

Barrow upon Soar Community Association

BUSCA Trustees meeting on Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 7pm

1. Apologies: Mike, Helen, Brian, Betty, Ginnie, Sue, Steve. Nicola will be late.

Present: Frances, Judith, David, Chris, Alan, Nick, Ceri, Diane T, Diane B, Ann, Ted, Lin, Craig

2. Minutes of Trustees meeting on 24th September 2019, and Nov 12th: accepted, proposed Nick, 2nd Lin, all in favour.

3. Matters arising None

4. Treasurers report

David talked through highlights sheet.

A vote of thanks was made to Mike and Christine Collins for organising the dances over the years.

The Murder Mystery profit of £900+ all came to Busca General account and the Oliver profit was just over £1000.

5. Report on Comm Hub

Alan reported that there was a meeting on 12th November with Denise from Aspbury Planning. She is looking into the aspects of covenant and open spaces etc. The plans/architect drawings technically belong to them but we should be able to obtain them. They are still working with Denise to form a proposal to put forward to the Parish Council.

6. Report from meeting with Humphrey Perkins 26th November

Judith David and Ceri met with heads and we offered £50 a year to cover hire of storage spaces. On 6th January it is a teacher day and it will be a good opportunity to gain access to school to empty the kitchen and bar areas. Diane T offered to make dividers to help with the moving of glasses from the bar.

We await their answer.

7. Report from Barrow Library

Alan reported that the library is flourishing. Our Annual Report to LCC seems to have got lost! We are coming into the final year of funding from LCC.

Frances reported that the proposed library extension is modest. The architect will take it forward to Charnwood Borough Council and LCC.

8. How to respond to requests for grant assistance.

There followed a discussion about Busca developing/gaining more income especially in view of the dances finishing. Should we even be considering giving grants when there is little prospect for new income streams. If we decide that we should give grants, do we need a form for applicants? It was agreed that we shouldn't in any case consider giving grants to organisations because the Parish Council already does so with the S137 fund. We will return to this subject.

9. Reports from sub groups

Bar. This will close

BV. Still trying to obtain an advertising manager

Events. Last dance at Christmas

Heritage. Held an event at Bishop Beveridge last week. A book called Ethereal Tenant is available for sale which is set in Barrow

Twining. Just had a successful quiz next is in February. There will be a 60s/70s concert in March

BATS. Panto in rehearsal with Humpty Dumpty. Youth Theatre possibly to do Legally Blonde Oct/Nov 2020.

10. Annual Report 2019 and Forward Plan 2020. Frances suggested there is a word count limit for reports. She has offered to go through it and shorten where appropriate.

11. Special projects. Junior fossil trail leaflet completed and in use.

12. Progress on sustainability moves. Nicola is taking up more of Judith's roles. The Christmas Street market 2020 will be on Dec 5th and is to be single use plastic free.

David has written up the treasurer's job. Abi is now the chair of BATS. Village news is being handled by Jane Tindle

13. Update on website and social media. Facebook is ticking along nicely. There has been a substantial rise in visibility of the BUSCA Facebook page. **Nicola would like to come to the next website meeting.**

14. Membership. All going well. Two new members, Tracy and Zachary Oldershaw have offered substantial help.

15. AOB. None

Date of next meeting Tuesday February 11th at 7pm at the Parish Office