



Minutes

Held at: No 14, The Square, Rhynie

Wednesday 12 October 2016 7:30pm

Present: Averil Stewart; Mike Davies; Debbi Beeson; Colin Mumford; Colin Neesom

1. Apologies for Absence – George Beverly

2. Review of last meeting's minutes and actions log

3. Mason's Hall

- There still appears to be some discrepancy over the size of the mats that the bowlers currently use and whether or not these will fit into the Mason's hall. Colin Mumford is attending a meeting on the 26th October and will measure these himself. **Action – Colin Mumford**
- It has been confirmed that the bowlers follow the Banffshire Rules so this also need to be checked. In order to play in any competitions the bowlers will need to have the correct size of mats as specified in the rules. **Action – Colin Mumford**
- The required 'gully' forms part of the mat
- Colin M had a long chat with the Mason's Master and there is a bit of confusion about what RCT require from them. We confirmed that in order to take the project forward we would need some kind of commitment from the Masons, either to give the hall to RCT on a long lease – say 99 years or to give the hall to the community. In both cases Legal agreements would need to be drawn up so that Masons have their required access to the hall
- It was confirmed that the Masons are unable to apply for funding – as they are a closed group
- Averil to speak to Iain Catto and David Knight to ask their thoughts on the project and how likely funding would be if RCT either leased or owned the hall. **Action – Averil**
- Averil asked if a mezzanine floor had been considered to give extra space. It was felt that this could be used by the Masons and perhaps as a museum space and might give us further funding options. This would result in additional costs as a lift would need to be fitted and it was felt that this shouldn't deter us from looking at this
- Some members of the community had expressed concerns that there would be no parking if we developed the hall. Colin M advised that they have in the past held a meeting for over 100 people and that there had been no issues. It was also suggested that the land opposite (old petrol station) could be used as a car park, with perhaps a Self Service Petrol Station. Further investigation is still required, but members did not believe that the decontamination work (estimated around £200k) may not then be required. Cost to purchase the property is around £240k

4. Village Action Plan - Community Survey

- Debbi will take this forward and ask the relevant parties to come along to a meeting.
Action - Debbi

5. Race Night

- Tickets are selling well, but Colin Neesom has advised that he still has lots of horses for sale if anyone wants to buy some. Names will need to be passed to Colin by the weekend. **Action – All**
- Brian Stewart to speak to Darts people to see if they are interested in coming along to the Race night. Colin N to pop some tickets round to Averil. **Action – Colin Neesom**
- Colin also confirmed that tickets will be available on the night
- Averil to email young farmers contact to see if they would be interested.
Action – Averil – Complete emailed 12.10.2016
- All agreed that RCT would sponsor a race and that the Whisky that Averil had purchased would be the prize – Cost around £29

6. RCT representation at NHS Meeting

- Mike has confirmed that he is happy to go along to this and Colin Neesom will also attend. Colin Mumford is awaiting some information that he will pass over ahead of the meeting on 18 November. **Action – Mike Davies / Colin Mumford**

7. AOCB

- **100 Club**
 - i. This is going really well, but we still have to submit a return to Aberdeenshire Council. Averil and Colin Neesom will deal with this: **Action – Colin N / Averil**
 - ii. Colin Neesom to forward on last 2 months winners so that they can be added to the Website and Rhynie Online Facebook page **Action – Colin N / Mike Davies**
- **Bio Mass Plant**
 - i. Colin Mumford had received a request through the Community Council for a meeting with someone who is keen to get a Bio Mass Plant up and running in Rhynie. First stage would be for them to come out and speak to the community at a Town Hall meeting. Colin's contact has confirmed that he would be able to arrange mailing to those in the village to try and attract as many people as possible to the meeting. Colin M to agree a suitable date for the meeting and go back to them. **Action – Colin M**

8. Next Meeting

- **Tuesday 29th November 8pm in 14**