

AGM WHISSENDINE GOOD NEIGHBOURS
Monday 28th Oct 2019. Red House, Whissendine

Present: Alison Keal, Gwen Griffiths, Jeff Eaves, Michele Edwards, Maureen Hodge, Marion Lawrie

Apologies: Grace Terry, G&S Bysouth, Anna Clyde, Sue Spencer, J&J Fenby Taylor, Wyn Edwards, Margaret McDiarmid.

Chairman's Report

AK gave the report detailing the activity of the group during the year. Full report available with these minutes.

Finance Report

JE presented the finance report stating little had changed from last year except the insurance cost was lower because of change of insurance company. Expenses were otherwise very similar to last year.

Election of Committee

AK elected chairman

ML secretary

JE treasurer

GG responsible for RCC expenses application

MH responsible for assisting with DBS applications

AK welcomed ME to the committee and thanked her for taking over the job of managing transport for the Age Concern and Happy Circle meetings. ME will help GG with processing the RCC expenses.

AK has sent a letter thanks and flowers to Kate Hamilton for all her work for the committee following her move from the village.

Tea Party

Wookies sandwiches cost £70 and were good quality but too many were ordered. Need to order less next year. Approx 25 people attended, this was a reduction on last year when approx. 35 attended. Raffle made £115 and with sale of cakes total income was £127. However all agreed that the party is primarily a social, not a fund raising event.

Volunteers' Christmas Lunch

Currently small number of acceptances. Jean Penny has sent a reminder email to all. ME to contact Jean to offer and co-ordinate lifts for anyone not wishing to drive to Jackson Stops. It was noted that not all volunteers wished to engage socially as a group and that this view is to be respected.

Statistics

Bar charts showing calls and work done were provided by Sue Spencer. It was noted by GG that the number of longer journeys to hospitals had increased as the RCC subsidy is now at £1062 for this year, higher than this time last year.

Phone Expenses

The phone expenses have tripled from £50 to £150. This is largely a result of volunteer phone co-ordinators using the volunteer phone to call clients and other volunteers, especially so if the number 3 call back is used.

AK suggested that phone holders be offered £5 per week when holding the volunteer phone to encourage them to use their land line when calling local numbers.

It was thought that this would be an expensive option and it was agreed that AK send an email to all phone co-ordinators explaining the concern re increased costs and need to use own phone where possible.

ME will ask her husband, Wyn, to research other phone company costs for volunteer phone. Will also investigate ability to set up Direct Debit to ensure phone is regularly topped up.

GG emphasised that when co-ordinators hold the phone the phone and the folder should remain in their house for confidentiality reasons.

JE to ask Market Overton how it funds its Good Neighbour Scheme.

Lavender Mill Alzheimers Support Group

AK discovered this group meet at Sports Club.

ML agreed to find out more about their remit and to ask whether WGNS could assist their Whissendine members eg with befriending, sitting service etc.

Recruitment Drive

AK has arranged that White Lion display flyers for January as some residents do not know of the WGNS scheme. Also helpful to talk with friends and neighbours about our services.

Wheelchair Currently Locked with Padlock

It was agreed that a combination lock be purchased for the wheelchair to enable co-ordinators to hand over the chair to those requesting it. This would avoid need to rely on a keyholder to be available. Combination code to be kept in volunteer folder and not to be given to the public.

AK to add this information to the email to volunteers.

Current Spending

With the expected RCC travel subsidy of £172.25, there will be a total of £1488.08 in funds. JE may need to transfer additional money to increase the cash float which currently stands at £114.36.

Insurance of £173.00 is due in May. Committee agreed JE to approach Parish Council in January to ask for donation to cover insurance costs.

Other sources of funds include drivers donating their RCC subsidy, donations from clients, occasional raffle eg at tea party.

Agreed to have tombola or similar on green at Feast Week.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th January, 2.30pm 68 Sherrard Close