

Sessay Community Trust Committee
Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present

G Musgrave, C Trow, D Ayling, R Lupson, M May, M Watkinson, D Till, P Dale, K Ellis, D Willoughby

1.0 Apologies for Absence

R Ormston, E Swales, C Syers, S Smith, H Dale, T Barton, L Cornell, J Walburn, R Langstaff

2.0 Minutes of the previous

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th January were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the chairman.

3.0 Treasurer's report

In the absence of the treasurer the chairman reported:

Account balances on 9th July 2024

Current account balance = £ 9,293.20

Saving account = £81,619.19

VAT repayment due of £10,577.96

Net funds = £101,490.35

Outstanding work to be paid for = £45,348.00

Bank balance – outstanding work = £56,142.35 + Boiler upgrade grant on completion of EPC certificate of £7,500.00

Net funds = £63,642.35

The Land Registry transfer is ongoing.

4.0 Matters Arising

4.1 Village Hall website/ Facebook page

R Lupson reported that website is running well and there had been some progress re Facebook, however separating personal pages from village hall were proving challenging.

4.2 Norwegian Maple Tree update

G Musgrave reported that he continues to liaise with Northern Power Grid and the tree surgeon. There however had been a delay as the ground is too wet to fell the tree onto. Aim is to try and arrange a date once the cricket season is finished.

5.0 Refurbishment of Village Hall

5.1 Update on progress and next phase

The chairman reported that a lot had been achieved since the last meeting when the foundations were underwater. This had been made possible by the goodwill of people giving their time, hard work and effort with others donating to the project.

The grant from the Platinum Jubilee Fund of £32,265.00 had gone toward the storeroom extension, relocation of the kitchen, new entrance, cleaning equipment store, redesign of the disabled toilet and associated electrical and plumbing work. She reported that the storeroom is complete, painted and carpeted. It had incurred extra costs due to the foundation issues. Kitchen

completed with a generous donation of the units and range cooker from Mrs C Coates. A fridge, dishwasher and water heater had been purchased. Grant from Shared Prosperity, decarbonisation element of £46,512.00 for air-source heating and insulation. Air- source installed, main hall walls and roof insulated. Pipework etc installed and capped off for next phase of work. Hall painted. New entrance and disabled toilet complete. Grant from NYC locality budget for curtains of £4,500.00. Grant from Parish Council for resurfacing and sealing main hall floor of £3,100.00 and for portable stage £4,296.00. Grant from Awards for All for toilet refurbishment of £20,000.00 Grant from Northern Power Grid for solar panels of £20,000.00 to be installed

5.2 Grant applications

The chairman reported that the application for a second Shared Prosperity grant had been declined. However, it is being held on a list in the event of more funds becoming available.

6.0 Events and future events

6.1 Fundraising and events sub - committee

D Till reported that the next events committee meeting was scheduled for July 17th.

6.2 Comedy night – feedback

A successful evening, raising £526.00 with positive feedback.

6.3 Tabletop event - feedback

Raised £161.00, a lot of effort for minimal return

6.4 Cherry Tones Concert - feedback

A successful evening, raising £730.00. It is planned to book them for a Valentines event 2025

6.5 Scarecrow Festival - feedback

A successful event, raising £1,117.0. Plan is to hold it every other year.

6.6 Flower arranging demonstration evening - feedback

Great success and something different, amount raised £668.00. The hall was full and there were lots of positive comments from those attending from outside the village.

7.0 Matters for posting on website

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8.0 Any other business

8.1 Play area. Rope ladder removed as condemned. To replace would be £8,000.00. Swing seats are to be replaced and have been ordered. Agreed to review what is needed and a plan to raise the funds

9.0 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.30pm