

Minutes of Forum Management Committee
23rd March 2016

Present: Bill Morris (Chair), Margaret Copley(MC), Jim Warr(JW), John Bramley(JB), Tom Stamp (TS), John Mecklenburgh (JMc), Hugh Bishop (HB), Anne Meeke (AM) and Judy Courie (JC).

1. Apologies: Rosemary Mecklenburgh (RMk).

2. Minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2015 were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising: Distribution of Action Plans – some not received. JB to supply HB and MC.

4. Village Website: Kevin Rogers is now available most Friday mornings at DYC . This was praised by MC. It was felt that a notice in PP would help attendance although Kevin does email group reps. weekly.

5. Financial position: £69.66 remains in the account.

6. Raising the Forum's profile – Low turnout at the AGM hardly means that it is a Forum for the village. But it does facilitate & help groups to stand on their own feet and gain charitable status if needed. Putting the minutes on the website would help (JB to email these to RMk and MC.) JB to write a piece for PP explaining what the Forum does.

7. The Film Club as a recognised group: - Debated whether this is necessary. Decided to consult those attending & report to a future meeting.

8. Reports from Groups.

Gardening Group. Walled garden over winter – sprouts, cabbage, kale, leeks and beetroot have been harvested. Pots, onions, etc have been dried or frozen. More planks are available for the raised beds at £5 each. Mole problem in the grassed area, but carrots have been protected from root fly. Fruit trees & bushes pruned and a fair crop of apples & medlars harvested. WI will continue with the community area & plan opening on specific summer days.

History Group – Catalogue of items – work has begun on transfer to digital data base. Kevin R. has volunteered advice & is also helping with the addition of material to the website. This is much appreciated by the group.

There have been talks on “Coastal Defences in the St. Ishmael's Area”, “Aerial Photos of the Coastlands Area”, “Maps and their history with examples from the Coastlands Area”, “Operation Victor Search” (with DVD) and “The History of Marriage”.

At the AGM in March the members agreed for the group to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The Old Stables heritage Centre has been open every Friday and from May, Thurs to Sunday. “The Wings Over the Peninsula” display has been there over the winter. The footfall for last season was almost 2000.

The PLANED project “Echoes of the Past” will lead to a booklet for Marloes, “Heritage Tourism” & a “Culture Beacon”.

DADS – “DADS goes Caracas in Rio” very well attended. Finance figures not out yet.

Table Tennis – Continued through the summer – 6 members but needs more.

Church – St.Davids Day Supper well attended and the usual Easter services are planned.

Yacht Club – An increase in membership subs has lead to a decrease in membership. Less than a third are from Pembrokeshire. There are plans to buy a new rib and another training boat. The normal race programme will begin next month.

Coronation Hall – A mediation meeting last Thursday lead to an agreement and an end to the 3 year dispute with the builders. This amounts to a sixth of what was asked at first. May be able to recoup the costs of the adjudication. Gift Aid will be an important contributor. Trustees will be putting together a public statement for PP. **There was a huge vote of thanks to Rosemary.**

Natural History Group – no report.

Bowls Group – There are still 5 in the group, but Alan’s injury has been a factor.

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Environment Group – May restart with help from Catherine at the Fort.

Community Council- Reported in PP & minutes are on the website.

Youth Group – Discontinued due to lack of support.

Play Area Group – Planning consent given, now near to being given a lease.

WI – Small with 12 keen members. Cream tea fundraiser planned for the 1st May.

Fort - TS is moving into Point House soon & the Fort is open for the new season. It has been restructured to secure Dale as a viable business for the future. Same offer of courses including Wild Life Watch. Happy to put on things for the community if asked.

9. AOB : – None.

10. Date of next meeting – Monday 27th June.