**Belford Community Group Meeting**

**Via Zoom**

**Wednesday 14th October 202 at 1.30pm**

**Trustees Present:**Pauline Tucker (Chair), Dave Ogden (Treasurer), Phil Dodd (Secretary), Ruth Dodd, Amanda White, William McLaren, Del Hughes

1.  **Apologies for absence:**Sue Husband, Denise Hiscox, Val Barnsley

2.  **Minutes of Last Meeting:**Everyone agreed they were accurate, and Pauline signed them.

3.  **Matters arising:**None other than those covered under the Agenda.

4.  **Finance:** There was no report, as we have no income. Northumberland County Council have cashed our cheque for the utilities and the electricity bill has been paid for the shop for six months. Some money has come in for gym memberships and that has been paid out for extra cleaning in the gym. The £10 000 from NCC has now been spent (on overheads, etc)

**5. Shop:**No report and the shop will not open until the New Year at the earliest.

**6. Village Hall:**No report was received and there has been no meeting with Guy and Brian (due to the pandemic). No one seems to know who has bought the church and hall, but the manse has been bought separately.

7**. AGM:**This will be on Zoom, and the Zoom details will be shared so that others in the village can take part. This will be publicised on the village Facebook page and the web site. The yearly financial report will be available too.

**8. Gym:**This has re-opened and some people have rejoined. Users have to do the cleaning of the equipment, before and after use and use the sanitiser provided. Steve has replaced the lights with LED lights and an electrician is going into the gym tonight to replace the emergency lighting. If we go to level 3 of the pandemic restrictions, the gym will have to close again.

**9. Woodlands:**There was a full report from Brian, for which many thanks. We all look forward to a good display of flowers in the spring.

**10. Shauna Bell Charity Sleep:**Shauna is to sleep in the doorway of the shop on November 20 to raise funds for the Body Shop Charity Appeal. Everyone seems happy with this and the Community Group agreed to donate £100. People are to be encouraged to donate food and money. It was hoped she should have support throughout the night. Pauline asked her to liaise with the tenant who shares the door access.

**11. AOB:**

1. Kerry emailed to say that we have to order our own wreaths for Remembrance Day, which will be very low key this year. Pauline to organise.
2. Jodi would like to organise another virtual Arts Festival at Christmas and it was felt that the virtual Christmas Market might be a part of this. Anne Grieve to be given Jodie’s details so that they might liaise.
3. Any news of village events could go into the Church magazine, and the deadline is the 20th October for the November issue.
4. Amanda to meet with Mark Dodds to see if he would join in with village events particularly of an ethical nature and perhaps involving IT.

**Next meeting** **Wednesday 18 November 2020** - Zoom meeting for both AGM at 6.00pm followed by Trustees meeting. This to be publicised on the village web site and the Church Magazine. Any member of the public wanting to be a part of this should let us know in advance.