

Farthinghoe Village Hall report April 2019

The Hall facility continues to progress as planned with regular income now covering the running costs which have been trimmed further this year. Several successful fundraising events have seen income increase to give a current bank balance of around £17,500. The regular monthly income and expenditure statements are available from the website - www.farthinghoevillagehall.org as are the minutes and 150 Club results.

The Social events have been well received to the end of 2018 with the Film and Table Tennis clubs gaining traction. Unfortunately the Film Club is suspended currently due to Duncan Bragg leaving the Village. We are looking forward to a special Village show in September which is planned to be of interest to all the Village.

We now have an opportunity to install a wooden floor and electric heating from existing funds. This will have a massive impact on the environment and make the facility more saleable and enjoyable for the Village as well as improving the structure by providing a consistent temperature. The roof insulation has been installed and already makes a big difference. However, the running costs will increase until we have the funds to install Solar PV which will generate the electricity required to run the heating etc. This will be the subject of separate fundraising activity, including grant application etc.

The Committee has seen a number of changes during the year, but all members are active and committed to continue the development of the Hall and its processes and procedures. The Parish Council, Church and School have representatives attending every meeting, and I must thank all the Committee for their commitment and enthusiasm during the year.

The 2019/2020 Goals are published below and I would commend everybody to visit the website which provides all the information required for Villagers to keep in touch with events.

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Chair Farthinghoe Village Hall

FVHC 2019 Goals

- 1. Physical upgrade:** To continue enhancement of the Village Hall facility for the benefit of the local community by:
 - a. Continuing enhancement of the Storage area to provide managed storage on 2nd level inc. safety rail.
 - b. Focussing on the Village Hall grounds to ensure they are better maintained and more attractive to all visitors with a new Hall sign.
 - c. Building a patio area which will house a stone built BBQ.
 - d. Replacing the floor in the main hall.
 - e. Creating a viable plan, including funding, which will upgrade the heating system and provide hot water to all areas as appropriate.

- 2. Procedural enhancements:** To put in place a management system which will be both transparent and documented, allowing consistency for following FVH Committees. This will be achieved by:
 - a. Regularly reviewing our processes and procedures.
 - b. Creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Parish Council.
 - c. Continuing to review all agreements and contracts with both our Suppliers and Customers.

- 3. Increasing income:** To put in place a marketing strategy allowing maximum use of our facilities for hire, but in the context that the Hall is for the benefit of all Villagers. This will be achieved by:
 - a. Publishing a marketing plan, based on research and discussion with all stakeholders. This will be reviewed at least twice a year by the Committee.
 - b. Keeping core running costs to a minimum.
 - c. Enhancing the website based on feedback and linking with the marketing plan.
 - d. Creating and managing events specifically for the Village, encouraging both its involvement and use of the Hall.

- 4. Building relationships with Stakeholders:** To recognise the Stakeholders in the Village Hall environment and be pro-active in engaging with them by:
 - a. Regularly reminding ourselves who they are.
 - b. Creating a two way communication process to pick up any issues early.