

**Eastoft Community
(ECWA)
Meeting Minutes 23.4.2019**

Present: Peter Martin (Chair), Tony Woodhouse, Marion Martin, Brenda Gleadle, Trevor Brown, Mick Walsh, William Castledine, Chris McLean, June Dowson, Amy McCarthy, Eva Garbutt.

Minutes of Previous Meeting All present given the opportunity to read the minutes and those present at the previous meeting agreed them as being a true record..

Matters Arising

MM to raise letter to PO requesting that they advise either through eastoftcwa@gmail.com or via C McC if they are unable to offer a service so that a notice can be put out on website, face book and on hall door – done. C McC also advised that she had spoken to PO staff and also advised them.

TW and FW exploring insurance options for hall and playground – done and as there is a 3 year agreement in place this will need to be actioned in the future.

WC agreed to post Bingo date onto website and face book – done.

BG agreed to ask SG to create a bingo counter mat – done.

TW agreed to purchase microphone – done.

Eastoft Millennium Playground Association meeting to be promoted to all local residents for 23rd April 2019 at 7pm – done.

MM to draft management operating document for colleagues consideration – done.

TB to pass playground sign dimensions to PM who agreed to post on face book a request for any local sign writers who could replace them – done.

PM:to fill in potential fingers traps in older uprights at the playground- to be done.

MW and TB agreed to re-concrete and re-instal the double gate at the playground and to ensure that it closes fully – to be done.

Finance

TW presented figures prepared by FW Treasurer:

1 -21 April 2019 Profit and Loss Account shows -£769.99 this is mainly due to the insurance bill of £676.04. Income was £48.09. Expenses were £818.08. £300 owed by Post Office. Cash in current account: £97.75 Cash in savings account: £3987.42 Petty cash £35.31.

TW also presented a budget prepared by FW for consideration. This was discussed and TW summarised that £118 per month will need to be raised by hall hire and fund raising to cover outgoings. MW observed that election payments this year will help towards the hall hire income. MM reminded colleagues that the Eastoft Gardening Club income would not be as regular due to a change in the frequency of their meetings.

Discussion on purpose of events at the hall and it was agreed that they were to provide activities for local residents, to bring the community together and to be fund raising to support hall and playground.

Discussion held around usual grant scheme requirements where applicants are required to provide match funding.

TW explained the Calor Gas Grant application and how if successful would be used to instal the following in the hall: a hearing loop, broadband and computer for the use of local residents. TW also advised that this would necessitate £40 pm internet line rental charge, however once it was installed there could be a change of internet provider. It was agreed that if successful the Calor Gas Grant would be ring fenced for its specific purpose. **WC agreed to reload facebook posting about the Calor Gas Grant application.**

Discussion held on fund raising and requesting prizes from local businesses. **PM agreed to circulate existing donation letter for colleague comments and to then distribute letters to local businesses.**

TW confirmed that the hall and playground insurance certificate was up on display in the entrance hall.

Events

Members expressed willingness to offer and support events specifically for children if there is interest. Discussion held on events provided in previous years. Discussion held on approaching Eastoft Primary School to promote and become involved in village hall activities and fund raising events for children and across all the local community. TW indicated that FW may be able to support with this. Colleagues also indicated that there will be a new Head as of September 2019 Janine Bassindale.

Hall Re decoration

Discussion on old black and white photos of Eastoft being enlarged and mounted on canvas as pictures for the hall. Agreed this would be put on hold until funds improved. WC offered to also put the photos onto the website. TW suggested that the speakers be mounted on the wall either side of the tv screen to reduce floor space needed for them and to reduce trip hazards. **TW offered to investigate the price of brackets. MW offered to clear the rubbish from the patio.**

Quiz Night

To be held on 8th June. All agreed that teams of 4 would be preferable. **WC agreed to promote the Quiz Night on fb and website. TW agreed to set the questions and to be Quiz Master. WC agreed to ask Ian Bishop if he would be willing to bring church key with him in case access is again needed for additional chairs.**

Bingo Evening

To be held on Friday 5th July. Following agreed that they would be able to attend: PM, MM, TB, C McC, **BG and TW to advise on availability. WC agreed to promote on fb and website.**

Playground

Local residents who attended the meeting were invited to express their viewpoints about the playground, which were that: the equipment needs updating, the ground is too muddy and presents a slip hazard on the wooden equipment, football area is not level and not big enough to be a football pitch.

MM explained that the toddler adventure area was only installed in recent years and was based on opinion surveys conducted within the village, at the school, and at the Eastoft parent and toddler group that was in existence at the time. PM advised that all other equipment was installed in 2002. PM also advised that the facility existed because of village fund raising and grants and was not installed nor is it maintained by North Lincolnshire Council. PM explained that repairs had been done by Playdales however the original equipment was now out of warranty. PM also advised that the playground is inspected by ROSPA every year and any high risk findings are acted upon by E.C.W.A.

Discussion held on ideas that could be considered e.g. all weather surface, adult outdoor gym facilities, picnic tables, low level roundabout, fenced off area for toddlers, investigate whether the concrete area adjoining the playground could be available and if so collapsible emergency service posts could be used to make it a safe area for children. Additional ideas expressed included: needs

to be sustainable, to be a community park for all residents and to improve the outlook of the village.

It was suggested that as Luddington is a newer playground colleagues may wish to make arrangements to view it.

The fencing was also raised as it has been repaired many many times over the years.

It was agreed that a meeting would be offered to local residents on Friday 21st June at 7.30pm to express what they would like to see at the area. To ensure that this opportunity is made inclusive it was agreed that it would be promoted on fb, through a leaflet drop to all residents, at the school and via Rev Justine.

TW agreed to create posters for the event. PM offered to ask Playdales to provide literature about products available and their costs for the meeting and if possible to attend the meeting. All agreed to support and attend the meeting where possible.

AOB

TW advised that Heather Graham had offered a box of play equipment e.g. balls, bats. As there is no current secure storage at the playground it was suggested that it was stored for now in the attic. MW advised that more toys had been loaned out to Tots and Toast Group who were very appreciative of the support.

Short discussion on the draft management operating statement. TW requested a section on it regarding trustees and that they hold the trustee position for 1 year.

TB agreed to print out a copy of the Minutes and to put them up on display outside the village hall and on the village green notice board.

PM thanked local residents who had joined the meeting. All indicated that they would be interested in being involved in helping to develop the playground.

**Next Meeting:
Eastoft Community
Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 7.30pm**

Minutes taken by: Marion Martin
Secretary

Minutes signed off by: Peter Martin
Chairperson