

Minutes UHCA May 7th 2019 in Croft House

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

- Amanda Poulson was consulted about the Children's playground in the Recreation ground on her YiB visit. (We have had no response from Kirklees regarding the status of the playground).
- The Pre-School Ofsted report has not yet been made available for adding to the website. Rachel will chase the link up.

4. Correspondence Letters of thanks from Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Royal British Legion thanking Roger for the £550 he sent to each of them.

Dear Andrea, I'm writing to say thank you for all your help, attendance at the event, and supporting emails/advice in helping booking and arranging Croft house as our venue for the Murder Mystery charity event last month. In total the event raised £923.71 which is an enormous sum of money. Type 1 diabetes is a lifelong auto immune disease which requires very careful management 24 hours a day to keep blood glucose levels within very strict limits. It is not related to lifestyle choices.

Dewsbury Young Diabetics aims to support families whose lives have been touched by the illness. We organise regular meetings and information sessions and each year try to arrange an activity weekend away in the Lake District to allow children to learn about how to manage their illness away from home and to have fun we also organise family away days, fun activities and a Christmas party.

These events can be very expensive and sadly we do have a number of families who simply cannot afford to pay for children to attend. We are determined to make sure that no child, from any background, should miss out on these events and the money raised will help us at accomplish this for some time to come. Thanks for been involved. Neil Sykes.

Verbal correspondence re Carr Mount: so far no action on the petition has been taken by Kirklees so he is taking the petition to London

5. Financial Report

Kath reported

Income		Expenditure	
200 Club subs	£45	200 Club April	£85
Jumble sale	£14	Door Mat	£12
Garage Rent NR	£186	Cleaning Curtains	£81
Spring Fair	£771	3 Gazebos	£180
Donation	£30	Boiler Service	£55
Total	£1046	Total	£342

John thanked Kath for her report

6. Croft House Maintenance

- The suspended cartwheel has been removed from the "old" section of the Croft House main hall (we may hang the cartwheel on the wall).
- Three new LED floodlights (in the "old" section of the main hall) and two new electrical sockets were installed by Alectrifix on the 17th April. The damaged wiring to the outside floodlight was also repaired. Hopefully the new lighting will save energy costs and improve the lighting for the Croft House users who require high light intensity (feedback would be useful).
- David Dolby carried out the annual service / inspection of the gas central heating boiler on the 25th April.
- We are continuing our search for 100 new chairs.

7. Reports and Plans for Fundraising Events

- Spring Craft Fair Saturday April 13th Raised £771 for UHCA funds. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and cakes on the day. It was a very successful social event and thanks are due to Janette and Anne for organising it, Kath for organising the refreshments and everyone who helped on the day.

- We also propose to have a Casino Night and a Wine Tasting evening in the autumn.
- The Autumn Coffee Morning will be on November 16th 2019.

8 Reports and plans on Community Projects

- Village Fete Saturday 27th July. We have secured the services of a steel band who will help to kick off the day and John B has come up trumps again with a new basket-ball game.
 - Book Group: May meetings 13th and 27th 3.30pm to 5.00pm in Croft House.
 - Following the sales of the WW1 book, £550 has now been donated to both the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Royal British Legion
- John proposed a vote of thanks to Roger on his wonderful book which he has compiled after spending hours and hours of dedicated research and fact-finding and all were in agreement

9 Hopton in Bloom.

- The mentoring visit by YiB judges was really useful and there were some excellent suggestions for the team to consider.

Here are some notes the judges made at their mentoring visit.

*Wildflower areas to the large grass areas in Churchyard. Cut and strip a yard at edge.
Plant summer bulbs and wildflower plugs and/or seeds. With signage to indicate that it is being left for wildlife.*

*Wildflower bed at car park and in Rec
Signage plants, insects fungi that can be found. Lifecycles etc?*

Raised veg beds in front of Preschool railings. And bug houses.

*Circles in Rose Garden
Place a row of sets inside circles to allow extra depth of soil. Incorporate a drain pipe with holes to allow water to go to the bottom of the beds.
Use water retaining granules in the compost.
Maintain the spiral planting with new hebes (they have a 5 year lifespan) or *Lonicera nitida bagessens gold*, *euonymus emerald gold* or *silver gaiety* will stand clipping.*

Fence near compost bin could be planted with beech hedge.

*Ask Keith to come up with the tractor to pull out the dead hebes around the recreation Ground but show him exactly which ones.
Repaint equipment and fence around the play area.*

Level and grass seed area where rhododendrons were and around the pod.

*Entrance to Churchyard from Recreation Ground needs tidying and developing as a feature.
Leave the brambles in the Churchyard as a wildlife refuge.*

*Pick up links with Community Payback to help with specific projects
Circulate bed on banking. Thyme, sedum, saxifrages*

- Amanda Poulson from Kirklees indicated that it would be possible to replace one of the dilapidated benches in the Rose Garden with one in memory of Margaret Hinchliffe. Action Chris to follow up.
- The Gardener's evening with Ben Stirling has been postponed until September or next May.
- The Garden Trail will be on Saturday July 6th. Please get in touch with Alison if you would like to open your garden on the day.

10 Croft House Cookies

Tuesday May 28th Resolutions meeting & A Taste of Italy.

11 News from the Preschool

Rachel said that it is going well and they are increasing the numbers of children attending. They are still obtaining quotes for resurfacing the outside play area.

12 News from Club

Yorkshire supper evening Friday 5th April was really enjoyable with fantastic roast beef dinner and lots of puds. The chosen charity for the evening was Huntington's disease.

Message from Richard Hill:

We are having a fundraiser Sunday 26th May 2019 1 pm and are hoping to host a raffle or auction of prizes donated from local businesses.

As well as raising funds for one of the Club's members we are also hoping to donate to the Stroke Rehabilitation Unit at Dewsbury District Hospital, as you can imagine we are eager to make sure this event is as successful as possible. Should you wish to donate a raffle prize please could you contact the Club. More information will follow closer to the date.

The AGM was held last week.

13 News from the Cricket Club

Work is in progress on the area in front of the pavilion.

Two matches have been played.

14 News from St John's Church.

Easter Services were wonderful and well attended. Thanks to those who helped to decorate the church.

September 14th Scarecrow festival with the Club.

September 15th Harvest Festival, Harvest Songs of Praise and Harvest Auction at the Club

September 21st Organ recital in St John's by Anna Lapwood to celebrate the 125th birthday of the organ which was made in Hull, arrived at Mirfield Station and was brought to the church by horse and cart up Hopton Lane.

16 AOB

200 Draw for April 2019.

1st Prize £50. 81.

2nd Prize £25 24

3rd Prize £10 154,

Date of next meeting Tuesday 4th June at 7.30 pm in Croft House.