

Dale Forum General Management Committee.

The next meeting of this committee will take place on Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room and I do hope that you will be able to attend. Please put this date in your diary now!

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies.
 2. Minutes of the last meeting (3rd October 2016)
 3. Matters arising not covered by this agenda
 4. The finances
 5. Any thoughts on the AGM
 6. The Village website
 7. Reports from groups
 8. AOB
 9. Date of next meeting
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Minutes of Forum Management Committee 3rd October 2016

Present: Bill Morris (Chair), John Mecklenburgh (JMc), Margaret Copley(MC), Anne Meeke (AM), Barrie Meeke (BM), Tom Stamp (TS). Judy Courie (JC), and Rosemary Mecklenburgh (RMc).

1. Apologies: John Bramley(JB), Jim Warr (JW), John Potter (JP).

2. Minutes of meeting held on 27th June 2016 were approved.

3. Matters arising: RM reported that she had only just added information to the website – further discussion deferred to item 6.

4. Financial Report: JW sent in a written report – Has received £10 each from the Community Council, Gardening Group and History Group. Annual costs for hire of Jubilee Room are £37.50 (5 x £7.50).

5. AGM: MC stated that she had a provisional date of 28th November. This date was agreed but RM asked if it could be at an earlier time so that Monday Film Night could follow on. It was agreed that the AGM will be at 6:30 with a film to follow.

6. Website: – RMc has placed the approved minutes from the Forum meetings on the village website. Contact details for each group will shortly be on the website. Sian Mathias is going to see if she can assist in getting a calendar of Hall bookings on the website so that the availability of the Hall is easily found. MC would also like to see the ‘what’s on’ from PP on the website.

7. Reports from Groups.

Gardening Group. Good crop of fruit this year – used for freezing & jam making. Donations for fruit picked go to WI fund for community purposes. Open Garden day was a success making £60; Jo Dilly passes on information she receives about sources of funding to plot holders.

History Group – Cataloguing and digitization continuing; HMS Harrier section well received & almost ready for digitisation. Website updated with good ‘contacts’ page & now looking to set up a Facebook page. Meetings very interesting and popular (Skokholm Island Dwellers, POW Italian Chapel, SS Falaba sinking in WW1); Hall projector very useful; Heritage Centre had a very successful season – exhibitions on “Work & Play”, “Walking through History” & “Wings Over the Peninsula”. Echoes of the Past is a new project from PLANED to promote visitor potential through “Heritage Tourism”- 5 coastal communities are taking part including Dale. The group is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

DADS - AM reported that this is a quiet time while thinking about the next show! To be launched 19th October for the end of March 2017. Preliminary theme 'A Ramble through Panto'.

Table Tennis – AM reported that they are short of members – all welcome to come and have a go.

Church – representative not present so no report.

Yacht Club – A good season – successful events have been the youth event CYRC, the Dinghy Regatta and the Laser Open Championship, all favoured with reasonable wind; junior sailing very successful with an increase in youngsters taking up and continuing sailing.

Coronation Hall – The cttee is claiming the adjudication costs back and are awaiting a County Court judgment. Gift aid on donations has been reclaimed which has helped the financial situation. Application to become a CIO is being considered. Questionnaire sent out last month in Peninsula Papers resulted in 222 responses with useful information about what villagers want for their Hall. Some Pembrokeshire College students are to decorate parts of the Hall.

Natural History Group – This was still in "hibernation".

Bowls Group – Considering starting up again.

Environment Group – No meetings or activities reported.

Community Council- representative not present so no report.

Play Area Group –The Pirate Day was very successful and raised approximately £1,300. Solicitors are very slow in organising the lease for the plot of land.

WI – JC reported that the Walled Garden activities continue, grass cutting rota, weeding group etc. At alternate meetings a speaker is usually booked – the Belgian Congo meeting was very interesting. Planning some community work – perhaps planting daffodil bulbs around the village.

Fort – TS reported that they have had a good year, their first running on a 'seasonal' basis; very busy; donated staff to village activities (welcomed by all at the meeting); Wildlife Watch may continue over the winter.

Shrinkles – AM was encouraged to start this as many are in need of shrinking, especially with news of risk factors for type 2 diabetes.

Sewing Group – meets Monday mornings – thriving.

8. AOB: – none

9. Date of next meeting – this to be the AGM on Monday 28th November at 6:30 with the possibility of a film to follow.