

## **Curdridge Reading Room and Recreation Ground Charity**

Minutes of meeting held on 7th March 2019

Attendees: David Picton-Jones, Ian Hine, Larry Burden, Jo White and Christine Weaver.

Apologies: Emma Downer.

1. Minutes of last meeting: agreed and signed by David.

2. Redevelopment: David reported that the developers Imperial had made a new offer of £1.35 M for the re-development of the Reading Room, an increase of £150,000 on the previous offer. It was noted that this was still less than would be required to re-develop the site as proposed. It was agreed that more information needed to be sought. It was noted that the long term future of the building was a matter for the AGM.

Jo reported that a funding application for 2 picnic benches for the cottage garden had been made to Winchester City Council. The outcome was still pending.

It was agreed that the Committee should develop a portfolio of funding projects to have ready for future funding rounds.

3. Finance: Elaine's report was agreed and it was also agreed to upload it to the website.

4. AGM Agenda: It was agreed that this was to be finalised by April meeting and it would include hire review proposals.

5. Ian's report: It was noted that invoices issued in February were up by £1,500 largely due to Voyager Care. 84% of visitors to the website in February were new and it had been a good month for enquiries.

6. Grounds: Tree work had been successfully completed.

### **7. Special Projects/Tasks**

House- Work regarding the list of improvements required was ongoing. A Health and Safety Report has been issued. The decoration of the Hall will be taking place in the week before Easter.

Curdridge Show – Vanessa has agreed to make space available at the show to promote the RR. Other promotional activities would include a treasure hunt to be sponsored by Kissing Gate. It was noted that 40% of stands had been reserved.

SGHQ – A new committee was being formed to take over the lease on the hut. Ongoing.

Website – New quotes will be available shortly for new features and ongoing maintenance.

YMCA – Ian will be attending a meeting to discuss mutual interests and future plans.

Shed inventory – carried out. Ian and Larry to review to determine whether any items would be attractive for hire.

Beer festival 14th September – Jo reported back on meeting with Johnnie. It was agreed that the event should be an all-day event to attract a wider audience and include activities for children. The possibility of Kissing Gate providing a large marquee to house the event was discussed with Ian to investigate. It was noted that sponsorship would be crucial to the financial success of the event as would publicity. Tickets will be sold at the Curdridge Show.

AOB: Dolly Parton tribute event 10th May – tickets now available online.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019