

Minutes of on-line (Zoom) committee meeting held on Thursday 1st July 2021 at 5.00pm

PRESENT:

Tony Henry, Chair; Pam Campbell, Business secretary ; Pete Burrow, Social Secretary; Lesley Patterson, Treasurer;

- **Apologies**

Averil Fendley, Membership secretary; John Rutherford, Group Convenor Co-ordinator;

- **Minutes of last meeting**

Accepted as a true record.

- **Matters Arising**

As Rosie and Graham Stacey were now playing at the garden party this month it was agreed that it would be inappropriate to have them play again in January. Tony suggested an alternative of the Words and Pictures group. He also suggested a re-ordering of speakers next year – to move Clive Wilkinson to July, as a garden party in June would fit with celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Tony has confirmed bookings with Chris Mullin (March), but still needs to contact Brycchan Carey (for February), and Annie Lloyd re Wildlife Conservation for May. Contact with Jubilee Hall will be made after July 19th i.e. after next announcement on lifting of Covid restrictions.

Tony has identified a member (Michael Black) who is willing to take on the Treasurer's role when Lesley finishes in April 2022

Action: Tony to contact Words & Pictures group re presentation for January 2022 slot, Brycchan Carey for February, and Annie Lloyd for May 2022.

- **Re-establishment of groups**

John was not present to give an update but it was known that the walking group was now meeting regularly again. It was not known if he had managed to contact group leaders re attending garden party.

- **Preparation for Garden Party (19th July)**

The number of people who had responded to say they would be attending was only 26 (including committee members), although it was suspected that there may be more who would come but had not replied. Final numbers required for Three Wheatheads next week, but if more people come they can just have a drink if no scones/cake remaining. Payment to be made direct to pub on the day by individuals.

Tony has confirmed that Rosie and Graham Stacey will perform and that there is a license for live music on 19th July 3-5pm

5.1 Posters

Pam has now printed and laminated posters and discussion took place re where they should be displayed and who would be responsible for this.

Actions:

Posters – Pam to put poster up on 2 telegraph poles in Thropton; Tony to take poster to newsagents in Rothbury for display there; Lesley to take poster to Tully's for display; John to take poster to Jubilee Hall for display.
Pam to drop off posters for Tony/Lesley/John

- **Website**

Gerry Hoye has put details of the event on the website under both "News" and "Events". This asks anyone interested in attending to contact Averil (phone number is included) or to email T.A.Matters. No enquiries received to date

- **Membership Payments**

Averil has agreed to have a table set up where she can take annual membership payments as it is known that some people wish to pay cash on the day instead of using the BACS system

Actions: Tony to ask George if we can have a table near the entrance to the garden where Averil can set up a stall

- **Event Schedule**

The event is booked from 3.00-5.00pm. It was felt there should be an initial 30 minutes for general chat before Clive Wilkinson was invited to speak (3.30pm) and Rosie & Graham would be asked to sing at approximately 3.45 – 4.30. Tony would do general introductions.

As there may be some new members who may not know anyone it was suggested that a member of the committee would take turns to sit alongside Averil at the start of the event so if a new member appeared the committee member could then help introduce them to others.

- **Any Other Business**

Nil

- **Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

13th September 5.00pm –venue to be confirmed