**BELFORD COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING**

**TUESDAY 3rd April 2018**

**MARKET CROSS GUEST HOUSE**

**AT 6.30 PM**

**Apologies**: Val Barnsley, Susan Husband

**Present:** Les Carr (Chairman), Dave Ogden (Treasurer), Pauline Tucker (Secretary), William McLaren, Dennis Cromarty, Ruth Dodd, Phil Dodd, Doug Renton, Fiona Renner-Thompson, Judith Thurland, Amanda White

**Guest:** David Suggett

**Agree minutes of the last meeting dated 13th March 2018**: Agreed

**Matters Arising from the above Minutes:** None

**Finance:** The shop has only been open for 20 days due to adverse weather conditions. Dave went through his report. Income has been received from artists for the Arts Festival. Telephone banking has still not progressed. The balance on the account is currently £40,850.

**Shop:** Nothing new to report, but takings are picking up after winter months.

**Museum:** William confirmed that the Museum Trustees have given the History Museum another 5-year lease. No report was received for circulation this month.

**Markets:** Usual help needed with putting up/down etc. of marquees. Please come along to help if at all possible and Ruth will put a request in the Newsletter.

**Gym:** Steve gave an update on the gym and handed Dave renewal fees. Ian may have additional membership fees. There have been issues with the key fob reader, which has had to be repaired. Code numbers needed from Ian. There has been one instance of someone new joining and taking a Bluetooth speaker into the gym, which has disturbed other members and Ian will put a sign up. If we get too many complaints we will have to remove the membership. Anyone joining the gym should be considerate to other members.

**Arts Festival:** Everything appears to be going really well. Fiona and David confirmed that over 45 artists have booked already. They asked the Trustees about condensing the festival to just the weekend. Agreed. Fiona/David will check with Bell View to see if they have anything planned. David had a discussion with Phil and Ruth regarding gazebos - how many are needed. Cover required for any nasty weather, after last year. Ruth and Phil confirmed that one but maybe two better. Amanda offered her courtyard for them to go overnight. The Vintage Bus is in operation on Saturday and Sunday. Public showings are 10.30 - 4.30, with Corporate Events from 6.30 onwards. There have been three enquiries so far for the hire of the bus. A discussion took place regarding publicity i.e. events notification for the festival weekend. Final deadlines have been given for the artist’s details. Judy’s daughter has been asked to design art- work. Fantasy Prints will be asked for a quotation. David contracted until 15th April. Everything will be done in terms of delivering the event and handed over to Fiona. David will chase the performers who will be in St. Mary’s. Church. Musicians all contacted and scheduling underway. Dancers will perform on Saturday afternoon.

Northumberland Arts Development has given David additional contacts with other dance groups. Ruth will ask Jane to come back for a singing adult workshop on Sunday afternoon. Fiona will contact Blagden Farm Shop regarding a mobile unit or Doddington Farm for ice cream. Funding requests still outstanding: £15,000 Catherine Cookson, £3,000 Joicey Trust and Community Foundation £3-5,000 and Co-Op.

**Woodlands:** Dennis - everything fine. Crocuses are coming through along with daffodils. Doug sent through photographs to William for Rotary Website, and they will also go on Village Website. Amanda will order signage regarding dog fouling for the woodland areas.

Doug - daffodils starting to bloom. Plants ready to go in. Everything is looking very nice.

**AOB:**

**Grant Request:** Loop system for Ferguson Hall discussed at last meeting. Agreed. Les will collect the original hearing loop from Bell View and test it out with Dennis. If it is unsuitable for use, we will try and sell it.

**Northumberland Day:** Unfortunately due to work commitments the Trustees are not available to engage with this request.

**Land behind shop:** Pauline has still not had a response to her requests to discuss this matter with the landowner, and will attempt to make further contact.

**Website:** Amanda is targeting businesses to advertise on the website. A few have signed up.

**Defibrillator:** Fiona has spoken to the Co-Op who has their own defibrillator programme, and she will report back at next meeting and it may be a case of placing the other defibrillator that has been offered, in another location i.e. gym.

**Data Protection:** William raised the matter of the new legislation regarding Data Protection. A discussion took place and it was agreed that William would forward the information he has to Pauline and she would look at this along with other information she has and we would discuss at the next meeting.

**Play Park:** Dave asked if the final stage of the Play Park equipment has taken place. It is thought that the bad weather had delayed replacing what had been put in, but this has now been taken place.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 30th May 2018**