**Belford Community Group**

**Meeting** **Via Zoom**

**Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 6.00 pm**

**Trustees Present:**Pauline Tucker (Chair), Dave Ogden (Treasurer), Phil Dodd (Secretary), Ruth Dodd, Amanda White, Del Hughes, Sue Husband, Val Barnsley.

**Apologies for absence:**William McLaren, Denise Hiscox.

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

**Matters arising:**Dealt with later in the meeting

**Finance:**Dave presented a thorough report. Basically not much is happening - no incoming finances and £1700 outgoings. The electricity bill was a substantial amount, as we have to pay at business rates. NCC should be giving us up to £4000, another instalment of lockdown money - Dave will be looking out for the arrival of this. The overall financial balance is still good.

**Shop:**Many thanks to the person/people responsible for the Christmas window display. The shop remains closed and there is really no indication about when it will open. Occasionally checks are made to ensure there are no water leaks and to check for any post arriving. The Christmas tree needs to go back to the gym.

**Gym:**Steve and Pauline were due to meet Michael Gilroy from NCC, but this was cancelled. It was hoped that the meeting could be completed on Zoom with Dave being a part of it too. Pauline was to ask Michael to set up the Zoom meeting. Certainly work has to be completed on the Gym before we could take on the lease.  Everyone’s gym account has been suspended and they will be given extra time as compensation when the gym re-opens.

**Woodlands:**No report.

**Any other business**

**Website/Social Media/Newsletter -**Amanda will need help to sort this out. The website is not a newsfeed or was ever intended to be. Other local websites are very different to ours. Some people are just not sending any info to the websites.

Links need to be made from our website for both Planning information and current Covid updates (via Northumberland County Council). Pauline agreed to send the Trustees a draft of an email she might send to the people concerned, i.e. Brian and Kerry. It was felt that the Community Group should not be the only group disseminating information.

A report was received from Eric about the lights and fireworks, in relation to our funding of these activities.

No markets planned at present, perhaps August.

Ruth from the Reading Room says that William had agreed that the Community Group would pay half of the electricity bill (£900) - Dave thinks we should not pay anything at the moment. As William was not present at the meeting he wasn’t able to confirm this. We understood that the last time we paid part of the bill it was going to be the last time ever. This obviously needs to be sorted and perhaps the Snooker Club needs to pay something. Pauline said she’d speak to William.

What do we do next about the shop frontage? Del is to try to get quotes from painters. There was a feeling that sunshine contributed to the paint fading and Del said she’d look into the whole issue.

**The next meeting will be held, via Zoom, on Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 6.00**