

Village Hall Report 21st March 2024

Expenses and Funding

Total Net Income in the last 11 months to 29th February 2024 was £716

Total expected running costs for the next 12 months excluding any repairs or upgrades, but including Utilities, Insurance and Licencing fees £1665. On that basis we are spending more than we earn.

Action: Go Fund Me has raised £1315 which will be ring fenced to use to seed applications for grant funding

Mike Gaiger of Gaiger Bros. has surveyed the building, and we are waiting for his report on its condition which will allow us to make some more informed decisions about plans for the buildings future.

The direction we will take is dependent on funding available.

As a minimum, we need upgraded heating and ventilation to prevent damp and mould plus some kitchen upgrades.

Wiltshire council Public Heath have been asked to provide advice on the kitchen.

Richard Rogers of Devizes Area Board is meeting us at the Village Hall to discuss grant funding available.

As well as the area board (Wilts. Council) funding for smaller projects the government are inviting expressions of interest for capital and running cost funding which require 10 – 20% match funding, the maximum available is £250,000 hence the go fund me target of £25,000

A Card Machine will be purchased to allow card payments to be taken by card / contactless because of the dwindling cash supply which we hope will encourage more people to donate, book and pay at events, the machine works offline, over the phone and there is no contract, initial outlay is very small.

Events

Recent Jazz on Sunday was great fun and raised some money, this will be repeated on April 21st. and is expected to grow in the future.

Defibrillator Awareness session this week was excellent but poorly attended, The Parish Council will be pleased to know that the machine is being donated to the village in the near future because SWAST are exiting the market. Paul Cosh from SWAST will maintain the training and Barbara will be able to maintain the machine.

The Village Fete is on Saturday 18th May in the afternoon and organisation is underway, games for Children, Barbecue, craft Stalls and a Tombola will be onsite.

The Trustees would like to Thank Mike Phillips for his work on the Go Fund Me, he has some more ideas for fundraising in a sustainable way which he will I am sure be happy to explain.

Sheepwash Pool

We would all like to see the Sheepwash pool improved which Is a project the Parish Council might consider funding. Mike has more information on this.

