

## **Folk Camps Council Meeting**

25 March 2020

Convened by video conference.

Present:

- Marcus de Frettes – chair
- Patrick Self (Vice Chair)
- Judith Jenkins (Company Secretary)
- Rebecca Boram
- Anne Guthrie
- Mel Horton
- Anthony Keen
- Sue Malleson
- Paul Weir
- Kerstin Jewell – Admin Manager
- Jenny Hopper – Provisions Manager
- Graham Clements – Equipment Manager
- Steve Porritt – Sites Manager

The meeting was to discuss the **impact of covid-19 coronavirus** on the planned 2020 Folk Camps programme of Camps.

Considerations included current Government advice, the fact that as a country, we have just entered a 3 week period of social isolation for everyone in the country, but that for “vulnerable people” self-isolation is for at least 12 weeks. This includes people over age 70 and also people with many underlying health conditions.

### **Spring Weekend Camps (early May to end June)**

**Decision** made to cancel all weekend camps prior to the summer weeks. Unanimous.

Discussion on whether to offer that deposits/payments made could be retained as donations to Folk Camps.

**Decision** made to not invite campers to donate their deposits. Unanimous.

**Decision** made to refund all monies paid for these weekend camps. Unanimous.

Council noted that we need to ask for bank details in order to refund payments. Folk Camps doesn't have these for most bookers.

Communication Plan is to send messages in this order:

- Inform camp staff of spring weekend cancellations
- Email the whole mailing list with the decision
- Email those that are booked on weekend camps to arrange refunds

- Update website to show camps cancelled.

**Action.** Paul Weir to draft messages to be sent out and circulate for review.

**Action.** Patrick Self to make IT change for website to show camps as Cancelled, rather than to just delete camps from the website.

**Action.** Patrick Self to prepare data for mailmerge/sendblaster for the email to people that are booked on camps to be cancelled.

### **Summer week camps (And August bank holidays)**

We note that we could wait until 7 June before making a decision on the summer camps.

No decision made yet on summer camps. Instead, **decision** was that Council will reconvene in approx. 1 month to consider again a decision on running summer camps, when hopefully the current UK-wide situation may be clearer, one way or the other. Unanimous.

Discussion on whether some people may not want to attend summer camps even if we could run them. Conversely, some other people may be very keen to camp.

Also noted that some staff may not be able or willing to camp due to their own situations.

Suggestion that if we think it may be possible to run summer camps, then before we need to make a decision, we could run a survey to see whether members are keen to camp or not; this could help our decision.

We note that we want to avoid committing to making payments on deposits for summer camp services if we can avoid it.

**Decision.** Contractors to make no further payments, including deposits for summer camp equipment, until further instruction from Council. Unanimous.

**Action.** Steve Porritt to contact service providers to find out policies etc on refunds of deposits / can we delay making deposit payments.

**Action.** Paul Weir to assist Steve with wording of these communications.

**Next Meeting:** To be on Sunday 29 March, afternoon to discuss Party Band.

### **Any Other Business:**

We haven't agreed minutes from the Nov Council Meeting, or confirmed we agree the AGM minutes:

**Action.** Patrick Self to circulate minutes (Patrick believes he has incomplete review comments on them), so that Council can review by Sunday.

**Action.** All: If anyone has any other topics to be discussed on Sunday, put them in the Slack channel for "meeting-arrangements"