

BELTHORN VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024
at 6.00 pm in the Dog Inn, Belthorn

Members Present:

Marianne Davies Yvonne Brown Judith Hamilton and Tina Walker

	Action
1. 100 PLUS CLUB – JANUARY 2024 DRAW This year we have a similar number of members as last year (165) and instead of 4 prizes, this year there will be 5 prizes, to give more people a chance of winning a prize. The Committee will obviously take a lesser percentage. The New Year's Eve draw of £161.00 was won by Geraldine C. The January draw was overseen by customer Georgia Brown. Winner of the 1st prize of £57.78 ticket number 115 – D & M Giblin Winner of the 2nd prize of £33.00 — ticket number 82 – J Hamilton Winner of the 3rd prize of £24.75 — ticket number 16 – P Cain Winner of the 4th prize of £16.50 – ticket number 102 – J Griffiths Winner of the 5th prize of £8.25 - ticket number 105 – B Steele	
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cathryn McGurk, Graham Slater, Sean Starkie and Leslie Dunn submitted apologies for absence.	
3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST Tina Walker and Yvonne as members of the Dog Inn Board submitted a declaration of interest but there were no contentious items on this month's agenda.	
4. MINUTES OF THE 6th DECEMBER MEETING FOR APPROVAL The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES <u>Grant funding</u> Marianne reported submitting a last-minute Community Chest funding application to help allow a summer event to be held. A decision is awaited and Tina volunteered to try to find out if a result had yet been made.	Tina

6. CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence had been received.	
7. TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically for information and questions invited. Marianne asked if the Hyndburn Council's funding for Christmas events had been received as it wasn't listed in the January figures. Judith will check the bank account.	Judith
8. PROTECT OUR GREEN BELT FIGHT – UPDATE Yvonne and Marianne provided updates. - All residents had been asked to submit objections to the Monte (ISSA brother's) planning application to build their proposed industrial units. Sample responses to help objectors were provided on social media, for submission before the 11th January deadline. Marianne had submitted objections from the village committee, together with the Wildlife report provided by the POGB group, to Blackburn with Darwen's Planning Department. - Fundraising calendars showing photos of local wildlife were still on sale to buy in all local outlets at £8.50 each. All profits will go towards fighting the Council's plans to release land from the Green Belt to allow the Issa brothers to build on our Green Belt.	
9. CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR FEEDBACK All events were considered a success and possible improvements to be made for next year's events considered. Unfortunately the restaurant had utilised pub tables for a large group by mistake. Reminders will ensure that the pub tables will be used for the Over 60's party next year. Nevertheless everyone who attended the party in the reduced pub space had a great time. <u>New Year's Eve Party</u> – This was the first time the pub had levied a charge to attend a party in the pub but a free drink was included and a buffet available. The entertainment and buffet were exceptional, attendance great, atmosphere fantastic and, despite some initial criticism, the event was considered by management and all who attended, a huge success.	
10. YOUTH CLUB / DANCE CLASSES Sadly attendance at the youth club has totally dwindled but teenage and possibly adult dance / exercises classes are still being considered, possibly to be held in a more suitable location, the school hall. Discussion is to take place between the Dance Teacher and School Head ASAP. Marianne to pass on contact details for practical discussions to be held.	Marianne / Yvonne
11. VILLAGE TRAFFIC Although Cathryn couldn't attend the meeting she had passed on a request from the school Head Teacher to attend the next committee meeting to offer suggestions on how to help improve the village traffic situation.	

Agreed: following Tina's previous traffic meetings with Councillors and the Head Teacher, she offered to arrange a separate Traffic meeting between Hyndburn Councillors, LCC Highways Councillors, Head Teacher and Village Committee members ASAP. Cathryn to be asked to pass on this information to the School Head.	Tina / Cathryn
12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Yvonne suggested the following provisional dates for this year's social events: Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday 31st March, Easter Bonnet making – 30th March May Day Parade – Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May Football Euros, Dog Show etc – marquee to be booked for June & July Halloween events – as last year. Children's party – Sunday 27th October Firework Display – provisionally Monday 4th November Christmas parties – Children's on Saturday 7th December and Over 60s Sunday 15th December 2024.	
13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING—The next meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 7th February 2024 in the Dog Inn. All villagers are welcome to attend. A separate meeting, solely to discuss the village traffic problems, will be arranged ASAP and date circulated to Committee members.	