

Hutton Community Initiative SCIO

Minutes of the Meeting of Trustees held Wednesday 12 February at 7pm

1. **Present** Chris Miles, Jill Turner, Kate Nutt, Katrina Young, Margaret Taylor, Paul Rogerson, Angela Wilson
2. **Apologies** Jacqui Melling, Ken Cain, Phylis Williams
3. **Declaration of any conflicts of interest** – one conflict declared.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 11 December 2024 proposer Katrina, seconded Kate**
5. **Matters arising from the meeting on 11 December 2024 (other than those covered on the agenda)**
 - a) Christmas hampers - delivered on Friday 20th December. Feedback has been positive, and the Board has received several messages of thanks from members of the community.
 - b) Festive Lighting / festoon lighting – Board agreed to look at potentially providing some festive outdoor lighting nearer the end of the year. There was a discussion around replacing the festoon lights and potentially looking at the replacement of the main light fittings in the hall with more efficient fittings if appropriate. It was suggested that we speak to an electrician for advice. **Action - Angela**
6. **Treasurer's report** – see below
7. **Boreland Village Hall**
 - a. Property Matters
 - i. Heating – Paul Rogerson meeting Cool 'n' Easy 13.02.25 to answer questions about on- going heating issues including thermostat issues and to explore alternatives. **Action Paul R**
 - ii. Solar Panels – Board continuing to explore options including all panels on roof, all on ground or a mixture of both. There are insurance implications with all options. One guarantee being that no matter which option is chosen insurance premiums will increase. **Action Paul R**
 - iii. Roof – report received from Robert Watson. Some maintenance is required but has assured the Board that the existing roof would support solar panels. Another assessment to be obtained. **Action Paul R**
 - iv. Emergency Lighting – Quote received to replace all units. The total cost will be £614.98. It has been suggested that units are replaced as and when they fail. The price quoted would remain the same regardless of the job being completed gradually or all at once. **Action – Paul R to advise the electrician that quote accepted and to be lights to be replaced as and when required**
 - v. Maintenance Task List- Nithsdale Plumbing to be asked to service heating. **Action – Paul R to check highlighted areas.**

b. Nithsdale Plumbing to be asked to carry out heating service if no repairs/replacement are/is imminent following Paul R's meeting with Cool & Easy. **Action Angela (if required)**

Grass cutting – advert to be put on to village Facebook page asking for volunteers.
Action - Kate

b. Bookings – see below.

8. Grant Applications

- a. An update on the education and training application discussed at the last meeting was given.
- b. An Education and Training grant application was discussed.
- c. Review of Education and Training grant conditions and guidance – it has been decided that the wording on the application should be altered to make it clear that each applicant can receive up to £1000 through a variety of training opportunities. This opportunity has to be communicated to all relevant past beneficiaries. **Action – Kate**

9. Action Plan/Projects

- a. Playpark - After a site visit it was decided that there was potential for four or five items of play equipment plus some seating on a section of land owned by Muirhall Energy adjacent to the current site. Additional seating would be located on what is currently the playpark. Chris has sent an initial proposal to Muirhall and is awaiting a response. **Action – Chris to chase up. Jill to chase play equipment suppliers for dates for site visits.**
- b. Hutton Primary School – Discussion was held with Scott McMeeken, Annandale North Ward Officer from the Council. The first thing the Board must do is submit an expression of interest, which will stop the building going on to the open market while a consultation with the community takes place. **Action- Kate.** Kate and Angela attended a community asset transfer event in January which was useful.

10. Subgroups Reports

- a. Social subgroup – Bobby Bingo nights are well supported. George Trudt's rescheduled talk will take place on Sunday 9th March. Donna Campbell is hoping to organize an Easter event if she can find volunteers.
- b. Busy Bees subgroup – A quieter time due to winter season. It was suggested that the planters around the community may need freshened up for spring with plants supplied by the Board. A post to be put on Facebook. **Action - Angela**

11. Communication - the weekly email is appreciated by many people in the community and is a useful reminder of what is happening around the village. It was suggested that Angela remind the recipients about the website and also put something similar on Facebook. **Action - Angela**

12. AOB – it has come to the Boards attention that all the policies for the hall need to be revisited and rebranded for Hutton Community Initiative. **Action Kate & Angela**

The Social sub group are looking to arrange a one off Qigong taster session and have asked if this is something the Board would support. The Board members agreed they

would support this subject to a funding application being submitted. It was also suggested that perhaps another one or two tasters could also be available on the same day/evening to let people try more than one activity if they wanted to.

13. **Date of the next Meeting** – Wednesday 9th April 7pm

Treasurer's Report 12.2.25

1. Ewe Hill funding committed but not paid out yet - £973.60 First Aid training - Kevin isn't wanting to arrange this now but happy to liaise with Angela if this is something we can let her organise
2. Minsca funding is allocated to hall running costs
3. Soup & Blether events are funded by North Milk Community Council (Crossdykes Community Windfarm Community Benefit) for 6 months from December for 30 people plus hall "hire" costs - full amount granted of £1560
4. The second quarterly payment from the RagBag bin has been received - £45.50. Applegarth Primary School has also sent a cheque for the payments received for Hutton PS after the school was mothballed in Sep 2022 - total £487.20 (received February so not reflected in the accounts.)
5. The fixed rate contract for electricity with Octopus ends on 26th March 2025. Renewal offers from Octopus have been circulated separately. I also obtained rates from British Gas and EDF which are very similar.
6. The insurance policy is due for renewal on 1st March 2025. We have received a renewal quote from the broker. The quote is a few pounds less than last year, but I have queried one point which has changed and await a reply.

2024 £941.92

2025 £936.60

Hall Bookings

Mondays weekly	6pm to 7.30pm	Yoga - Hanna Casement
Last Friday monthly	6pm to 9pm	Social subgroup - Bingo
Sunday 9 th March	1-4pm	Social Subgroup - talk
Wednesday 12th March (provisional)	7pm to 9pm	NMCC
Sunday 16th March	10.30am to 2pm	Soup & Blether
Saturday 22nd March	1pm to 6pm	Private booking

Wednesday 9th April	7pm to 9pm	HCI Board
Sunday 13th April	10.30am to 2pm	Soup & Blether
Saturday 19th April (provisional)	12 noon to 5pm	Private booking