

TAFRA Recreation Centre Committee

Annual Report 2021

This year has had many challenges with the opening and then reclosing and eventual reopening of the village hall. Thank you to the Parish Council for assisting financially during this time.

This year has been very positive with the hall being well used and hopefully will get even busier.

We were fortunate to receive a re-opening Grant that has allowed us to plan some long needed repairs to the village hall and play area.

Playground

During this time the playground has remained busy and enjoyed. A cleaning party was formed to clean and do some repair work to the area. The Aerial runway had to be removed, as it was very unsafe to use.

Not much has been done during this year, as funding has not been available. We are still looking at placing a footpath to the gate of the enclosed area making access easier for all as well as renewing the fence.

On a sad note we did have a lot of vandalism of the area. This was reported to the police and a message sent to the school and placed on social media. In the future we hope to put up a CCTV camera.

Field

The picnic tables and benches have been put in different areas and really well utilized by all.

Old rotten sheds have been removed.

Further work needs to be done on the drive way as many potholes are forming.

Football Facilities

The poles that have been placed on the edge of the field has reduced vehicles going onto the field and messing the grass.

New dugouts have been placed for the use of all. A new container will be placed along the Pavilion for storage of equipment, including the sit on lawn mower.

Village Hall

We have welcomed not only our regular Tuesday night carpet bowlers also numerous other groups from different types of exercise classes to drama classes and group for children with disabilities, birthday parties and more. Friday night is the only evening available at the moment.

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On a sad note Donna Youngman has tendered her resignation. Although she will help for the next month or so, till we make alternative arrangements.

The general maintenance of the village hall is ongoing and further work parties to continue the hall facelift will be planned. Thanks to Lennie and his wife the main hall has been repainted.

New lighting at the main door has been installed and faulty ballasts in the hall have been replaced.

Plans have been drawn to improve the toilet facilities to include a disabled toilet. Funding for this would need to be sourced.

Replacement windows will be installed in December and a new fire door has been ordered.

From a Governance side, we have updated all the hall policies, hirers agreements and license contracts. Risk assessments continued.

Finances

- Current account as from 1/4/2021
 - Opening balance 1/04/21 = £3787.52
 - Income from 1/04/21 till 22/10/21 = £10122.10
 - Outgoings from 1/4/2021 till 22/10/21 = £3392.76
 - Balance of £10516.85 in Community account
 - Balance of £4419.22 as reserve fund in Business savings account.

Forward Planning

- We are still working towards achieving our 3 yrs Strategic Plan, although it has been difficult during the height of the Pandemic

Our key objectives are to;

- work closely with the local community
- demonstrate openness, transparency and accountability in our activities
- support local groups and organisations

Focus areas

- Governance
- Communication
- Finance
- Social, environmental and public safety
- Optimize utilization

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Final Note

Over the past year many of the committee members have had to stand down for various reasons and we, the remaining committee will need to have a consertive drive to recruit new members, as more of the current member will be leaving at the end of next year. New blood is needed to take the hall to the next level. Further fundraising and or grants are needed to complete further plans i.e., upgrading the toilet facilities to incorporate a new disability facility and upgrade the heating system.

Thank you to everybody in keeping the Village Hall operating.

Thank you



Cllr Elizabeth Taylor

Chairperson