

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Games Barn sub-Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of the Games Barn AGM held on 10th March 2022 at 19.30pm at Egerton Sports Pavilion

Present: Melanie Rawlinson, Tim Oliver, Lois Tilden, Claire Foinette, Kirsas-Lomerud-Olsen, Sonia Young (Parish Clerk, Games Barn Secretary & Treasurer). No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest: None

2. Minutes of the last meeting on Jan 12th 2022 approved and signed:

Proposer: Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Claire Foinette

3. Matters arising from Jan 12th meeting

- £270.40 deposit for the new fire door approved for payment
- Green Man awaiting for approval of installation of solar panels. Expected certification to be given by UK Power Networks around end of March
- Toilet flush: Tim Oliver agreed to have a look at toilets. If he cannot repair them then Kirsas Lomerud-Olsen to contact local plumber to undertake repair. Cost approved.

4 Chairman's Report:

Melanie Rawlinson outlined plans to capitalise on the current refresh of the Games Barn and to bring it into more usage within the village.

Ideas discussed:

- look at the lighting, heating and washrooms as a priority. On heating the Committee agreed to look at options for a shorter term solution from suppliers of heating to the church and also the village hall. Longer Term it was hoped an under-floor heating system could be sourced.
- To enhance the exterior an idea was discussed around a Platinum Jubilee Mural on one of the walls taking inspiration from children's Jubilee Artwork. All agreed the artwork should be on the village theme and should be produced in a way that reflects the surroundings. Possible involvement of local artists in the village was discussed. **Action: Lois Tilden agreed to explore possible grants to pay towards the mural from Lottery Grants or Sport England; Melanie Rawlinson will talk to Cathy Hill initially to see how the idea of a mural could progress**
- A new pricing structure was raised and will continue as a discussion on email. Plan is to have more flexible pricing dependent on the regularity of usage.
- The Games Barn, along with other facilities in the village, is to feature in an article in Egerton Update to try to build up more business for the facility

5. Election of officers: Melanie Rawlinson was confirmed as the new chair.

Proposed: Cllr Claire Foinette. Seconded: Cllr Lois Tilden. All in agreement

6. Games Barn rejuvenation

- **Expansion of User Groups:** An article in Egerton Update is to promote the Games Barn as a village facility and to encourage more bookings. **Action: Melanie Rawlinson**
- **Building works :** Now the roof is completed, the vegetation needs to be removed from around the back. **Action: Melanie Rawlinson to contact contractor George Green to arrange date for this**
- The heating system is also not working well. **Action Kirsas Lomerud-Olsen to contact an electrician to fix. Cost approved.**

7. Accounts

The accounts were circulated in advance of the meeting by The Clerk.

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There were no payments to approve. The accounts are projecting a c£20,000 balance by May 2022 when a VAT reclaim payment is due. This will help to continue finance the work to upgrade the facility in the shorter term.

- Committee was also reminded by the parish Councillors present that part of the conditions of the “New Road Development” included a specific provision for the Games Barn – which could finance some future improvements
- Water Bill has not yet been issued as there has been difficulty locating the water meter. **Action: Clerk to continue to chase**

8. AOB

- **Art Exhibition:** Cathy Hill has asked to book out the Games Barn for an Art Exhibition for 10 days during the music festival in June 24 to July 3 for £300. All agreed to this. **Action: Kirsa Lomerud Olsen to confirm this with Cathy Hill and to speak to any of those booked to ask if they would be ok to move to another facility within the village (drama group and short-mat bowls) on those dates. Melanie Rawlinson to ask if circuit training will move outside for that week.**
- **Store cupboard:** Committee to look at equipment in store cupboard if this is still needed and can any of it be removed as the store cupboard is very full. **Action: Melanie Rawlinson and Clerk to audit what is in there**
- **Old strip fluorescent lights** to be thrown away. **Action: Kirsa Lomerud-Olsen**
- **Cleanliness:** Polite notice to be displayed asking users to keep the facilities clean and to leave them as they found them. Those who make the bookings will be asked to check the toilets are clean and any washing up is done before they exit. **Action: Kirsa Lomerud-Olsen (Melanie Rawlinson can print and laminate any notices)**

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 24th 2020 at 7pm in Sports Pavilion

The meeting closed at 20.40.

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