

Minutes UHCA November 5th 2019 7.30pm in Croft House

1. Minutes of the last meeting on October 1st 2019

Proposed by Alison, seconded by Andrea and all in favour.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes.

- The new car park sign has been installed.
- The issue of work vans in Croft House car park making access difficult for Pre-School mums, has been discussed with those concerned.

3. Correspondence.

Letter from Mo Thwaites (Chairman) - British Heart Foundation – Mirfield Branch dated 14-10-19:

I write on behalf of the committee to say thank you very much for the £530 received from all of you in Hopton. I believe it was made at the 'Wine My Bluff' evening. The money will be used for research into adult and child heart disease, strokes and diabetes which have all been found to be linked.

Many, many thanks once again.

4. Financial Report

Kath reported the figures for September and October

| Income | | Expenditure | |
|------------------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| CHRMC | £5000 | 200 Club September and October | £170 |
| Ice Cream Sales | £20 | Canvas Bag Fabric | £36 |
| Town Council Grant | £887 | Lamps | £60 |
| Sale of Chairs | £240 | Fast Sign Car Park | £107 |
| Takings Wine My Bluff | £648 | Donation British Heart Foundation | £530 |
| Sales of wine and book | £17 | Wine; cement; Knutton; Wasp's Nest | £321 |
| | | Health and Safety Accident poster & book. | £86 |
| | | Drinks License | £21 |
| | | Tables and Chairs | £3551 |
| | | Replacement tap | £50 |
| | | Voucher, B and Q etc | £197 |
| | £6812 | Total | £5043 |

Roger thanked Kath for her report.

5. Website

The annual subscription of £122.40, has been paid to WIX for the use of the website software.

6. Croft House Maintenance

- Kath and Andrea have been asked to source a new fridge for the kitchen. (with a smaller freezer compartment).
- We propose to purchase 3 new metal waste bins for the kitchen (this is in response to a Fire Risk Assessment).
- A new closing device is required for one of the rear fire doors.

7. Croft House Management Committee.

- The website and electronic booking system ensure Croft house is managed efficiently and effectively.
- Following the email Resolution put at the last non-quotate Meeting:-

Jane proposed and Andrea seconded we donate £5000 to UHCA to help fund the 100 new chairs and the stone for the rear wall. *I can report that this has been carried with 7 votes in favour and none against* (email from M Hampshire dated 22-10-10)

8. Reports and Plans for Fundraising Events

- The Autumn Coffee Morning will be on November 16th 10 am till 2 pm. We need cakes and buns to sell and items for the Tombola and Wine Tombola. Please bring Tombola items to Croft House Wednesday afternoon November 13th and bottles of wine for Wine Tombola. We start setting up for the event on Friday 15th at 5.00pm. Joan H has volunteered for the raffle, Chris B as door attendant and Roger on the wine Tombola.
- A casino night does not look possible in the near future.

- email and telephone enquiries have been made with the Mikron Touring Theatre but as yet, we have not had a positive response. If anyone is aware of other Touring Theatre groups, please let us know.
- It was suggested that we consider another Murder Mystery. Andrea will contact the Emley Players.

9. Reports and plans on Community Projects

- Book Group meetings; November 11th and 25th at 3.30pm to 5.00pm.
- Christmas Lunch in Croft House will be on Friday 13th at 3.00pm. We need to formulate a list of 50 guests, by invitation only. (A hot cupboard has been organised). Chris Brian and his guitar group will entertain again.
- Carols Around the Tree on Saturday 21st December 6.00pm. Thanks to Sandra Moylan who has donated a tree for the event. We now need someone to cut down the tree and transport it to the Rose Gardens. Tim will ask James Brodie if he will cut it down and move it to Croft House for the beginning of December.
- More WW1 and Upper Hopton books have been purchased from the printers and available for sale.
- James Willoughby has advised that he might be able to help with the idea of Brass bands and a picnic on the Recreation Ground.

10. Hopton in Bloom.

The AGM will be on Wednesday November 20th at 10 am in St John's church.

Several projects are well on their way along with the usual hard graft of weeding around village. The bed near the Club in the recreation ground has been cleared and our leaf mould spread to mulch against weeds.

The gateway between the Recreation ground and the churchyard is being cleared and rebuilt.

The trellis in the Rose garden is nearing the end of lifespan and a yew hedge is being meticulously planted behind it. Volunteers together with Andy Goff from Kirklees have cleared rhododendrons and saplings from a good length of the Recreation ground along the bottom area. This gives a fantastic opportunity to involve young families to create a nature trail. One family joined us on Wednesday of half term week and worked really hard clearing the area and planting bulbs. They suggested an occasional working party on a Saturday morning about 11 am might work to help improve the area.

We have been invited to enter the Green Flag Award for Community Parks next year when we will be judged. We feel the partnership that HIB has developed with the Kirklees Parks Department has been of mutual benefit to both parties and to the community.

The circles in the Rose Garden are to be cleared and then the perimeter is to be built up with a circle of stone setts to allow a better depth of soil

We are working with preschool who have asked for a raised bed so that the children could plant their own veg etc. and tend them themselves.

Congratulations to Mirfield in Bloom on being invited to enter Britain in Bloom to represent Yorkshire. They have asked for our help in mentoring other groups.

11. Croft House Cookies

November 26th at 8pm AGM and Social Evening.

12. News from the Preschool

Please support our Artisan Fair December 1st.

13. News from Club

Meeting tonight and Karaoke on Friday.

14. News from the Cricket Club.

Closed Season Annual Dinner on Friday Nov. 8th this week.

15. News from St John's Church.

Sunday October 13th 11.15 Community Service St John's. This was a very successful service with short presentations by many community groups including UHCA and HiB.

Dedication Festival Sunday October 27th. We celebrated the 173rd anniversary of St John's in our village with Revd Jessica Malay presiding and Marc Voase preaching followed by an excellent lunch in Croft House.

Remembrance Concert with Hammond Band in St Mary's Church Saturday December 9th at 7.30 pm.

We are looking forward to the Community Remembrance Service 10.45a.m Sunday November 10th at St John's. We have a poppy making workshop for the children during the service.

The Candlelit Carol Service will be on Sunday December 8th at 3pm in St John's

16. Health & Safety

This item will be on the agenda every month, giving everyone an opportunity to raise any Health & Safety concerns, however large or small.

Following our involvement with a new insurer we feel that it is a good time to review our Health & Safety procedures as these are an integral part of our insurance cover. Risk Assessments are being prepared for the UHCA and HIB as they are both covered by the same insurance with allied Westminster.

As the Health and Safety procedures are reliant upon feedback from the users of Croft House, we have prepared a simple form for completion today. Please complete the form giving three of your most important or outstanding issues that need to be addressed.

17. AOB

- A wreath will be laid on behalf of the Upper Hopton Community Association at the Remembrance Day parade on the 10th November in Mirfield.
- John will be chairing the December meeting.

200 Draw for October 2019

1st Prize £50 31

2nd Prize £25 193

3rd Prize £10 82

**Date of next Meeting which will be on Tuesday December 3rd at 7.30 pm in Croft House
Please stay to help decorate Croft House for Christmas after the meeting**