

**Fanshaws Room Committee meeting
held in Fanshaws Room
Thursday 30th May 2024**

Meeting opened at 7.02pm

Present: Linda Ashley, Brenda Lambie, Tony Roberts, Jean Retallick, Alison Blakey

Apologies for absence: Robert Williams

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes approved.

Matters arising

None

Treasurers Report

Alison reported on Roberts behalf.

As of the end of April there was £11,865.39 plus £9,776.50 making a total of £21,641.89 in the Fanshaw's Room accounts.

Tony will co-ordinate with Robert regarding the transfer of funds for the purchase of the Village Green.

Brenda still needs a bank paying-in card for cash deposits.

Hall report

Brenda will be away for the General Election on the Thursday 4th July . She has made arrangements that Philip (Marky) Cosforth, from the Parish Council, will be given the keys to open the hall early on 4th July. She has also made arrangements for the hall to be locked at the end of the day and the keys returned to her.

The fee for renting the village hall for election day will be £500.

Lighting of the Beacon and Summer Social

Alistair and James hope to get the pole and basket installed this weekend (1st/2nd June).

The Beacon will be lit at 7pm on Thursday 6th June.

Rachel at the Farmers Boy will have a band playing at the pub to commemorate the D-Day landings and celebrate the lighting of the Beacon.

It was proposed that the Beacon be lit again for the Summer Social on Saturday 8th June.

Summer Social

Music - Quirky Folk will play from 5.15 – 6pm. Scott will sing from 7-9pm. Lawrence will put a playlist together providing the music in between.

The Marquee will be put up on Friday evening with tables, chairs and a dance floor.

Baz will run the bar, providing beer, lager, wine, spirits. Tokens will be given to residents and used as payment.

Tony will run the BBQ, cooking burgers (100) and sausages (150) with buns and salads.

These have all been ordered and Tony will collect.

There will be an extra tent and gazebo for the food. These will be erected at 10.30 on Saturday morning.

Tony will precook the sausages.

There are plenty of plates and napkins in FR kitchen.

Brenda thinks we need new bunting. Linda will buy new bunting and bulk packets of crisps.

The tables and grey chairs at Fanshaw's Room will also be used.

FETE

Tony reported on behalf of the fete committee.

Arrangements for the fete are going well.

Alison has confirmation of two significant cash donations and a variety of raffle prizes so far. The committee have nominated Crisis as the national charity. Linda suggested CHIPS in Ware as the local charity, it helps severely autistic children. Riding for the disabled was also mentioned.

There will be no cake stall on the village green. Cakes will only be sold in the Hall. There will be a larger sign advertising Teas in the Village Hall.

Jean will need more bric-a-brac for her stall. Brenda will put out a request in the magazine.

Tennis Courts

The tennis courts do not pay for their upkeep and need to be made better use of.

Tony has suggested taking one or possibly both courts for multi-use sports like basketball, netball, Pickleball or possibly a Paddle Board Court. Grants are available for installing a Paddle Court.

Tony would like some input from village residents as to which sports would be most popular.

Jean has asked that the hedges near the courts be cut again.

AOB

The Fanshaw's Room Committee needs more, younger members to keep up with changing ideas and activities. The committee agreed that the village social would be a good time to try to encourage villagers to become more active in the village's social activities.

Next Meeting will be on 18th July at 7pm and another meeting on 15th August at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.11pm