

BUSCA Trustees meeting on Tuesday 11th Feb 2020 at 7pm

1. Apologies: Nick, Nicola, Frances, Alan, Ginnie, Brian, Diane

Present: Judith, David, Chris, Helen, Ceri, Diane, Stephen, Ann, Ted, Lin, Val, Craig

2. Minutes of Trustees meeting on 10th December 2019 subject to correction re attendees, accepted, proposed Val, 2nd Chris, all in favour.

3. Matters arising

i) Final profit figures for Oliver £134. Murder Mystery £789

ii) Helen: for clarification, BUSCA doesn't just put on events for a profit. Agreed but we can't always make a loss.

4. Treasurers report

David talked through highlights sheet. General agreement that this was the favoured presentation. The insurance was due to be renewed at end of January. Brokers suggested alternatives which brought current firm Ansvar to bring down quote to approx. £1700 from £2,300. We are signed up for three years. Library is looking at a group policy for CMLs; this might be a cheaper possibility for the future. Cost of 3rd Barrow Voice with Parish Council amount for 4 editions of Focus will be covered by advertising income but will be at a loss for 4th addition. Ted raised the point that if BV is going to make a loss it needs to be discussed at next editorial meeting. Judith: it is already on the agenda as a major topic.

Stephen thanked Abi and Julie for their help and support with BATS paperwork while he was ill.

5. Report on Community Hub

Ted and Alan have had two meetings with Aspbury Planning. Hoping to open meaningful discussions with P.C. over the next few weeks. Maybe a special Busca meeting will be needed.

BV editorial team has agreed to circulate a questionnaire designed by PC to investigate current opinion on desire for a Community Hub.

6. Report from meeting with Humphrey Perkins 26th November

Bar and kitchen cleared. Most contents are rehomed. No comeback from HPS on our offer of £50 pa instead of £1,000.

7. Report from Barrow Library

Building plans ready to submit to LCC and Charnwood BC by the architect, Dave Harding. A good meeting was held with LCC as part of their wellbeing strategy, Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny. This was in preparation for the Library Development Group submitting grant applications so that we can show that our plans are in line with LCC strategy.

Buggy Park is installed, well received and fully paid for by grants.

8. How to respond to requests for grant assistance from individuals.

Lin proposed, Ted 2nd 'We do not give grants when asked as we have no income or investments for this'. Vote: All in favour.

Direct any requests to Thomas Rawlins fund. Also a similar Trust Fund based on Fearon Hall.

9. Annual Report 2019 and forward plan 2020. Frances suggested amended wording of the library entry. Accepted.

The Events committee to look into using alternative venues. Various other tweaks were accepted. It was decided not to precis the Barrow Voice report.

10. Special projects 2020

* Underwrite BOSCAPS by £500

* Budget for the Christmas market at £700. (Nicola happy with that)

* Underwrite Barrow Voice: Lin proposed by £1000, Val 2nd. Voting: 11 in favour; 1 abstention. Proposal carried.

* Underwrite Centre stage to £250.

* Budget for Heritage group publication to £500

* Continue to support, with enthusiasm, the provision of a Community Hub by any agency

* Continue to focus on helping Busca to be sustainable. Frances asked for a section on sustainability to be included in the Chair's report of Forward Plan. Agreed.

These items for the Special Projects for 2020 were all agreed by Trustees.

11. AGM format

Decision to hold an ordinary AGM, in library.

In order that we comply with new Charity law, Judith will email the amended Annual Report to Trustees for their approval. That will enable the accounts to be inspected and signed before the AGM.

12. Parish Council "Meet the Village" event Wednesday April 22nd. This is to be held by the PC at the Methodist Hall. It was agreed that Lin will encourage all the BUSCA sub groups to have a presence so that the totality of BUSCA is evident.

13. Busca stall at Summer market on Sun May 10th 12—5pm VE day week. Agreed to have the usual membership stall.

14. Progress on sustainability moves BV. Still trying to obtain an advertising manager and Ruth Ward may be interested. Judith to meet with her.

15. Membership currently 60 paid up members

16. AOB

Twinning holding a 60's – 70's event at St Gregory's at Sileby March 7th

Date of next meeting AGM Wed May 6th at 7pm in library