

Dale Forum General Management Committee.

The next meeting of this committee will take place on Wednesday 6th September 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!

(The agenda will be sent out nearer the time)

Please note the special Forum meeting on Thursday 8th June in the Coronation Hall at 6.30pm when representatives of PAVS will talk about Community Connectors and Time Banking.
(See the minutes below and notice in Peninsula Papers)

All local Peninsula organisations have been invited and I hope you can make it.

Minutes of Forum Management Committee 25th April 2017

Present: Bill Morris (Chair), John Mecklenburgh (JMc), Anne Meeke (AM), Barrie Meeke (BM), Judy Courie (JC), Jim Warr (JW), John Potter (JP) and John Bramley (JB).

1. Apologies: Rosemary Mecklenburgh

2. Minutes of meeting held on 3rd October 2016 were approved – prop. (BM), seconded .(AM)

3. Matters arising: None.

4. Financial Report: JW reported that after paying PAVS the account is overdrawn by £3.

5. News from PAVS : PAVS is promoting two new schemes – a) Have appointed 4 new “Community Connectors” – our “Community Connector” is Tessa Fudge. Role is to try to connect people within communities so that residents can find ways to support each other. If support can be found in Dale there is less need to travel to Milford to receive support. It may save the authorities money but it has been found to be much appreciated and effective and lessens the need for more formal support services.

b) Time Banking is an old idea. An organisation hosts the Time Bank. Members can earn credits by helping someone or be involved in an activity. Every hour is worth the same – dog walking or finance advice. The organisation keeps a tally of hours earned and spent. Found to be a really effective way to put people in touch with each other and support people and prevent the need for more formal services. Small things in villages can be addressed without paying for them and people can actually be rewarded. Lee Hind of PAVS is very enthusiastic about Time Banking. Rosemary Meck would like to invite Tessa Fudge and Lee Hind to a meeting open to the other villages. This was agreed. Need to consider dates. JMc also mentioned the “Folk and Food” evening in the Coronation Hall on Friday 19th May, with which Rosemary Meck and Robin Black are involved – some of the money raised could come to the Forum.

6. Any thoughts on the AGM: The cttee seemed happy with last year’s format – invitation to all villagers via PP with meeting at 6.30pm, then move into Film Club afterwards.

7. Website: As nothing had been heard of it, assumed to be OK.

8. Reports from Groups.

Dale Play Area: Made an expression of interest in a Welsh Government Rural Communities Development Fund Grant which was successful. Now have to submit detailed plans and costings. Hopeful

that the lease will be finalised very shortly. In view of the work involved, it has been decided to postpone Pirate Day until next year. If it becomes an annual event it is likely to raise enough money to cover the on-going running costs. AGM on Monday 22nd May and hope there will be a good attendance so as many people as possible are involved in the detailed planning.

Gardening Group. No report.

History Group – “Wreck of the Albion” – very entertaining and well attended.

DADS - AM reported that the production at the end of March was very successful and more than covered its costs. The AGM is on 18th May and they will be starting to plan the next production. It really is a community theatre now.

Table Tennis – 4 core players despite a recruitment effort on social media. Doesn't really justify the use of the hall and so AM asked about the yacht club.

Church – services on Easter Sunday. Rhiannon was canon in residence at the cathedral so local congregations went to support her. Very good St. David's Day supper. Cream teas and Open Gardens event will help to raise money for the roof.

Natural History Group – no report.

Bowls Group – now on Tuesday evenings with new participants.

Yacht Club – A good start to the season as far as racing is concerned and the number of Junior sailors, but Paul and Claire's sudden departure was a real blow. Advertising now for new caterers.

Environment Group – JP reported that the path to Castle Beach has been completed and is very good. Costs have been met by a variety of people.

Community Council – advertising for a new clerk.

WI – JC reported increased membership and an on-going happy group helping wherever they can. Very busy. Concerned about the welfare of the community. Doing a lot of work in the walled garden which benefits the village with produce sold. Bank balance healthy.

Coronation Hall – Trustees' claim against the Adjudicator for giving an unenforceable Adjudication regarding the dispute with the contractors who undertook the renovation of the Hall in 2012 has been settled out of court to the Trustees' satisfaction. We received invaluable help in drafting our claim on a pro bono basis from a barrister - Andrew Burr. This and some generous donations have enabled the Hall to move forward on a secure financial basis. Several of the Hall heaters failed since the renovation but the company that supplied them repaired them at no charge. Questionnaire results inform planning & purchasing decisions. New small folding tables to replace old card tables have already proved very useful for cream teas & as an alternative to the large tables at events. The next large item on our list is blinds for the ceiling windows so we can hold slide or film shows in the summer months. We are looking to fund raise and apply for grants to cover the cost of these. The Trustees are always mindful that they should balance the need to raise sufficient funds to cover Hall running costs with the needs of residents for an available space that does not have a negative effect on villagers especially those running businesses.

Fort – no report.

Sewing Group – meets regularly.

9. AOB: – none

10. Date of next meeting – **Special meeting: Thursday 8th June at 6.30pm**
General Committee Meeting: Wednesday 6th September at 7.30pm