

Valley Arts and Crafts

Minutes of the meeting held at the Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday 29th October

Members Present:

Angela Hawkins, Pam and Stuart Parnell, Hilda Fix, Ted and Diana Rogers, Anthony Butterfield

Apologies:

Sarah Bradbury, Abi Crutcher, Bronwyn Strugnell, Jen Owen, David Young, Parveen Nazar

Chairman's Report:

Hilda opened the meeting by commenting on the lack of members present at the meeting. It really is important that members should attend from time to time to show their support, especially when everything is run on a voluntary basis.

She then went on to comment about the Llanymynech show which was a disaster. Thanks must go out to Shirley Morris, Dot and Derik Western for organising the hall and doing such a good job. Although posters were put out along with flyers, banners and advertising boards went out the attendance from the public was extremely poor to say the least. It didn't help that the hall's car park was full with people parking their car to play football etc next door.

She asked that members be reminded that our next meeting on December 5th will be our Christmas meeting and we would ask as many as possible to join us for a short meeting followed by a quiz and social evening. Attending members are asked to please bring a plate of food and if possible let Penny or Pam know what you are bringing so it can be placed on the website and then hopefully we won't end up with 20 plates of mince pies!

Hilda also mentioned the fact that no speakers have been booked for the January and February meetings in case of bad weather and cancellations. The March meeting is of course our AGM.

Hilda asked Angela if there had been any news regarding the lease for the shop and the answer was no.

Treasurer's Report:

Angela stated that the balances at the bank were as follows:

Current Account: £1719.53, Money Manager Account: £3748.48

She also did a VAC comparison of figures for Unit 3 below which showed a significant dip in sales for this year:-

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VAac Comparison figures for Unit 3

Month	2012	2013	Difference
February	£70.81	£28.85	-£41.96
March	£714.56	£108.82	-£605.74
April	£586.89	£884.26	£297.37
May	£1,606.40	£1,715.20	£108.80
June	£1,343.61	£1,560.12	£216.51
July	£1,731.98	£1,560.49	-£171.49
August	£2,866.46	£2,345.59	-£520.87
September	£1,917.45	£1,232.65	-£684.80
October	£1,209.45	£862.68	-£346.77 *
November	£387.15		
December	£221.04		
Total	£12,655.80	£10,298.66	-£2,357.14 *

* To Date 28th October
Note: February & March only open 16 days due to weather

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Angela told the meeting that our marquees are now in Llanwddyn on permanent loan. It was suggested by Pam and Hilda that we should have a written contract with them regarding damage and liability etc etc. Pam asked if Ivor would be so good as to put something together.

Anthony Butterfield asked if it was possible to hire out our marquees to earn some money for the group but this was felt to be too complicated.

Craft Shows:

There were no new craft shows to add. Pam has received entry forms for the Jerwood Makers Open. Entrants must be UK residents and must be within 10 years of graduating or setting up their practice. Anyone wishing to have a form should send an s.a.e. to Pam.

Any other business:

Pam handed over £115 profit to Angela from the Llanymynech show after paying for the hall.