

Conwy Folk Club - Committee meeting Minutes

Royal British Legion Club - 8.00pm - Wednesday 28-07-2010

1. Attending

- Tony Franks – Chairman
- Alison Shaw – Secretary
- Terry McKenna – Treasurer
- Edith McWhirter – Bookings & Publicity
- Derek Smith - Committee Member
- Colin Campbell - Committee Member

Apologies

John Liversedge

The members welcomed Colin to the committee.

2. The committee approved the **minutes** from the last meeting as a true record.

3. Treasurer's report

Terry confirmed that the bank account is in a very healthy state.

Terry reported back on the situation with the Civic Hall booking for the Ceilidh

- a risk assessment is needed - Terry has a form to amend
- an application for a licence has been submitted and is waiting approval. The fee was £21
Terry offered to find out whether it would be possible to have an occasional licence to save multiple applications
- the plan is to put chairs around the perimeter
- Kelda has added the event to her mailing list
- Barnardo's will display posters- Terry will produce these
- Terry offered to find out whether the civic hall has a cancellation charge

4. Chairman's report

Membership cards - we agreed that Tony should send the remaining cards out to members by post, and that he should include a flyer highlighting coming events, notably the ceilidh and Martin Simpson. The flyer will also be mailed to those members without email access, and emailed to the remainder.

5. British Legion licence situation

Dave, the licensee, has informed Tony that things are moving forward now, and he hopes that it will not be long before the dual licence is in operation. As soon as this is confirmed we can retrieve the cheque from Gill Moylan, as Legion membership will no longer be required. Terry offered to check the status of the £325 cheque held by the Legion. A premises licence will probably mean a two tier bar price system, with slightly higher prices in the room we use.

6. Alternative Venues

Tony and Alison reported on a meeting with Paul and Mel of the Llandudno Junction Social Club (formerly Hotpoint). The venue would be ideal for ceilidhs and bands. There are several advantages, such as a bar, plenty of parking, a big dance floor and a very low price to us (£30 ish). They also have a marquee and we discussed ideas around holding a folk day event there next year, maybe in May or September.

7. Club bookings

Martin Simpson - Martin Simpson is on Saturday 30th Oct. Our PA should be fine. Derek and Jim are going to mull over the technical aspects.

Martin S should arrive around 6pm. We agreed that someone will take him for a bite to eat. He only needs a few minutes to soundcheck once the PA is set up.

We agreed tickets should be priced at £10. Tony will print them, and Tony and Edith will co-ordinate sales.

Martin S will do 2 x 45min sets. Doors open to public at 7.30pm, with sets at 8.00 -8.45pm and 9.15-10.00pm. Terry will book the hall from 6pm till 11pm.

Edith has asked for a stack of posters and flyers from the agency.

ACTION: All

Stanley Accrington - Edith will try to book him for half a night early in August.

Bruce Cardwell - he will do a 40 min set on 23rd Aug. He requires petrol money from Aberystwyth.

Tony agreed to add Artists booked for next year to the website.

8. Publicity

We discussed at length various methods of publicising the folk club

- local newspapers
- posters in town
- postcards/flyers in tourist info offices
- sandwich board outside the Legion
- new banner

It was agreed that Edith would contact the local papers; various people would put up posters; Tony would organise some flyers of various styles and a new banner (stating 8.30 start time), and Terry would revive use of the sandwich board.

ACTION: All

We discussed the issue of late starting and how best to minimise it, especially in the summer when tourists may be sitting waiting for an hour before we start.

9. New development ideas

Conwy Folk Club Walk - still under consideration. Ty Gwyn Rowen has a nice beer garden. Alison, Tony and Terry to test out soon.

ACTION: Alison, Tony and Terry

10. Any Other Business

- the May minutes won't open from the website link.
- the blue text on the website is hard to read
- links on the website are local/ community based - any more ideas welcome
- MC - it would be excellent if, on each Monday night, the MC would identify someone as MC for the following week

Date of Next Meeting: **8th September 2010 at 8.00pm** (note: new time)