

Dale Forum General Management Committee.

The next meeting of this committee will be on

Monday 11th June at 6.30pm in the Jubilee Room

and I do hope that you will be able to attend.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2018
3. Matters Arising
4. Financial Report
5. PAVS (Rosemary)
7. Reports from groups
8. AOB
9. Date of next meeting

John B.

Secretary.

**Minutes of Forum Management Committee
21st March 2018**

Present: Bill Morris (Chair), Anne Meeke (AM), Barrie Meeke (BM), Jim Warr (JW), Jane Warr (JaW), Margaret Copley (MC), John Potter (JP), Caroline Potter (CP) and John Bramley (JB).

1. Apologies: John Mecklenburgh, Rosemary Mecklenburgh.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 6th September were approved.

3. Matters arising: None.

4. Financial Report: As at the AGM. AM asked about contributions from groups. **JW said that he would remind them.**

5. PAVS : JB reported that The Forum is on the Infoengine website.

6. Website: JB asked if anyone knows of anyone who would be willing to manage it, otherwise it is in danger of going out of use. It was decided to advertise in PP again.

7. Reports from Groups.

Dale Play Area: JB read out the statement from the Trustees (to be filed with the minutes). AM said that there had been much misinformation on social media eg “the project failed due to the Trustees, etc”. She said that it was important to attend the AGM on 25th April.

Gardening Group. A wet and cold winter has meant crops have been lost although parsnips and leeks have done well. Sowing is delayed. Some new raised bed holders have joined the scheme. The WI gave the “bee border” a thorough clean in the autumn and will replant with bee friendly plants – members will continue to cut the grass in the communal area. MC went on to talk about potato blight and the national debate which has been raging over its causes. Gardeners in the walled garden follow the accepted guidelines. There is no chemical fungicide available to gardeners.

History Group – monthly talks over the winter included “The Irish Mail Packet” by David Antell, “Cherish” the launch of a new initiative to study coastal environments in danger of disappearing by Dr Toby Driver, “Past inhabitants of Skomer” by Mike Alexander, “Tudor Boat Building” by David James and earlier this month “Excavation of Town Meadow Marloes” by Andrew Shobrook. The AGM was also held this month. The Heritage Centre has been open on Thursday mornings during the winter for research and cataloguing and will open for 4 days each week in May for an exhibition on “Sea Journeys and Voyages”. Projects being undertaken - Cherish (see above), a Heritage leaflet on St.Brides, a bid for funding to help with digitisation of the archives and WW1 soldiers in conjunction with the Milford British Legion.

DADS – No production this year due to a shortage of adults able to participate, but no shortage of children. However there is a concert in November to commemorate the end of the First World War in conjunction with other groups.

Table Tennis – In Yacht Club & will move to hall if numbers warrant it.

Church – Beautifully decorated for Christmas with usual Christmas services. A small congregation on most Sundays. St Davids Day Dinner was cancelled due to the weather.

Natural History Group – no report.

Bowls Group – May not be meeting.

Environment Group – Has money to fund a leaflet on the Castle Woods Walk. A tree has fallen over the winter and needs to be cleared. No meetings held recently.

Community Council – JaW reported

Planning – Nat. Park refused for Crabhall barn & Sanderling porch – the latter is re-submitting a smaller version.

Car Park - DYC has cut brambles on their triangle of the summer exit road. The National Trust has allowed the Kete car park to be used for the trailers of DYC members.

Pembs.CC - Walwyn’s Castle to be taken off the Havens Ward (which is too big) and added to ours (which is too small).

Finance - DCC budget to be discussed in April.

On 5th March Rosemary Mecklenburgh & Sean Kehoe attended to discuss the withdrawal of permission by Dale Castle Estate to build a play area in Dale. The Community Council said that it had “no power to make it happen”.

WI – Continuing to have regular meetings. It was suggested that the annual sub of £40 may put people off joining.

Coronation Hall – Finances – there is a good working fund, however, a sub-group is to be formed to raise funds. The exterior is to be re-painted in the spring. The RYA scheme fell through due to Sam’s departure. WM said that when Deborah Reece wanted to hire the hall for an exhibition she found that the hire charge had risen which made the exhibition uneconomic.

Fort – no report.

Sewing Group – meets regularly.

Dale Yacht Club – Steve Jones has been reappointed for a further 3 years and is hiring a chef. The usual programme of racing begins on 1st April. The mooring returns are coming in.

9. AOB: – none

10. Date of next meeting – 4, 11, or 18th June but 11th was favoured.

