

SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting

Monday 10th March 2014

Meeting was held in the upstairs room at the Village Hall and commenced at 7:30pm

OPEN FORUM: Mr Graham Latter attended and updated the committee about: 1) adverts for the newsletter which generates £915 / year, 2) income from the website generates £165/year.

He will kindly liaise with Marion about possible changes to the print layout of the newsletter. He informed the committee that Swanland Festival now has its own website. He informed the committee that the village sign by the pond is in need of renovation with renewal of the wooden frame. At this stage he is not asking for input from the SVA but wished us to be aware of the issue.

He suggested re introducing the feature of "letters to the editor" in the SVA newsletter.

APOLOGIES : Linda Mitchelson, Angela Carpenter, Richard Fowler, Claire Tait.

PRESENT: Jan Rogerson, Yvonne Dumsday, Belinda Jones, Roy Kennington, Marion Escreet, Julie Swift, Val Anderson, Karen Cowing.

335. Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of the 4th of December 2013 were approved.

336. Matters arising: Belinda reported that the signature changes for bank account / cheque book has now been updated.

337. Correspondence: Jan has sent a sympathy card to the family of *Jacques Brassart* on behalf of Swanland Village Association.

338. Treasurer's Report: Belinda reported that a cheque for £ 2090 had been received in from St Modwen and had been paid out for repairs to the village pond. Both Swanland Screen and Live are in credit.

339. Membership: Roy reported to date he had received monies from 229 members; he estimated that by October there would be a further 40 paid up memberships from existing standing orders. Karen passed over payments received by Linda for a further 10 memberships. He has also received monies from 3 *Business Members:* Home from Home Pet care, Swanbridge Vets and Mary Spink.co.uk.

340. Reports from other committee members: Julie and Val have identified 40 potential business members. It was agreed that each paid business member would be given a logo vinyl sticker confirming membership status for them to display. Also each business member is to be listed in the SVA newsletter alongside text encouraging support for local business.

341. Swanland Festival: Jan reported that to date there were 22 bookings for the festival. A discussion took place about linking the commemoration of the World War One with the end of the Festival but it was not felt to be appropriate to link the two events.

342. Swanland screen /LIVE: Yvonne reported that the accounts for both Swanland Screen and LIVE were in credit (£168 and & £68 respectively). An Indian theatre company has been booked for May 11th. The play will last 80 minutes. It will be preceded by an Indian meal chickpea curry (vegetarian), lamb curry and assorted side dishes. After the performance there will be coffee and Indian dessert. The cost is priced at £12.50 a head and is possible because of the generous support of a local resident. Any profit is to be given to charity. The committee felt this was appropriate and that it would be an excellent evening for all to enjoy.

343. SWG & Pond: The silt has been cleared from the pond and it was acknowledged that this was with great help from East Riding Council.

344. Swanland in Bloom: As there had not been a recent meeting of the Gardening Group there was no report from Marion who has agreed to act as the groups' representative.

The group are arranging "open gardens" for this year's Swanland Festival.

345. Newsletter: Marion reported she had been asked to include an article in the SVA newsletter about *Coffee Chat* held at St Barnabas Church. This was felt to be appropriate because it is an activity open to all village residents irrespective of religious beliefs.

Jan thanked Marion and Roy for producing the latest newsletter. The committee felt it was an excellent publication and that we were fortunate that as a village every residence received a free copy.

346. Heritage Centre: Yvonne reported that since 4/3/14 the centre is open from 2-4pm every Tuesday and Friday. Volunteers had now been trained and the centre had received its first visitors. Julie donated an old postcard of Swanland to the centre. Jan congratulated the heritage group on this endeavour for the village.

347. Public Forum: The format of the new public forum was discussed. It was decided that thirty minutes would be allocated before the start of a committee meeting for any SVA member to attend and discuss a specific village issue. Attendance would need to be notified to the Minutes Secretary two weeks before the meeting to allow time for the agenda to be finalised.

348. Young people on the SVA committee: Marion reported that she had received a letter for publication in the newsletter expressing disappointment regarding the age limit for committee membership. This letter had been received after the deadline for publication so had not been published. Jan informed the new committee members that this had been discussed as a possible action last year but in the end no changes had taken place.

Ways of involving the young people of the village to be involved were discussed and Jan agreed to write an article for the newsletter to encourage young people to be involved.

349. A.O.B.: In response to the point raised by Mr Latter about having "letters to the editor" in the newsletter, the committee discussed the usefulness and practicality of having such a feature in the newsletter. It was felt that a better way of addressing issues and answering questions from villagers was through the open forum where a direct and immediate response could be given. It was therefore agreed not to include a letters feature in the newsletter.

Yvonne reported she had received an email from Mr Robert Edwards, a past chairman of Swanland Village Association. He has in storage an amount of historical paperwork / documents relating to the Swanland Preservation Society (the forerunner of the S.V.A.) and the Village Association but is no longer able to keep them. Yvonne informed the meeting that there may be a space in the Institute which (after building works) could be utilised for storage. It may be possible for the S.V.A. to rent some of this space. Yvonne was asked to find out rental costs. Yvonne proposed that the committee, at a later date, look through these documents to see if any would be suitable for display at the Heritage centre.

A date was agreed for the AGM: this is to be Monday November the 10th at 7:30pm in the upstairs room at the village hall. The speaker will be local resident Captain Philip Cowing, Harbour Master Humber.

The meeting finished at 9:45pm

The next meeting is on the 3rd of June at 7:30pm at Christ Church south vestry.