

Folk Camps Council Meeting 04/07/2021 10.00 – 11.40  
Convened by video conference due to the Coronavirus pandemic

## **Agenda**

Apologies  
Minutes of previous meeting  
Matters arising (not including items in the agenda)  
Admin Manager's report  
Financial Working group report  
2021 August Bank Holiday camps  
Health and Safety working group report  
Outreach group update  
Party Band safeguarding  
AOB

## **Present**

Marcus de Frettes (Chair)  
Patrick Self (Vice Chair)  
Anne Guthrie  
Sue Malleson  
Paul Weir  
Claire Mycock  
Anthony Keen (until 11.20)  
Steve Porritt (from 10.25)  
Jenny Hopper  
Kerstin Jewell

## **Apologies**

Mel Horton  
Becks Boram  
Graham Clements

## **Minutes of previous meeting**

Approval of the minutes of 12th May 2021 was proposed by PS, seconded by SM and passed unanimously.

## **Matters arising**

Welbourn Hall have agreed to postpone to 2022

Actions carried over from last time:

**Action** - MdF to provide minutes for previous meetings

**Action** - KJ to ring Toddington Village Hall as their committee were meant to have met in June.

## **Admin Managers Report**

KJ would like clarification about what to do when Folk Campers die. She is happy to organise an obituary, but needs guidance on who gets an obituary (in Extent) and who gets something put on the website.

KJ has started preparation for the database to be able to accept bookings for next year.

In the last 2 months, there have been 23 sign ups. Sources were either internet search, facebook or another camper.

## Financial Working Group report

AG read through and posted this spreadsheet on Slack.

Report from Finance Group for Council meeting 040721

The finances of the organization are still substantial, despite a £60k loss last year, with a total of approximately £ 140 000 in cash and investments.

To the nearest £100, these are:-

- Current accounts £ 10 500
- Instant access with interest £ 19 200
- Building Society account (30 days notice) £ 29 000
- Investments £ 81 200

Interest paid on these investments last year was £ 2 800

The current and interest paying accounts are duplicated across two banks, Coop and Lloyds. This situation is being reconsidered.

The investments are with M&G; specific charity products. One being a stable bond account and the other a more fluctuating stock market account. Though the latter lost a considerable part of its value at the beginning of the pandemic the account has recovered.

Tangible assets (as specified in the accounts Aug 2020) are £ 14 800.

(There are also camper credits totaling £ 28 400.)

Expenditure for the year September 2020 to August 2021 is expected to be £ 15 000+, covering

- Insurance
- Contractors' payments
- Zoom and other IT/Communication
- Accountant
- Equipment storage
- Refunds of deposits
- Stationary, software and new printer
- Council Election
- Fees for Companies House, Association of Festival Organisers, Info Commissioners
- Party Band
- Two Development Fund projects

which is offset by income of £ 4 100 from

- Investments
- A legacy
- Governing membership fees
- ( but not including deposits of £ 2 600 held over from 2020 and for Symonds Yat 2022)

There will be further payments, currently not determined, due to contractors for hours worked this year. Some of these may be included in next year's accounts.

The expected loss for this year will be in the region of £11000 - £12000.

A discussion followed.

**Action** - PS and KJ to check if any legacies received have specific intentions.

## **August Bank Holiday camps**

There was discussion. It was resolved that the August Bank Holiday camps be cancelled in 2021 in view of the rising numbers of COVID cases. Proposed by SM and seconded by MdF. Agreed unanimously.

It was suggested Folk Camps should run another virtual event in the autumn.

**Action** - PW to draft an email for the mailing list.

**Action** - PS to prepare the sending out of the email

**Action** - KJ to send email out.

**Action** - PS to update website.

**Action** - SP to try to roll the 2 halls deposits over to August Bank Holiday 2022.

**Action** - SM to put the information onto official Facebook site and Cold Bogmarsh after the email has been send out.

**Action** - SM to organise a virtual Folk Camp using Zoom in the autumn.

## **Health and Safety working group report**

As no camps are running this year, it was not appropriate to discuss anything at the moment. However, the group will meet before the Working Weekend.

## **Outreach group update**

The working group have had several meetings since the last council meeting. Children safeguarding for the Party Band is out of date and needs to be renewed for Towersey in August.

.....What else needs to be put here?.....

**Action** - ? Does Jenny know this has to be done?

## **AOB**

Working weekend. Council agreed to have a face to face working weekend if it is allowed by government and if the COVID numbers are low.

All working groups reports should be sent out before the working weekend.

PS visited a potential site in Anglesey. He recommends that SP visit it to check it out. Another field was suggested by MdF in The New Forest for Steve to look at. Contact details for this site were put on Slack.

**Action** - SP to find a suitable marquee site for 2022. A new site would be best, but a previous site is also possible. It needs to be decided before the working weekend. Also need to decide whether the camp will run for 4 weeks or 5.

SM is interested in having opinions from Folk Campers if they are still happy with marquee sites with regard to hygiene standards.

Next meeting will be the **Working Weekend September 24th - 26th at St Albans Academy, AL2 1AF.**