**Reston Village Hall**

**Committee & Business Meeting**

Monday February 10th, 2025 @ 7.30pm

**SCIO No SCO5374**

**Attendees:**

Ruth Donaldson (RD); Lyn Warholm (LW); Bill Wood (BW); Stephanie Patterson (SP); Ged Kimble (GK); Jan Stringer (JS); Logan Inglis (LI) (representing the Community Council)

**Apologies:**

Anne Barrett (AB): Kerry Simmonds (KS); Kathy Dwyer (KJD)

**Previous Minutes**

* January Minutes approved.

**Matters Arising**

* **Hall Lights:** To help remind users to extinguish all lights, posters are to be displayed prominently by light switches in the hall and at the hall exit door. Discussion on whether motion sensitive lights could be an option for the toilets – cost and effectiveness to be assessed.

**Action: LI** will check with CC to see if large, laminated poster(s) can be created for use. **RD** will talk to Coldingham Scoutscroft to understand effectiveness of motion lights as they have these.

* **Outside Light: AB** to ask electrician if he can fix the flickering light issue above hall exit door.
* **‘No Cold Calling’ Signs:** Cold callers are still visiting the village, despite signage. Additional signs have been requested from the Police to be displayed at all roads into the village. The general advice is to call local Police (on 101) if an approach is made.

**Action:** Ongoing - **LI** liaising with Police and awaiting response from them re village signs.

**Treasurer’s Report** *(KJD to take role from March 2025)***:**

* **Total Funds:** Bank Account funds currently £14,965**,** with £3,965 available for general use after deduction of Restricted and Designated funds. October income was £1,285**\*** with outgoings of £337. The projected income for February is £790.
  + \*Income includes:
    - £265 Fundraising (Wine Tasting)
    - £675 Hall Hire
    - £345 Refund (from Community Café for Mission Xmas vouchers)
  + Outgoings:
    - £291 Scottish Power (pcm fixed until March)
    - £26.06 Broadband
    - £20 Lottery License
* Bank Account (RBS): **KJD** to be added as signatory.

**NB/Action:** Access to both the SP and BT accounts remain restricted due to password issues. **RD** is in dialogue with Scottish Power to try and resolve; **AB** (BT) to contact BM for help.

**Hall Improvements**

* **Hall Floor:** decision taken to purchase suitable multi-purpose cleaning machine.

**Action: AB** to research best options for above.

* **Hall Furniture:** Issue resolved: and KS has submitted application. Hearing due in May.
* **Hall Greening:** On Hold as not considered a current priority.
* **Hall Entrance:** Funding required for new door and entrance to hall (Estimate +/- £5,000 inc. Fire Door). Currently on hold as priority is for new stacking chairs and tables (see above).

**Action:** **AB** to source a second estimate from local joiner (AW/Inglis); as this will be required to support any funding applications.

**AGM Planning**

* **Monday 24th March 2025 @ 7.30pm:** Agenda and planning details shared.
  + Poster to include appeal for support, volunteers, event management, etc. & to be placed on Notice Boards and in Village shop. **Action: WIP: LI** to update poster & place appropriately.
  + It is critical that we have confirmation of a working committee and officers for the Hall before the AGM (if not, the Hall becomes effectively nonoperational). **Action: GK** to follow up.
  + For the Financial report, Bank Statements for April–July (incl.) needs to be sent to GK & KJD.

**Bookings/Social events**

* **Craft Workshop:** Revisit the concept across 2025.
* **Village Hall ‘Pop-Up Bar’:** Themed ‘pop-up’ bar evenings to be considered across 2025 (e.g. Bingo, Quiz, etc.). On hold for immediate future due to commitments and poor weather.

**Action:** To be discussed at future committee meetings

* **Concert:** Offers received from the **Fishermen’s Choir** and **Reston Concert Band** to hold a fundraising concert (together or separate) have been received. Dates, etc., to be explored. **JS** to check potential with **Fishermen’s Choir** at the hall for celebration of VE Day (May 8th).

**A.O.B.**

* **Electric Bikes: LI** has opportunity for 2 e-bikes from Sea the Change to be made available for hire in Reston. Permission was requested and granted to lay 14 concrete slabs outside RVH to support lockable cabinets to house the bikes, The cabinets are upright to minimize space and will have solar panels to re-charge the batteries.

**Action: LI** to proceed with arrangements for installation.

* **Community Cafe**: As RVH now fully supports the Community Café, it would be beneficial if this could be recognised publicly (i.e. as a service from the Hall to the Community). JS proposed to re-word the posters to” Reston Village Hall Community Cafe” - and also discussed the possibility of run one of the Café’s events in aid of Village Hall funds.

**Meeting closed** @ 8.20 pm.

**Date of next committee meeting** 10th March 2025 @ 7.30pm.