

# VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON TRUST

Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 20.50

## In the Vic Day Hall

**Present:** Bjorn Watson, Chair (BW), Julia Jones (JJ), Bob Sheldon (RS), Stu Coffey (SC), Gerard Pearson (GP), Elaine Ware (EW), Claire Winfield (CW), Lucy Brown (LB)

**In Attendance:** Julia Evans, Lyn Frape

**Public:** None

1 member of the public

24/145	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Nathan Woodhouse, Simon Howell.	
24/146	<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> None.	
24/147	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024.</b> The minutes were approved. Proposed: RS, Seconded: SC. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
24/148	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA</b> None.	
24/149	<b>PUBLIC REPRESENTATION</b> None.	
24/150	<b>TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING</b> Nothing.	
24/151	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> a) <b>Hall works.</b> BW reported that there would be a lot of work in the coming three months and staff would be very busy. There would be issues relating to the use of the hall while the refurbishment is taking place.	
24/152	<b>TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS</b> a) <b>Centenary Celebration Group</b> – Clubs and societies were to be invited to book a table in the hall during the Party on the Rec in May. A 1920s evening was planned for 16 <sup>th</sup> May. It was hoped that the High Sheriff would be able to attend at least one centenary event. There was to be a mad hatter's tea party for the children on 13 <sup>th</sup> July. The group would be working more closely with the fete committee.	JJ
24/153	<b>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST</b> None.	
24/154	<b>MEMORIAL HALL MATTERS</b> a) <b>Update on Energy project.</b> Plans were being prepared. The project would run concurrently with the refurbishment works. A total closure of the hall for two weeks would be required. This will probably be in February.	JE/LH/BW  JE/BW

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	<p><b>b) Memorial Hall Refurbishment.</b> A meeting had been held with the builders. The start date will be 20<sup>th</sup> January. The toilets will start first, and the loggia will run partially concurrently. The back of the hall would be fenced off. There will be some noise during the day but it will vary. The Hall Manager will be overseeing the project and acting as Project Manager. He will be attending Trust meetings during this time to report on the project. Formal meetings with the Trust Chairman, the Secretary and the builders will be held at least twice during the project period. BW explained the contract and the penalty clauses and noted that the Hall Manager would be producing a gantt chart for the project.</p>	<b>JE/BW/LH</b>
<b>24/155</b>	<p><b>RECREATION GROUND MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> Another tree had been destroyed by vandals. It would not be replaced for the time being. The matter was to be reported to the police.</p>	
<b>24/156</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTHS AGENDA</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
<b>24/157</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at approx. 9pm.</p>	

Meeting closed at 21.14