

## **ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on 25 May 2017 at Eccleston Young People's Centre, Drapers Avenue, Eccleston.

Present Cllrs H Thomas (Chairman), L Armstrong, M Brown and V Caunce.

Also present 3 members of the public.

### 13.17 Apologies

None received.

### 14.17 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 15.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 March 2017

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 16.17 Musical Showcase Event

Details of a proposal for an evening event to take place in October were presented by residents, who were requesting support. This will take place in St Agnes Church and will comprise of talent spots, where local individuals and/or groups would be given the opportunity to perform, followed by two sets of local musicians of a professional standard. Initially, financial assistance was requested but the Committee preferred to underwrite the event. Detailed costings are to be provided by the residents. The Committee provided advice on advertising and ticket and refreshment sales.

### 11.17 Review of Ceilidh

Members reviewed the event in St Agnes Church Hall. Income of £532.27 from ticket sales of £300.00 and bar sales of £232.27 and expenses of £656.77 resulted in a shortfall of £124.50 which would be covered by the Village Activities budget.

Very few tickets had been sold up to the week of the event and consideration had been given to cancelling. Fortunately a number of tickets were sold in the final week.

### 12.17 Events for 2017

A Best Kept Garden Competition, to be held on 23 July, in conjunction with St Mary's Open Garden event, was discussed. There are to be 3 categories along the lines of small, medium and large gardens with prizes of £50 and £25 in garden centre vouchers for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in each category. A local plant supplier is to be asked to judge the entries and the vouchers will be purchased from the supplier.

As a result of the issues with ticket sales for the Ceilidh, Members agreed that, in the future, events would be planned with sufficient time to advertise fully.

Information had been obtained from a local musician relating to The Picnic in the Park event. The information was entirely negative and Members decided not to proceed.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.