

## Barrow Community Association

Minutes of trustees' meeting held on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 in the library at 7.00pm

### 1. Welcomes:

Present: Val Gillings, Steven Crossley, Betty Turner, Ann Higgins, Craig Johnstone, Nicola Noble, Fiona McReynolds, David Rodgers, Judith Rodgers, Lin Webb, Ceri Fairbrother, Karisa Krcmar (editor of Barrow Voice)

### 2. Apologies: Brian Tetley, Frances Thompson, Chris Bates, Helen Sadler

### 3. Minutes of meeting held 13.05.2021

Accepted and agreed true record. Val proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve. All in favour.

### 4. Minutes of decision taken by email sent on 31.08.2021 (matters concerning library lease)

This provides the necessary paper trail for any legal issues.

### 5. Matters arising from minutes.

Letter of thanks went to Sue and Ted Rodgers on their resignations.

### 6. Financial Matters

A report went to Trustees on 30.09.2020

Sally McHale now treasurer for the Barrow Community Library

BATS accounts shows bank charges only. They plan a panto in March. The show will be at Humphrey Perkins but the rehearsals are in the Methodist hall.

There are no new restrictions on size of audience at Humphrey Perkins.

The Scarecrow Festival brought in over £200

Barrow Voice has a healthy income at present

### 7. Report from Library

The accounts hold a healthy sum at the moment. Furlough has now finished. There are two more payments to come from LCC.

The figures for the Summer Reading Challenge at Barrow were the best of all the Community Managed Libraries.

Programme of activities for the autumn and on shows that the library is slowly returning to normal. But very few hirings so income generation is seriously low.

### 8. Report from Barrow Voice re finances

Karisa reported that £2000 has come in from Charity funding: £1,000 from Arnold Cars has been received. Judith and Gaynor have trawled through forms for funding. Luke Menzel who works at British Gypsum provided a contact name to apply for a possible £1000 and this has now been promised. Their PR company is based at Lincoln, they may provide an article on their fund raising. Severn Trent could also be a possible sponsor. There was a surge of advertising in June.

### 9. Discussion of British Gypsum offering support to BUSCA until December 2022

This discussion produced a wish list

- a) Barrow Voice £1000
- b) Library - materials for building extension
- c) Youth Theatre to help offset costs of room hire and royalties.
- d) John Nurse and Keith Butler concerned that we are running out of space on the website and need to look at a new VPS hosting site which would be £350 - £500 per year. Craig said he would provide some information as there may be a different way to do it.
- e) Christmas market could accommodate some volunteers for marshaling and would welcome a BG charity stall.
- f) The Heritage group desperately needs some village storage and display space as the archive of Barrow's heritage (documents, books, maps and photos) is currently stored in private houses. Possibly use the cemetery chapel, which would require some maintenance
- g) BATS requires storage as items are currently stored in three sheds at Judith and David's.

10. **Reports from sub groups**

**BATS** to stage Panto on 4-5 March 2022.

**Youth Theatre** to stage show 18,19,20 November

**Murder Mystery** is going ahead at Holy Trinity Church on 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Events:** Scarecrow Festival was a success with half the scarecrows and a stall trail.

Christmas letters are going to be available again.

The Summer Fete is planned for summer 2022 and the River Festival for summer 2023

**Heritage** nothing to report

**Twinning** nothing to report

**Website:** Barrow Voice now has its own domain within the "family" of village websites.

11. **Membership secretary**

Diane has resigned as a Trustee. Lin has agreed to take on the role of membership secretary. Judith will arrange to pass on info.

12. **Chair's position and search for secretary.**

Fiona reported that there is no sign of a secretary,

Judith suggested that she might take on the role herself failing all else.

Judith will start to arrange meetings with Fiona to share expertise on chairing role etc.

13. **AOB**

i) **Stalls for BUSCA** - a spot for a membership table would be required. Library people would probably be walking about with Christmas quiz sheets

Nicola reported that there were more stalls for Christmas market, usually 40 now 60 ! They are extending down one side of the High Street and along Church street. They may ask Hall Orchard to use their car park. Steve Ward is lighting Church Street.

There are stage events and a brass band

**There was a discussion re event insurance** and Steven was asked to assist in finding an appropriate policy next year if needed.

ii) **Christmas Tree Festival:** Panto tree - Ceri; Busca tree - Fiona. Fiona asked

trustees to decorate one or two baubles to illustrate a BUSCA activity  
iii) **DBS checks** need to be reviewed and renewed if necessary

14. **An AGM** to be held next Spring, Judith proposed, David 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF.  
**Date of next Trustees meeting Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> November in the library at 7pm**