

## Minutes of BUSCA meeting on Zoom 7pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### 1. Welcomes

Judith welcomed everyone present

### 2. Apologies

Diane Byrne, Lin Webb, Anne Higgins, Helen Sadler left at 8pm

### 3. Minutes of meeting held on 25th Feb 2021

Approved as accurate. All in favour

### 4. Minute of decisions taken by email sent on 13th April 2021

Approved changes to banking arrangements.

Proposed by Brian Tetley seconded by Frances Thompson, I abstention; rest in favour

### 5. Matters arising

a. We still need to find a secretary to continue the administration tasks currently done by Judith. Fiona has someone in mind that she will endeavour to chase up this week.

b. Helen reported on the success of the Zoom Murder Mystery. The cast were marvellous and Ron Laver was brilliant. Helen would like to do another MM possibly on Zoom next spring. Helen also reported that Craig's poster was fantastic and the profit from the event around £400 went to Barrow Voice fund.

c. BOSCAPS is going ahead depending on any changes to restrictions.

d. David explained that the changes to banking arrangements would be a slow process and the establishments don't make it easy. He thought it would be a month before the new set up was in place but he was making significant progress.

### 6. Financial matters

The Community Building Fund has gone down slightly (because the insurance was taken from that account, as agreed at the last meeting)

The main account has increased and even though the library has been closed and there has been a lack of events, there has been a steady income. The Affinity Accounts with Loughborough Building Society have raised approximately £1700

### 7. BUSCA's role in the Village Fete on Sunday 4th July (Nicola and Fiona events)

Nicola and Fiona have been planning the map of the King George playing field. They plan to have a big BUSCA tent where each part of BUSCA can have its own space and a table to showcase what it does.

There will be competitions for young ones and proper fete type games to play.

Tables to include Membership, Library, B.V., Twinning, Heritage, (BATS?)

40 applications for stalls have been received already from local businesses and they are working with Love it Local.

The arena events are filling up and slots are already taken by BATS, Motion dance and Mr Dipple with Rhyme time. There will be an area designated for picnics near the arena so people can bring blankets to sit and listen to the events while enjoying the food on sale.

Abi explained how difficult it has been to find a rehearsal space, initially for the fete event. Wednesday evenings seem to be impossible so it might have to be changed for another day.

Humphrey Perkins is charging £35 an hour [possibly more] and Fiona plans to rebuild relationships with the school through her friendship with the Head.

Abi has emailed the school with prospective dates for Panto in March and Youth Theatre in November 2022. They will let her know about updated costs and availability

#### 8. Report from Barrow Voice re finances

This was asked for at the last meeting.

Gaynor has applied for a grant and Judith has applied for one from Arnold Clarke Cars. Karisa is asking British Gypsum to sponsor the year.

Gaynor said she would do a skydive but would want someone to join her, Craig said he would. Watch this space ! Craig and Xander are working on creating a proper social media presence for Barrow Voice. John N has set up a Donate button on the BV website.

#### 9. Report from Library

Brian reported that the library has been amazingly successful with grant funding. After endless patience, the licence required to extend the library has finally come through. Frances acknowledged thanks to Brian and David for all their hard work and tenacity in achieving this. Next step is to acquire the lease extension. Frances felt that the fete would be a good chance to get views from villagers about the library. Brian reported that there are new computers, laptops and iPads in the library now with faster speeds.

#### 10. Reports from other sub groups

Events - The Scarecrow Festival is going ahead at the end of July and the Christmas market in December. The next plan is a River Festival in 2022.

Heritage - They have been meeting by phone. They have done a lot of work on the history of Industry Square, including the area being used to recruit for WW1

Twinning - No events

Websites - John Nurse is looking to switch the online Barrow Voice to another hosting platform.

BATS - Abi is hoping rehearsals for Panto can start in November and will be Beauty and the Beast which she and Mac are writing. If it isn't finished they will use one of John Hill's.

Youth Theatre could be Matilda Junior. Originally it was to be Legally Blonde but this

would no longer be appropriate to restart the group as it would exclude the younger children.

For the fete rehearsals the children will learn the songs at home as they are not allowed to sing together and just come together to learn the dance routines

11. Where/how are we going to meet in the future

Frances suggested we plan to meet on Zoom next time but maybe in person is possible by then, depending on restrictions

12. AOB

Judith suggested that a letter is written to thank Ted and Sue Rodgers for the time they have given to BUSCA.

Ceri and Judith to write it.

13. Date and place of the next meeting

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm