**BELFORD COMMUNITY GROUP**

**Meeting On Zoom**

**Wednesday 28th April 2021**

**6.00 pm**

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

**Others:**William McLaren (President), Steve White

**Apologies for absence:** None

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

**Matters arising: None other than those** dealt with later in the meeting

**Finance:**No report as there has been little financial activity. The only money paid out has been for the War Memorial, and a business restart grant has been given to us following Dave’s application.

**Shop:**The Shop Committee met today in Sue’s garden. Lynne is to send out a message to ask which volunteers are still interested, particularly with cleaning and generally getting ready for the reopening. The reopening date of 22 June is to be put on Facebook and on the door of the shop. Any new volunteers will be introduced gradually and not necessarily when the shop first reopens. Shift patterns need to be set up and times for dropping off items for sale to be decided upon (before 22nd June).

The paintwork ideas are to be sent to Sharon and Lynne. Del has had a quote from Andrew for £800 for the sign and been shown two mock ups as to how it will look. Del has chosen the gloss colour closest to the colour previously used and it has an edging strip in black. It is difficult to pin Shaun down for a date for the other painting but it is hoped it will be completed for the reopening. The Trustees were happy to pay the price for the signage and thanked Del for all her hard work.

**Gym:**The lease has been sent to the solicitor to be looked at. Currently the gym has 70 members and the first renewals are due at the end of May. Four new members joined last week. The membership numbers look good, maximum number is 99. Hopefully the treadmill is now fixed, as last time the company involved brought the wrong spare part. Zoe is still cleaning the gym. Anyone signing the lease will do so on behalf of the group, it is not a personal liability. We must ensure that the County Council send out a surveyor before we sign the lease. Once we have the lease, we will decorate and install a new heating system. Hopefully gym members will help with the redecoration.

**Woodlands:**Brian has sent some photos.

**Museum:**Karon has sent a report. Grants need to be applied for and Karon would welcome support with this. The damp problem needs addressing and the electrical work is due to start tomorrow. Karon is thinking about not opening the museum until July (due to Covid restrictions), but might manage May 17, if she can. Karon will email Dave if she needs help, but Brian and Johnny Tait are helping her.

**Markets:**So far we have twelve stallholders for the July market. Bell View has been booked for the Christmas market at the end of November.

**Arts Festival:**Jodie has made her plans for a virtual festival quite clear.

**Newsletter:**Del informed the group that the newsletter will restart in June. Bell View will print at cost and their new CEO has become involved. Recent grants awarded by the Community Group will be mentioned in the first newsletter.

**Any other business:**

Jane Cowley will be asked by Ruth to see if she is interested in becoming a Trustee.

When Shaun is working on the repainting of the shop, he will be able to use the spare set of keys possessed by Val.

Information about the gym should be put in the next newsletter and it should mention that in future all copy for the newsletter should arrive to Del by the 15th of the previous month.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 2.00 pm in the Market Cross garden hosted by Amanda.**