

Folk Camps Council Meeting 25th November 2023 at Toddington Village Hall 16.00-17.30

Present:

Council Members

Liz Cooper
Claire Mycock
Barry Pollard (via Zoom)
Oscar Roberts
Susie Savage
Patrick Self
Bradley Stokes

Contractors

Brian Flower
Lorna Flower
Chris Jewell
Kerstin Jewell (via Zoom)
Steve Porritt

Agenda

1. Appointment of officers
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of Minutes of the Working Weekend 2023
4. Administration report
5. Appointment of sub - committee members
6. 2024 programme
7. Dates and venues of 2024 council meetings
8. AOB

1. Appointment of officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Company Secretary)

Patrick Self was proposed by OR and seconded by SS as Chairperson, unopposed. Elected unanimously.

Oscar Roberts was proposed by LC and seconded by CM as Vice Chairperson, unopposed. Elected unanimously.

Claire Mycock was proposed by LC and seconded OR as Company Secretary, unopposed. Elected unanimously.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Working Weekend 22nd -24th September 2023

Approval of the minutes of 22nd-24th September 2023 was proposed by LC, seconded by SS and passed with 6 for and 1 (who were not present) abstained.

Matters arising postponed to next Council meeting.

4. Administration Report

Monmouthshire bank is now closed. Aldermore bank account signatories are PS and KJ. BF now has a bank card.

Balances as of 24/11/23

Lloyds £6,867.88

Aldermore £24,076.12

Total £30,944.00

Bookings opened on 16th November 2023. We have 105 people booked in for the self-catered and summer catered weeks, plus 39 people booked for the Craft Break.

5. Appointment of Sub-Committee members

Finance Working Group:

CM, BP, PS, co-ordinator KJ

Marketing & Communications Working Group:

PS, SS, Sarah Malleon, Sue Malleon, co-ordinator OR

Staffing Working Group:

LC, SP, co-ordinator BP

Catering Working Group:

OR, BS, Jenny Hopper, Mel Horton, co-ordinator LC

Health & Safety Working Group:

BF, LF, CM, SS, PS, Hilary Hill, Lou Tribus and GM expertise, co-ordinator LC

Development Fund & Bursary Committee:

BP, SS, PS, Jacqueline Beattie, Tony Mealings, Co-ordinator KJ

Contractor Liaison Working Group:

LC, CM, co-ordinator PS

Information & Communication Technology Working Group:

OR, co-ordinator PS

Grants Sourcing Working Group:

SS, Cat McGill, co-ordinator CM

Sites Working Group:

SP, BF, Judith Jenkins, Sue Malleon, Sam Mason, co-ordinator PS

Reunion Finding Working Group -has now been discontinued.

Action - KJ to ask TM and JB if they happy to continue on Development Fund and Bursary Working Group

Action - CM to ask Cat McGill to join Grants Sourcing Working Group

Action - CM PS and KJ to check updates of policy documents

Action - LC to look at new procedures around warden things in H&S working group

6. 2024 Programme

A council member has to commit to being at Bampton. CM said she will be there. Caterers are now sorted for all 4 weeks. Wardens are also almost sorted. Some gaps later in the year for weekend camps.

Discussion on the state of the toilet booking for the marquee weeks and whether the deposit should be paid.

Discussion about the Logistics Manager position and what the job entails.

Action – SP to cancel event toilets off of invoice 4Jays after the other one is definitely booked - and order the expensive one.

Action - SP to let KJ know when invoice is ready to be paid.

7. Dates and venues of 2024 Council meetings

A meeting on Zoom has been scheduled for Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 19.30. A link will be sent out on the day.

The Working Weekend will be at Claire and Gary's in Rushden on September 27-29th 2024.

8. Any Other Business

Folk Camps Party Band

Discussion about letter received from Jenny Newman about The Party Band. They want more support from Folk Camps if they are to keep 'Folk Camps' within their name. They need leaflets to hand out at festivals and to publicise their Kofi link and would like extra Folk Camps people to hand out leaflets. T shirts and stickers would be good. They understand that the financial support from FC has finished but need money to continue.

Jenny Newman and Andy Glass were invited into the meeting.

PS said Yes, Folk Camps would like the Party Band to continue using the Folk Camps name. We are in the process of producing new material for handing out. FC would try to find suitable people to help handing out leaflets and engage with potential punters.

The Members Network facility which will now be on the FC website and will be the place to advertise not only the Party Band, but also other bands and events. News can also go out in emails.

Action - SS will be liaison person between council and band to follow through and prioritise ideas.

Jenny Newman and Andy Glass leave the meeting.

CM not sure about bespoke merchandising. LC is interested to know whether there is a cost for a merchandising stall at festivals. PS we need to be on the right social media platform for people booking folk camps. At the moment we are on Facebook and Instagram. Maybe the marketing committee should consider which are the best media platforms for FC.

Action - SS to contact Towersey about cost of being a stall holder and relevant info.

Logistic Manager position

Discussion about the Logistics Manager position and what the job entails.

Action - OR to put advert for Logistics Manager in Extent

Action - PS to write job specification for Logistics Manager and send to OR

Co-option of Council members

Council discussed who could be co-opted for Council as there are 2 vacancies.

Jenny Hopper had offered to be co-opted after the AGM.

It was agreed to ask Hilary Hill and Jenny Hopper if they would like to join Council.

Action – LC to ask

Next Council meeting 19.30 on Tuesday 23rd January 2023 via Zoom.

KJ will send a Zoom link on that day.