

VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON TRUST

Minutes of meeting held on 5th February 2025 at 21.05

In the Vic Day Hall

Present: Bjorn Watson, Chair (BW), Richard Bartle (RB), Lucy Brown (LB), Stu Coffey (SC), Lewie Hilsdon (LH), Simon Howell (SH), Julia Jones (JJ), Gerard Pearson (GP), Bob Sheldon (RS), Elaine Ware (EW), Claire Winfield (CW), Nathan Woodhouse (NW)

In Attendance: Julia Evans, Lyn Frape

Public: None

2 members of the public

25/01	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None.	
25/02	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None.	
25/03	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2024. The minutes were approved. Proposed: LB, Seconded: RS. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
25/04	MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING None.	
25/05	PUBLIC REPRESENTATION None.	
25/06	TO CONSIDER PLANTING A TREE IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEMORIAL HALL The exact location for the tree, planning details and costs would need to be approved at future meetings. Sponsorship would be required. EW volunteered to seek this if the proposal was accepted. It was suggested that it could become the village Christmas tree and be the focus of Christmas celebrations. It was noted that the proposal was also being discussed by the Fete Committee. The proposal was agreed in principle and was subject to agreement on the location. Proposed EW, Seconded LB. RESOLVED.	
25/07	TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING Nothing.	
25/08	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS a) Hall Management Group. It was proposed that the Hall Management Group be dissolved and the situation re-considered at the May VBT meeting. The Hall Manager would attend monthly VBT meetings to present a report. Proposed BW, Seconded SH RESOLVED. It was noted that unlike Parish Council meetings there was no time limit on Trust meetings. This was to be considered at the March meeting.	
25/09	TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS a) Hall Management Group. The minutes of the meeting held on 4 th February were not available. BW outlined the various reports that had been discussed. Bookings were looking very positive, but it was emphasised that this was unlikely to be sustained. It was	

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	<p>hoped that the improvements would bring increased income. SH thanked all involved and noted that the pavilion was a great asset to the Trust.</p> <p>b) Centenary Celebration Group. The High Sheriff was to attend the Party in the Park. There was to be an exhibition in the Claridge Room. Plans for a 1920s evening were progressing well. Consideration was being given to a Mad Hatter's Tea Party.</p>	JJ
25/10	<p>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST</p> <p>None.</p>	
25/11	<p>MEMORIAL HALL MATTERS</p> <p>a) Update on Energy project. Work had started in the Main Hall and was on target to be completed next week. Work on the heating system was scheduled for the end of February. The final stage would be completed in the summer as it was tied in with high level maintenance work. When complete the whole building would be using LED lights.</p> <p>b) Memorial Hall Refurbishment. Work had started on the toilets. The old toilets had been stripped out and water isolation valves installed. Installation of new fixings was due to commence next week. Work of the Loggia refurbishment was due to start next week. The ceiling and current roof were to be stripped out. While the roof was off the contractors will investigate possible causes for the intermittent leak. BW explained that if an issue was found it was hoped that it would be resolved under the current contract. CW requested that it be recorded that she was unhappy that other quotes had not been obtained for the roofing work.</p> <p>c) Kitchen refurbishment. Several contractors had been asked to tender for the work but no response had been received. The project had been postponed until the summer.</p>	<p>JE/LH/BW</p> <p>JE/BW/LH</p>
25/12	<p>RECREATION GROUND MATTERS</p> <p>New MUGA panels had been delivered and were awaiting installation.</p>	
25/13	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTHS AGENDA</p> <p>None.</p>	
25/14	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Wednesday 5th March approx. 9pm.</p>	

Meeting closed at 21.50