal scaffolding while repair being done.

East chimney - some harling has fallen, and Archie Thorburn is requested to look at this when the gutters are being fixed.

Kitchen - Gutters above the kitchen were the main problem, but the roof itself has an unusual covering and has a poor slope. Galbraiths are having discussions with a building surveyor and Archie Thorburn has agreed to replace the gutters. A tarpaulin is in place as a temporary fix.

Windows - Bob the Painter is to do the decorating work and a joiner is being looked for to replace rotting wood in relevant windows. This is planned for Spring.

Planters and chain - GW agreed to provide round planters and chain to provide a more substantial barrier to vehicles using the track by the hall.

Storm Damaged Tree - The forrester has assessed this from pictures and does not think there is any safety risk. He will inspect in person when he next visits Tynninghame. Branches that have been obstructing the footpath have been removed.

Cricket Pitch - GW discussed heads of terms for an agreement. There was a further discussion about whether a legal agreement was necessary. It seems that this is the usual method when Lord Haddington lets groups use his land. GW will get an estimate for the cost of drawing up the agreement,

GW then left the meeting.

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Proposed by DW, seconded by AM.

- 5 **Matters Arising**
Name Change - agreed that if there was no legal need to change the name on the bank account, then it could remain as Tynninghame Village Hall. TH
Fire Certificate and Food Hygiene - some uncertainty about what is required. Need to reassess the provision of Fire Extinguishers. EH/CC
Risk Assessment has been updated.
Chimney Sweep has been booked
Floor to be sanded then sealed in January
Minutes - are being posted on website
Footpath to Binning Wood - there is a hold up getting access via Teviot Cottage, and the council are in discussions with the estate. Dunning Community Council (DCC) are happy to provide a stile if this is needed.
- 6 **Wording of Policy for Booking Large Events**
Paper received. There was discussion and clarification of various aspects of the report. Agreed that SG would update website with the agreed document. SG
EM stated that he would book a maximum of two weddings per month.
- 7 **Hall Report**
Paper received
EM reported that he had finished reviewing bookings
There have been 2 wedding cancellations for 2023
A 2 week booking by Columba has been cancelled at short notice due to Covid. They are to be invited to reschedule.
Curtain Rails - we need one new one and the old ones are not working so well. EM to get quote for new ones.
Firewood - local supplies are damp, EM suggests getting this from other suppliers - will get quotes. EM
CC organised help for hall turnaround as the regular cleaner was not available.
- 8 **Refurbishment**
Hall floor is being sanded, sealed and varnished 27, 28, 29th January 2022. EM has cancelled any bookings. The piano needs to be removed from the Hall - as it is not used, EW will try to arrange sale/removal. EW
Volunteers will be needed to move pews (and maybe piano) on morning of 27th Jan prior to floor being revarnished.
- 9 **CEG**
Report received.
A carol event is planned for Christmas Eve.
- 10 **Finances**
£11,600 currently in the bank account.
- 11 **DCC**
DW met with the council Road Officer. There is a plan for planters (as already in place at Gifford) at village entrance from East Linton. There is no move on the 20mph speed limit. Rumble strips are to be renewed
Sustrans are planning to implement a cycle route from East Linton to Tynninghame Links.
BT Fibre-optic Broadband - discussion about provision. It appears that some parts of the village are not connected, apparently as they are on private roads, but others are. BS is having a meeting in the near future.

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Website

Report received.

Domain name host is to be changed to "Our Locality" as they are cheaper and currently provide web support to us. To arrange direct debit for future payments.

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Dates of Next meetings and Chairs

Agreed next meeting - Tuesday 22nd February 2022

AGM - same night as pub night - 8th April 2022

Agreed that EW would chair AGM.

Yvonne Carmichael agreed to be chair in February. (CC is not taking the chair due to weight of other TVHC commitments)